

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, November 10, 2014
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 Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** George Doxtator(1st), Hans Walther(2nd), Michael O'Meara(3rd), and Randal Stroik(9th).

EXCUSED: Jeremy Slowinski(6th)

ALSO PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: Michael Ostrowski – Community Development, Joel Lemke – Public Utilities and Tom Schrader – Parks and Recreation.

ALDERPERSONS: Mike Wiza(4th), Mary Stroik(5th), Roger Trzebiatowski(7th), Tony Patton(8th), Michael Phillips(10th) and Jerry Moore(11th).

CITY STAFF MEMBERS: Interim Mayor Gary Wescott, City Attorney A. Logan Beveridge, City Clerk John Moe, City Assessor Steve Shepro, Assistant Police Chief Martin Skibba, Fire Chief Bob Finn, Personnel Specialist Lisa Jakusz, Streets Superintendent Dennis Laidlaw and Streets Department Steve Louis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nate Enwald – P.C. Gazette, Sari Lesk – Stevens Point Journal, Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point City Times, Lonny Lee – WSAU, Jeff Stewart, P.E. – Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Todd Polum, P.E. and Matt Pacyna, P.E. – SRF Consulting Group, Sarah Wallace – Portage County Planning & Zoning, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, Bob Fisch – 1033 Smith Street, Vincent Heig – Town of Hull, Gerard McKenna – Town of Hull, Jim and MaryAnn Krems – Town of Hull, Timothy Zimmerman – Town of Hull, Todd Faulks – Town of Hull, Phil Janowski – Town of Hull, Stan Wysocki – Town of Hull, Bob Bower – Town of Hull, LuAnn Piotrowski – Dairy Queen, Sara Nikolay – Ultracom, Russ Trzebiatowski – Culvers, Paul Koehl – Dental Health Center, Conrad Favor – Park Ridge, Gary Parish and James Beeftink – 1693 Clarices Circle, Melanie Kuolt – 1825 Country Club Drive, Neil Prendergast – 1924 Plover Street, Max Pohl – Amherst Junction, Marlene Pohl – New Hope, Cathy Dugan – 615 Somers Street, and Sue Beveridge – 316 Union Street.

Mayor Andrew Halverson called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. on November 10, 2014. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center located at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point, WI 54481.

1. Presentation by WisDOT for the USH 10 Interchange design alternatives.

Jeff Stewart, P.E. – Wisconsin Department of Transportation stated that he is the project manager for the I-39 Interchange Project in Stevens Point. He briefly explained that this project covers from the Hwy 54 Interchange to the USH 10 West Interchange and encompasses a number of things including Hwy 54 Interchange, County B Interchange, Hwy 66/Stanley Street Interchange, and USH 10 East, and Hwy 66 West Interchanges. The intent of this project is to preserve the corridor with limited impacts to adjacent properties and to make it work for the traveling public as well as

assess safety, operations, pavement, and bicycle and pedestrian to meet existing and future transportation needs within the corridor.

Matt Pacyna, P.E. – SRF Consulting Group explained the different concepts and went through a few pros and cons of each through a PowerPoint Presentation.

Due to the length of discussion and PowerPoint Presentation, please see the video on our website.

Alderson Doxtator asked if there is any plan to have a third auxiliary lane going each way between County HH and USH 10/Hwy 66. Jeff Stewart explained that currently the location that has been identified the USH 10 East Interchange up to the Hwy 66 at this time. As far as from County HH, the need hasn't been understood. Alderson Doxtator added that it is a big booming Industrial area and they do not have pedestrian access across the HH Bridge. Jeff Stewart added that the County HH Bridge is in future plans between now and 2024.

Alderson O'Meara asked how many concepts maintain the dedicated east bound/west bound off lanes from north bound and how many concepts would include dedicated east bound/west bound off lanes from the south. Matt Pacyna said based on all the alternatives there will be sufficient capacity in turn lanes to suffice.

Todd Polum, P.E. – SRF Consulting Group explained that when that retrofitted in, it removed a signal that existed which was thought to be a good thing but it really did not solve the issue. He added that spacing was an issue then and it is still an issue now. The alternatives that are being looked at are actually removing that ramp and adding capacity and realigning the intersection of Old Hwy 18 and Maple Bluff to the east.

Mayor Halverson stressed the extreme importance of the City working along with WisDOT and SRF Consulting Group in any way possible to facilitate these treatments with as little disruptions as possible for the business owners as well as the homeowners.

