

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, February 11, 2013
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) and Randal Stroik(9th).

EXCUSED: Mike Wiza(4th), Roger Trzebiatowski(7th), and Mike Phillips(10th).

ALSO

PRESENT: **DIRECTORS:** Joel Lemke, Michael Ostrowski, and Tom Shrader.

ALDERPERSONS: Jeremy Slowinski(6th), and Jerry Moore(11th).

CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Attorney Louie Molepske, City Clerk John Moe, Deputy C/T Carrie Freeberg, Mayoral Assistant Kelley Pazdernik, Fire Chief Tracey Kujawa and Stevens Point Police Dept. Tom Zenner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Lindsley – WPCN/Muzzy Broadcasting, Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point City Times, Matthew Brown – PC Gazette, Kevin Lu – Stevens Point Journal, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, Corey Ladick – 6th District, David Senfelds – 1365 Westmore Court, and Bob Woehr – 727 Second Street.

Mayor Andrew Halverson called the Board of Public Works meeting to order on February 11, 2013 at 6:44 P.M. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point, WI 54481.

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of a floor sweeper in the amount of \$31,800.00.

Aldersperson Suomi asked for clarification on the last sentence in the first paragraph of the letter where it states "both pieces of equipment had been previously submitted but due to higher priorities within the borrowing had not been added." Director Schatschneider explained that every year we put together a list of things that we would like to purchase that year but there is only so much money that can go into borrowing so we are asked to prioritize them and these pieces of equipment were finally high enough on that list to make it to this year's borrowing.

Aldersperson Patton asked what the difference in a water mist dust system and a filtration dust system. Director Schatschneider said not enough to justify the added cost to the Streets Department.

Alderson Stroik moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson O'Meara.

Aldersperson Stroik added that in the factory where he manages they have a smaller version of this piece of equipment and it has been very good for them.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of a forklift in the amount of \$19,354.57.

There were no comments or questions regarding the purchase of the forklift.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved approval; seconded by C/T Schlice.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the WisDOT State/Municipal Agreement regarding design services and fees associated with the I39/Reserve Street North Project.

Aldersperson O'Meara requested to be abstained from this agenda item because he helps draft agreements with the WisDOT.

Director Schatschneider said he added in his report the WisDOT is reconstructing the two overpasses over Reserve Street North. The construction is going to take place in 2014. The City was approached by the WisDOT asking if there were any improvements that the City would like to make as far as this project and up to this point the project has only been in discussion with the WisDOT. They are at the point where they are officially asking the City to commit on this project. The first step in that commitment is an agreement to pay for our share of design fees above and beyond the initial scope the project. Our design share is \$20,000 out of a total design fee of \$290,000. The total anticipated construction cost is \$4.3 million but the City's portion will be \$400,000. We need to talk about the construction dollars in addition to the design dollars. We don't have an agreement yet for the construction dollars. Director Schatschneider went on to explain for the \$400,000 we get a new road from the northern driveway of Sentry Insurance to Bluebell Lane with curb and gutter, storm sewer, 2 bike lanes and a 10 foot multi use path including street lighting throughout this section. We get a facility that connects Harmony Village, Schmeeckle Reserve and Eagle Pointe subdivision to the City. It will also create a wonderful entrance into the community. In addition to the \$20,000 for design, we will be requesting money for this project as part of the 2014 borrowing note this upcoming fall.

Aldersperson Patton asked if there are plans to have anything else built there by the City. Director Schatschneider said we are also working with the Water and Sewer Department to extract sanitary force main, water and sewer for future growth to the north. Water and sewer dollars would come from the utility.

Aldersperson Stroik asked where the current city limits go to. Mayor Halverson said city limits go the other side of DuBay Avenue what would be the far southwest corner of DuBay Avenue and Reserve Street North.

Aldersperson Stoik asked why we wouldn't go one block further to the city limits. Director Schatschneider said by stopping at Bluebell Lane it would serve the vast majority of the folks out there. He feels that if we are going to do this construction with the thinking of possible annexation in the future that we should go one block further and cover our current city limits. Mayor Halverson said the pavement between Bluebell Lane and DuBay Avenue is fairly good. Also, we should understand that our sewer service plan does not cover a lot of that area to the north for a great deal of annexation. Michael Ostrowski stated that our comprehensive plan is to stop at Eagle Summit but we could go north but it gets a little more challenging given the high ground water and the bedrock etc., but it is possible.

Mayor Halverson stated that the design of the present force main system serving the area now is not the best system for future annexations so we are trying to convert as much of that force main system to gravity as we can to aid in some of the flow and capacity issues we have had in that area.

Mayor Halverson stated that we can change order it into this project to get it resurfaced; it's worth taking a look at it. Also, if there is the potential for us to get the sanitary sewer extended a little further we will look into it.

Alderson Slowinski took the podium to ask about the design of the new bridges and if there is going to be an increased clearance. Mayor Halverson said yes, additional vertical clearance will be added to the new structures.

Alderson Moore stated that he has to agree with Alderson Stroik in that we should get it done up to the City limits. This project has been discussed in his district for a very long time. He said the University track team and both high school track teams use that route every spring and every fall for running. As it sits now, it is a very hazardous road and the ditches are very deep. He is very thankful to see this project finally hit paper and become an actual plan and can't wait to see it done. He stated that the deep ditches on Reserve Street North between Bluebell Lane and DuBay Avenue are the biggest reason he would like to see the project go to the city limits. He encouraged people to drive up there in the spring to check out all the people getting their exercise on that road.

Alderson Suomi motioned to accept the Municipal Agreement regarding the design services and fees associated with the project; seconded by Alderson Beverage.

Ayes all; nays none; Alderson O'Meara Abstained; motion carried

4. Consideration and possible action to approve the Director's Report and place it on file.

C/T Schlice moved to accept the report and place it on file; seconded by Alderson Patton.

Mayor Halverson asked if the public information meeting for Ellis Street went well. Director Schatschneider said that it went well. The biggest question that he is getting from the residents living along the Ellis Street corridor is where to park when the street is ripped up. Due to the project being where it is. He stated that we are trying to work with the school district to see if we can work out an agreement to have folks park at the Emerson School site.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried

5. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Andrew Halverson adjourned the February 11, 2013 Board of Public Works Meeting at 7:01 P.M.