

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, July 9, 2012
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Andrew Halverson, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) John Schlice, Director of Public Works Scott Schatschneider and Administrative Assistant Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** A. Logan Beveridge(1st), JoAnne Suomi(2nd), Michael O’Meara(3rd), Tony Patton(8th), Randal Stroik(9th).

ALSO

PRESENT: **DIRECTORS:** Joel Lemke, Michael Ostrowski and Tom Schrader.
CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Clerk John Moe, City Assessor Jim Siebers, Mayoral Assistant Kelley Pazdernik, Deputy Comptroller Treasurer Carrie Freeberg.
ALDERPERSONS: Mike Wiza(4th), Mary Stroik(5th), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Roger Trzebiatowski(7th), Mike Phillips(10th), and Jerry Moore(11th).
OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Brown – PC Gazette, Brian Kawalski – Stevens Point Journal, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point Times, Reid Rocheleau – 408 West Cedar Street (Whiting), Michelle Peariso – Adventure 212 and Randy Woyak – Rookies Sports Pub.

Mayor Andrew Halverson called the Board of Public Works meeting to order on July 9, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point, WI 54481.

1. Consideration and possible action on the 2012-13 Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Orders.

C/T Schlice moved approval; seconded by Alderperson Stroik to approve the 2012-13 Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Orders.

Alderperson Stroik added that last year he brought up West Zinda Drive needing replacement of sidewalk and only about half of it was done. There are about 10 more chunks of sidewalk past the salon that were marked and never replaced. He was asking if it is in the plans to be done. Tricia Church said she would check with Duke Somers, the Engineering Tech who deals with sidewalk construction.

Mayor Halverson mentioned that another area we should focus on is along St. Paul across from the Washington School property and by the intersection of Jordan Lane and Indiana Avenue that all have lifting of sidewalk due to street trees.

Alderperson O’Meara added that there has been a change in the last two weeks where the state is now going to fund sidewalks 100%. We could also look into STP Urban for funding.

Alderperson Trzebiatowski mentioned again about having a sidewalk survey study done on the City so we have some kind of overall map so we can discuss areas of in-fills and sidewalk repairs.

Mayor Halverson stated, since we are talking about assessments for sidewalk repair, we may be at a point where we want to prioritize pedestrian accommodations and sidewalks. We already

require the clearing and general maintenance of the sidewalks be done by the adjacent property owner. It may be time we look at the City itself and the general tax base levy to include the installation of sidewalks. We may want to discuss this issue further but not tonight. Tonight we need to approve this and move forward but for a future plan perhaps 2013 and beyond.

Aldersperson O'Meara said that federal highways are talking about this issue right now. They are saying that the areas that are most in need are the areas where people can least afford to be special assessed. He feels that would be very justifiable to have the city pay for it 100%. The only time it should be special assessed should be if the damage to the curb or sidewalk were the property owners fault.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the revisions to Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code for Traffic Signals, Stop Signs and Parking Restrictions.

Mayor Halverson stated that there was a Mayoral Order which was executed this week which codified and made official the traffic signals at Academy Drive and Division Street so we can act on them this evening along with the Common Council. He asked if there were any comments or questions regarding any of the changes as they are proposed.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson Suomi to approve the revisions and Mayoral Order regarding Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code as written.

Aldersperson Suomi asked if the coordination of the traffic signals will be accommodated for when school is back in session. Director Schatschneider said that the signals have been timed to meet the current traffic volumes. If there are questions or concerns after school begins, it can be looked at but they do have loops under the pavement which should take care of that.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Director Schatschneider added that with all the dry weather we have been having, the construction projects are moving along fast. If the weather keeps up the way it is, the projects will more than likely wrap up ahead of schedule.

Aldersperson Patton moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson Beveridge to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried

4. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Andrew Halverson adjourned the July 9, 2012 Board of Public Works Meeting at 6:07 P.M.

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Andrew J. Halverson
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MAYORAL ORDER

Date: July 6th, 2012

To: Kevin Ruder, Chief of Police
Tracey Kujawa, Fire Chief
Scott Schatschneider, Public Works Director

From: Mayor Andrew J. Halverson

Re: STOP SIGN installation at Plaza Drive
Traffic Signal(s) installation/activation at Division Street and Academy Drive

- **9.06(a)(792) STOP SIGN**
 - For vehicles exiting the University Plaza parking lot on Plaza Drive up to Division Street (this exit / entrance is located between the new McDonalds and the Perkins restaurant on the east side of Division St.)

- **9.03(b)(33) TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS; CONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS DESIGNATED**
 - Traffic Signal(s) were included as part of the improvements for the Division Street North Project.

The above changes will take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the changes can be addressed at the upcoming (July) City Council meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Halverson".

Andrew J. Halverson Mayor
City of Stevens Point