

MINUTES
Transportation Commission Meeting
December 1, 2016

Commissioners in attendance: Chairperson Nichole Lysne, Elbert Rackow, Karalyn Peterson, Ald. David Shorr, Fred Hopfensperger, Tom Bertram, Ald. Mary Kneebone

Excused: None

Others present: Jerry Gurgulak, Susan Lemke

Chairperson Nichole Lysne called the meeting of the Transportation Commission to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the October 27, 2016 Transportation Commission minutes.

Tom Bertram moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016 Transportation Commission meeting as presented. Fred Hopfensperger seconded. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. Request from the Family and Student Outreach Coordinator with Stevens Point Schools to consider fare reduction for program participants.

Mr. Jerry Gurgulak, the Family and Student Outreach Coordinator with Stevens Point Schools works with families and students who occasionally have an immediate need for transportation to get to work, school or medical appointments, but are unable to afford bus passes. Mr. Gurgulak was hopeful the Transportation Commission and Stevens Point Transit could assist him through a donation of bus passes. The passes would be distributed only after all other options for funding a bus pass have failed. Ald. Kneebone commented on the importance of working together for the benefit of the community. She stated that helping people get to work will allow them an opportunity to earn money and therefore the ability to afford a bus pass in the future. Ald. Shorr inquired as to the number of passes Mr. Gurgulak would need. Mr. Gurgulak thought ten (10) - adult and ten (10) - youth passes would be adequate. Fred Hopfensperger asked who would distribute the passes, in which Mr. Gurgulak replied, he would be responsible for distributing the passes and would periodically present information to the Commission regarding the number of passes distributed. Fred Hopfensperger suggested the Commission meet with Mr. Gurgulak quarterly to determine how the program is going and whether more passes are needed.

Karalyn Peterson asked how the budget would be affected if passes are donated to the program. Manager Lemke stated the budget could absorb the cost. Transit has a promotional budget which can be utilized for programs such as this, if needed. Tom Bertram stated the total value of the passes is \$396.00. The Commission concurred the amount seemed reasonable for such an important project.

Elbert Rackow made a motion to provide ten (10) - 25 ride, Youth punch passes, and ten (10)- 25 ride, Adult punch passes, for use in the Family and Student Outreach program for Stevens Point Public School District through March 31, 2017, to be re-evaluated at the March Transportation Commission meeting. Fred Hopfensperger seconded. Ayes all; Nays none: Motion carried.

3. October 2016 financial report.

Elbert Rackow moved to approve the October 2016 financial report. Karalyn Peterson seconded. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. Manager's Report:

- **Staff Update:** All positions have been filled and new staff are fully trained.
- **City/County Consolidated Services Update:** Manager Lemke informed the Commission that an email was received from the Aging and Disabilities Resource Director on November 22, 2016 stating the City County consolidated transportation program will not be presented to the County ADRC Board or the County Board of Supervisors until January 2017. Chairperson Nichole Lysne asked what

effect this will have on the potential consolidated service. Manager Lemke stated the County 85.21 budget is due in December and because the consolidated program has not been approved she anticipates all the County programs will be funded through the 85.21 program. Therefore all 2017 county levy, revenue sources, and 85.21 funds will be allocated as in previous years, (county funding county, and city funding city), which will eliminate the ability to leverage 2017 funding through grant sharing as a consolidated program.

Chairperson Lysne inquired as to the 5310 funding, and the fact that the deadline for that program was also missed. Manager Lemke verified there was an opportunity to apply for funding the Volunteer program through 5310, however the August deadline was missed.

Chairperson Lysne expressed concern as did other Commissioners regarding the delay in getting this information before the County Boards for consideration. Chairperson Lysne plans to submit an email to Mayor Wiza on behalf of the Transportation Commission to request that he discuss this issue with the County Executive.

5. Next meeting date.

January 5, 2017– 5:00 pm

6. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.