

SPECIAL BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, November 26, 2012
County/City Building – 1515 Strongs Avenue, 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), and Randal Stroik(9th).

ALSO

PRESENT: **DIRECTORS:** Joel Lemke and Michael Ostrowski.
ALDERPERSONS: Mary Stroik(5th), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Roger Trzebiatowski(7th), Mike Phillips(10th), and Jerry Moore(11th).
CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Attorney Louie Molepske, City Clerk John Moe, Streets Superintendent Dennis Laidlaw
OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Lindsley – WPCN/Muzzy Broadcasting, Corey Ladick – 6th District, Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point City Times, Matthew Brown – PC Gazette, Brian Kawalski – Stevens Point Journal, David Glodowski – Gremmer & Associates, Scott Groholski – Point of Beginning and John Katner – University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Student.

EXCUSED: Alderperson Mike Wiza(4th)

Mayor Andrew Halverson called the Special Board of Public Works meeting to order on November 26, 2012 at 4:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the City Conference Room at the County/City Building at 1515 Strongs Avenue in Stevens Point.

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the engineering services for the reconstruction of Ellis Street between Division Street and Michigan Avenue.

Mayor Halverson said that the motion from the last Common Council Meeting was to award the engineering services to Point of Beginning but the motion through the Board of Public Works was to award Gremmer & Associates so he explained the reason why this item is worded the way it is on the agenda is because we need to decide tonight which company we are going to have do the work for us. He went on to say that both Point of Beginning and Gremmer & Associates are reputable companies and both capable of doing the work. The final decision on which company we are going to go with is up to this board.

Alderperson O'Meara feels that engineering services is not something we want to be cutting corners on and feels that there are too many corners that could be cut with a job like this. He feels we should pay a fair price and know for sure that corners are not going to be cut and that change orders are not going to happen once the job gets started. He feels we will not have these kinds of problems come up if we were to hire Gremmer & Associates to do the work.

Alderperson O'Meara moved to award Gremmer & Associates for the engineering services; seconded by Alderperson Suomi.

Alderperson Trzebiatowski said that he called many different places in the area that Point of Beginning has worked for and every place he called said that they did a very good job and would highly recommend hiring them to do more work for them again. He feels that we should go with Point of Beginning and save the City some money to use towards other projects.

Aldersperson Stroik asked if we could again hear from both Scott Groholski from Point of Beginning and David Glodowski from Gremmer & Associates on why they feel they should get the job.

Scott Groholski with Point of Beginning stood up to explain how they came up with their pricing for the project. He admitted that they pushed hard to get the job but there will definitely be no corners cut throughout the project.

David Glodowski with Gremmer & Associates stood up to stress that they have many years of experience with these types of jobs. He said that he himself would be the Project Engineer and see the project from the beginning steps of bidding through to the end with the final walk through.

City Attorney Louie Molepske said that either company would have to sign a binding contract. In that respect, there should be no change orders unless we request them.

5:00 P.M. – RECESSED THE SPECIAL BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING FOR SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING.

John Moe, City Clerk took roll call.

5:01 P.M. – RECONVENED BACK TO THE SPECIAL BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING.

Director Schatschneider said that staff came up with their decision from what was submitted in the request for quotes and the main basis of the decision was due to Gremmer & Associates experience with these types of projects and track history with previous jobs they have done for the City.

C/T Schlice feels we should give Point of Beginning a chance and save the City some money to put toward another project.

Mayor Halverson agreed with C/T Schlice and said that would be the equivalent of an overlay on a city street.

Aldersperson Patton agrees with Mayor Halverson and C/T Schlice and feels that we should consider the amount the city will save with hiring Point of Beginning when voting.

Ayes minority; nays majority; motion failed.

Mayor Halverson then moved to award the engineering services to Point of Beginning; Aldersperson Stroik seconded the motion.

Ayes Mayor Halverson, C/T Schlice, Ald. Patton and Ald. Stroik; nays Ald. Suomi, Ald. Beveridge and Ald. O'Meara; motion carried.

2. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Andrew Halverson adjourned the Special Board of Public Works Meeting at 5:17 P.M.