

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, June 10, 2013
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Andrew Halverson, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick, Director of Public Works Scott Schatschneider and Administrative Assistant Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** George Doxtator(1st), JoAnne Suomi(2nd), Michael O'Meara(3rd), Tony Patton(8th) and Randal Stroik(9th).

ALSO PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: Sally McGinty, Michael Ostrowski, and Tom Schrader.

ALDERPERSONS: Mary Stroik(5th) and Mike Phillips(10th),

CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Attorney A. Logan Beverage, City Clerk John Moe, Mayoral Assistant Kelley Pazdernik and Fire Chief Tracey Kujawa.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gene Kemmeter – Portage County Gazette, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, Larry Lee – 3822 Robert Street and Tom Deppiesse – 2902 Frontenac Avenue.

Mayor Andrew Halverson called the Board of Public Works meeting to order on June 10, 2013 at 8:47 P.M. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point, WI 54481.

1. Approval to purchase 10 pickup trucks from Scaffidi Motors, Inc. and a used van from Gold Key Motors, Inc. for the Parks Department.

There were no questions or comments regarding the purchases.

Aldersperson Patton moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson O'Meara.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried

2. Approval of the Ordinance Amendment in response to the changes in parking protocol on Minnesota Avenue between Main Street and Prais Street.

Aldersperson Suomi moved for approval; seconded by Aldersperson Patton.

There were no comments or questions regarding the Ordinance Amendment.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried

3. Approval of the design services proposal with 5 Bugles Design pertaining to upgrades for Fire Station #1.

Aldersperson Stroik moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson Doxtator.

City Attorney Beverage noted that this is a proposal and not a contract as originally stated in the Agenda Packet. The actual contract will be brought forward at a later date.

Aldersperson O'Meara asked about their qualifications. Director Schatschneider said that is was part of their RFQ that they have done some extensive fire station work.

Mayor Halverson added from the evidence that we have seen, they are probably the preeminent architect for fire stations.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried

4. Discussion regarding parking issues within the City and potential long term solutions.

Director Schatschneider said the memo in the packet serves as some back ground as to where this parking group has been and what we have talked about the last 6 months. We would like to bring in a group that deals exclusively in the parking industry to give a presentation. Director Schatschneider didn't want to bring companies in to do a presentation without providing some back ground information.

Aldersperson Suomi appreciated the memo along with the efforts by this team and supports a presentation on the kiosks to see how that would work. Aldersperson Suomi also asked if this would be citywide or just specific areas. Director Schatschneider said the area we are focusing on are the areas around St. Michael's Hospital and the University. This area is where we get the brunt of the calls from. Aldersperson Suomi said we should invite the University to come and listen to the presentation.

Aldersperson Patton agreed that discussions about the kiosks is a great idea and worth exploring.

5. Approval to advertise for additional pavement maintenance projects.

Aldersperson Stroik moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson Suomi.

Mayor Halverson said this is in regards to overlays and chip seals on streets with paser ratings of fours, fives and sixes.

Aldersperson Patton said he noticed on Jordan Lane they left a foot or so along the ends of everyone's driveway. He said that part of the road isn't bad it just looks a little funny. Director Schatschneider said one reason they do that is so folks don't track it into their driveways. Aldersperson O'Meara added that it help to not track it into the house as well.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried

6. Discussion of street lighting request.

Mayor Halverson touched on the areas of concern that are shown on the attached map as a starting point. He said one of the best ways to do this moving forward are specific areas that are a concern through aldermanic requests that come in where we can preplan for placement of street lights.

Director Schatschneider added that as part of the 2014 borrowing we need this process to plan for future borrowing.

Mayor Halverson added that if there are other concerns that alderpersons have in their districts please bring them forward so they can be reviewed for the 2014 borrowing.

Alderman Patton added that he was pleased with the response he got from his call on some potholes in his district. He hasn't had a call since.

Alderman O'Meara asked that when we add new subdivisions, we should have the developer put in the first shot of street lighting. The cost of the lot is the same whether there is street lighting or not, the market is what sets the price per lot. Mayor Halverson agreed with that and added that we should look at changing our Subdivision Ordinance including sidewalks for new construction.

Alderman Suomi asked if there were comments brought forward from the neighborhood and alderman in the district by The Store on Badger Avenue regarding how the lights are being illuminated. Director Schatschneider said that is what generated Alderman Trzebiatowski's request for more lighting in that area.

Alderman Suomi asked with encouragement if we would be using the new energy efficient LED lighting as we add lights. Mayor Halverson said he didn't think we would ever be looking at anything other than the energy efficient LED lights. The only thing we may focus on is how the lighting is going to be distributed so that it can be less aggressive in some areas.

Alderman Suomi asked if we had a ballpark figure on what this would cost. Director Schatschneider responded that we wanted Council Approval before we preparing any estimates.

7. To accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Mayor Halverson pointed out that we are making progress on the seawall schedule checklist. We finally got the approval from FEMA that the construction project can move forward. We do have one more step we need to take in the process.

Mayor Halverson commended the efforts from Director Schatschneider along with the partnership with Tom Witt and Tom Scharff with Consolidated Water Power Company for making the seawall project possible. It has been a pleasure working with them.

Alderman O'Meara expressed his feelings on the legislative news attachment regarding the relocation of facilities within the public right of way.

Alderman Patton asked questions regarding the McDill Dam and who has control of it.

Mayor Halverson cleared up some misinformation that have been made in reference to the City spending a great deal of money on the McDill Dam when in reality the dam was purchased by a generous donation from Bob Spurro in honor of his mother. Transfer of that money to the Village of Whiting will be when the City accepts maintenance responsibility. The dam property ownership will transfer to the Lakes District. The City participated 1/3 on the repair of the dam but we didn't put in any addition dollars to purchasing anything.

Alderman Suomi mentioned the public event this Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the refilling of McDill Pond.

Aldersperson Doxtator stated that with the refilling of McDill there is a chance of saving a local business called Nature Treks. The Plover River below Jordan Park impassable and now with the refilling of the pond kayakers, canoeists, and inner tubes can resume floating down river.

Aldersperson Stroik moved approval of the Director's Report and place it on file; seconded by Aldersperson Suomi.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried

8. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Andrew Halverson adjourned the June 10, 2013 Board of Public Works Meeting at 9:05 P.M.