



**CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL
CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

APPROVED 12-12-2017

MEMBERS

Frank Laflamme, Chairman
Gary Labrie, Vice Chairman
Fred Krampits
Stan Walczak
William Zaskey

**MINUTES
August 21, 2017**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Monday, August 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present

Laflamme, Labrie, Krampits, Walczak, Zaskey

Also Present

Sharyn Riley (Auditor) Jennifer Harazmus (DPW Financial Administrator), Thomas Rooke (Chief of Litigation)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

In compliance with the Open Meeting Law the Chairman asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting.

Claim #17-17

Shirley Chevalier - Vehicle Damage
Restitution Sought: **\$150.00**

Shirley Chevalier stated that she was backing out of her daughter's driveway and on the edge where the street meets the sidewalk there was metal sticking up and it went through her tire.

She showed the Council a picture of it on her phone.

Councilor Labrie asked if there was work being done on the sidewalk.

Shirley Chevalier stated yes and a rod was sticking out of the sidewalk.

Councilor Walczak motion to approve **\$150.00** – Councilor Laflamme 2nd the motion – motion passed

Claim #17-18

Leonides Rios – Vehicle Damage
Restitution Sought: **\$300.00**

Leonides Rios stated he was making a right turn from Britton Street onto Montcalm Street and there was a pothole there. He stated he tried to avoid it but there was a car coming the other way. His car broke down and he called the Police.

Councilor Labrie motion to approve **\$300.00** – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed

Councilor Krampits motion to postpone Claim #17-19 until the end of the meeting – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed

Claim #17-19

Susan E. Murphy – Vehicle Damage

Restitution Sought: \$185.00

Susan E. Murphy was not present

Councilor Krampits motion to postpone to the call of the chair until the next meeting - Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Claim #17-20

Robin Blanchette-Gage – Vehicle Damage

Restitution Sought: \$296.93

Robin Blanchette-Gage was present she stated that she was coming home from work on June 16th at 6:00 PM., the whole street was being worked on and the manhole covers were pretty high. She stated when she approached the area where there was a lot of manhole covers she tried to dodge them but the street was narrow and she didn't want to hit anyone so she hit the cover. There was a pretty good gouge in the tire and it was destroyed.

Councilor Krampits motion to deny and refer to Lane Construction – Councilor Laflamme 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Councilor Krampits motion to postpone until the end of the meeting – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Claim #17-21

James E McDonald – Vehicle Damage

Restitution Sought: \$300.00

James E. McDonald was not present

Councilor Krampits motion to postpone to the call of the chair until the next meeting – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed

Claim #17-22

Richard A. Grabiec Jr. – Vehicle Damage

Restitution Sought: \$208.25

Richard A. Grabiec Jr. was present he stated that he was driving down Springfield Street, the street was in repair for a number of weeks and it's milled with structures sticking up. He stated his front and back tire caught the structures and he had to have his vehicle towed.

Councilor Labrie motion to deny and refer to contractor – Councilor Laflamme 2nd the motion – motion passed

Claim #17-23

Paula M. Moson – Vehicle Damage – City Tire

Restitution Sought: **\$300.00**

Paula M. Moson was present she stated that on June 6th at approximately 5:30 AM we were awoken by a large bang to find out that a tree had fallen on our vehicle. The tree was located on a tree belt across the street and had also damaged other vehicles and tore down power lines.

Councilor Walczak motion to approve for **\$300.00**– Councilor Laflamme 2nd the motion – motion passed

Claims Tabled from 4/10/17

Claim #16-16

Roland Destromp – Towing

Restitution Sought: \$130.00

Roland Destromp was not present

Councilor Krampits motion to deny – Councilor Laflamme 2nd the motion – motion passed

Claim #17-4

Cesar Valentin – Vehicle Damage

Restitution Sought: **\$75.00**

Cesar Valentin was present he stated that he was coming off of the highway 391 exit 4 and made the left turn onto Grattan and hit a big pothole.

Councilor Labrie motion to approve **\$75.00** – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Claim #17-9

Steve Feather – Towing

Restitution Sought: \$183.89

Steve Feather was not present

Councilor Labrie motion to deny – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Claim #17-10

Aimee Ludwin – Vehicle Damage

Restitution Sought: **\$261.00**

Aimee Ludwin was present she stated that she was driving to see her Father with her children on New Ludlow Road in Blue Bird Acres and she hit a pothole. A car was flying towards me and I couldn't dodge it. She stated that she was able to find a rim for less than what she filed the claim for.

Councilor Walczak motion to approve **\$261.00**– Councilor Labrie 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Claim #17-11

Sylvia E. Collins – Mailbox Damage

Restitution Sought: \$70.00

Sylvia E. Collins was not present

Councilor Labrie motion to deny – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Claim #17-13

Deborah Batalha – Mailbox Damage

Restitution Sought: \$60.00
Deborah Batalha was not present

Councilor Labrie motion to deny – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Claim #17-14

Roberto Ramos – Vehicle Damage
Restitution Sought: **\$300.00**

Roberto Ramos was present he stated that he was driving to work and he ran over this thing that looks like a lake. He stated that he is a visiting nurse and he could not work that day because both rims were bent and the tire was flattened.

Councilor Labrie motion to approve for **\$250.00** – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Claim #17-16

Jose Conchinha – Vehicle Damage
Restitution Sought: **\$153.63**

Jose Conchinha was present he stated that he was driving up Hampden Street and he didn't see the hole because of the snow and it broke his tire.

Councilor Krampits motion to deny and refer to Ludlow Construction – Councilor Walczak 2nd the motion – motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.