Alderson Stroik asked if looking at this means that Hwy 10 will be taken off the table as far as routing it around the City and having Hwy 10 be 65 mph from Marshfield to Appleton. Jeff Stewart said at this time there are no plans or dates to route Hwy 10 around.

2. Consideration and possible action to purchase liquid anti-icing equipment from Turbo Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$9,130.88.

Director Schatschneider added that this is the next step in our brine solution process the city has undergone. A few years ago the City constructed brine tanks that are currently being used to pre wet our salt. Now we are looking at purchasing a tank that sprays the brine solution. It would be an anti-deicing liquid that would be put down prior to a storm so we can work it from the bottom up instead of applying salt and working from the top down to prevent snow from getting hard packed on the pavement.

Alderson O'Meara moved approval and added that this is a really good idea. It would also reduce the salt usage and save us money; seconded by Alderson Stroik.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Ordinance modification for No Parking along North Point Drive from Division Street North to Second Street North.

Director Schatschneider explained that this came about as a result of the Police Department coming to the Engineering Department to come up with a solution for accidents that have been happening on North Point Drive.

Assistant Chief Marty Skibba added that because of the road dimensions and the amount of traffic during the school months, we are seeing that roadway being treated like a 4-lane road. Due to the times the accidents are taking place in the mornings and early afternoons when there is no parking there anyway, we are asking to remove all parking so we can have it marked so people understand that it is truly a 4-lane road.

Aldersperson Stroik is asking if the plans are to then paint it as a 4-lane road. Director Schatschneider said that is what we are looking at but first need to eliminate parking along both sides.

Aldersperson O'Meara asked if most of the accidents involve left hand turns. Assistant Chief Skibba said that left hand turns are precipitating a certain amount. He added that it may also be that they are coming up North Point Drive from further east where it is designated 4-lanes and then as they head west where the road is the same width but it has no markings to tell them what they should be doing.

Aldersperson O'Meara feels that we should really do a comprehensive traffic study on this and really analyze what is going on as opposed to thinking that just doing this is going work. He feels that designating this as 4-lane is going to cause people to drive faster. Mayor Halverson agreed that there should be an analysis done but added that the most important goal right now is to minimize lane confusion at least for the first section from Division Street.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved approval of the Ordinance modification for No Parking along North Point Drive from Division Street North to Second Street North; seconded by Aldersperson Stroik.

Bob Fisch – 1033 Smith Street asked that action on the No Parking restriction be postponed until a more public process takes place regarding the configuration on this important street bordering SPASH. He stressed his concerns regarding bicycle and pedestrian with striping that road 4-lane. He pointed out that another option of using the existing wide pavement while retaining only one travel lane in each direction is to add a buffered bike lane. He added that this option would also be consistent with the recently completed Portage County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that recommends a bicycle lane along this stretch of North Point Drive.

Neil Prendergast – 1924 Plover Street wanted to echo Aldersperson O'Meara's remarks that he agrees that a broader study is necessary. He also wanted to point out the wonderful Portage County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan out there that has a lot of citizen input and professional expertise. One aspect that is included in the plan is the Safe Routes to School Program. He feels that instead of trying a 4-lane road right away, we should try adding a bike lane first. It is in the plan already that the County has and if we want to lane it to create order, why not try it with a bike lane first.

Maxine Pohl – from Amherst Junction but works in the city and assists a lot of people to learn to be independent in their travel options which includes people with disabilities that are learning to get from high school to the bus stop and it's a treacherous crossing. She added that being a former north sider she would appreciate that road not being 4-lane. She also likes to ride her bicycle and would like to see it involve some sort of bike path as part of the Green Circle.

Alderson Stroik clarified that this agenda item is only to remove parking along North Point Drive and not to paint lines immediately. Mayor Halverson said the plan is to paint lines after removing the parking.

Alderson Stroik stated that there are some other opportunities presented that should be looked at if we took pause. Mayor Halverson said that he feels that in the short term we need to act regardless to give some direction until we can look further into it. He added that paint should be relatively easy to remove should it need to be.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

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

There was no discussion or question regarding the Director's Report.

Alderson Stroik moved approval of the Director's Report; seconded by Alderson O'Meara to accept it and place it on file.

Ayes majority; nays minority; motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Andrew Halverson adjourned the November 10, 2014 Board of Public Works Meeting at 8:07 p.m.