

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2015
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Wiza, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick, Director of Public Works Scott Schatschneider and Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** George Doxtator(1st), Garrett Ryan(3rd), Heidi Oberstadt(4th), Mary Kneebone(7th), Mary McComb(9th).

ALSO PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: Michael Ostrowski – Community Development and Tom Schrader – Parks and Recreation.

ALDERPERSONS: Denise Mrozek(2nd), Brian Van Stippen(5th), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Tony Patton(8th), Mike Phillips(10th), Shaun Morrow(11th).

CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Clerk John Moe, Assistant Police Chief Martin Skibba, Fire Chief Bob Finn, and Personnel Specialist Lisa Jakusz, .

OTHERS PRESENT: Nate Enwald – P.C. Gazette, Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point City Times, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, Cathy Dugan – 615 Sommers Street, Neil Prendergast – 1924 Plover Street, Bob Fisch – 1033 Smith Street, Kevin Hagen and Bruce Gerland – AECOM, Gary Dreier and John Buzza – First Law Group, Allen Rasmussen Jr. – 2117 Lincoln Avenue, Melanie Kuolt and Lorie Dobrzynski – 1825 Country Club Drive (Town of Hull), John Herder – 5517 Old Hwy 18, Eric Hofmeister – 1935 Greentree Road (Junction City), Larry Lee – WSAU.

Mayor Mike Wiza called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. on June 8, 2015. The meeting was held at the Lincoln Center located at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point.

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

Aldersperson Kneebone asked how the Brilowski Road Resurfacing and Sidewalk Projects are coming along. Director Schatschneider said that the weather has caused some delays; however, the painting should be done tomorrow or Wednesday this week. As soon as the painting is done, all the barricades and traffic control will disappear.

Aldersperson McComb asked where the street sweepers were especially on the west side of town. Director Schatschneider said he does not have a day to day location schedule but said he could check with Dennis Laidlaw the Streets Superintendent.

Director Schatschneider added that we are now finished with the Seawall Project. He stated that our website is updated with frequently asked questions along with other information in hopes that it can be a resource for folks. He added that we are happy to be done.

Aldersperson Ryan mentioned that he owns one of the homes in the floodplain area and he heard from his bank stating that they were ok to remove their flood insurance from their policy.

Aldersperson Kneebone moved to accept the Director's Report and place it on file; seconded by Aldersperson McComb.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Bicycle Ways Ordinance Modifications on Brilowski Road between Main Street (USH 10 East) and Walter Street.

Aldersperson McComb asked why it starts at 506 feet north of Main Street instead of just at Main Street. Director Schatschneider said we start there because that intersection is under WisDOT jurisdiction up to that point.

Aldersperson Kneebone moved to accept the Ordinance as amended; seconded by Ryan.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action for an additional street light at 3816 Heffron Loop.

Director Schatschneider reiterated the attached map and where the proposed light would go and addressed the costs involved.

Mayor Wiza added that Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) can put in the LED Light with some dark sky type fixtures that would be in compliant with the dark sky society guidelines.

Director Schatschneider added that in the late 90's or early 2000's, WSP gave a presentation to the Board of Public Works recognizing the Dark Sky Movement and how communities are trying to minimize light pollution. Everything they have installed since then is adhering to those standards.

Mayor Wiza explained that this would be roughly \$300 per year for this one light pole. These are not actual electricity costs, these are monthly maintenance fees.

C/T Ladick pointed out that we spend over \$400,000 per year on street lighting. He stated that we can certainly afford to add one or two street lights but if we are going to be looking at adding lighting to significant areas of town especially since there a lot of parts in the city that are currently not lit, it could end up being a real operational issue in our budget.

Aldersperson McComb asked if it has to be a traditional pole or if we could put up something like a shed light that would be less expensive. She also asked if this request was due to crime in this neighborhood or if it was brought up for safety at that intersection.

Aldersperson Slowinski took the podium to reply that this was brought before the board because the constituent that lives at 3816 Heffron Loop wants it. He added that he did talk to the surrounding neighbors and they are ok with it but not insistent. He clarified that this request was not due to crime in the area or accidents at that intersection.

Aldersperson Oberstadt asked if in the past when we have had a request if we only put in one standard type of light. Director Schatschneider clarified that on a light like this, we would not own the light. WPS would own the light and pole and they would have a typical light that they would install in this situation that would be similar to the lights that are further down on Heffron Loop.

Aldersperson McComb feels in her opinion this light is not warranted if just one person is requesting it and everyone else in the neighborhood does not care. She also stated that they could have the light by her place because she would like to live in a darker neighborhood.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers agreed with Aldersperson McComb and stated that they could take the light by her place also. She also added that the new LED's come in different shades now and she would prefer to have a softer warmer light versus the cold blue looking light.

C/T Ladick made a motion to deny the street light request; Seconded by Aldersperson McComb.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Presentation/Update by AECOM regarding the following:

- Hoover Road Grade Separation,
- Coye Drive Intersection Improvements, and
- Heffron Street Extension.

****Due to the length and extent of information explained in the PowerPoint Presentation, please visit our website to view the PowerPoint and view the full presentation****

Kevin Hagon, AECOM gave a general overview of how the Grade Separation Project is coming along. He also mentioned we are looking at doing this project in 2017.

Bruce Gerland, AECOM discussed some potential improvements to add to this project to the south.

Bruce Gerland started off by explaining that due to information received through the public involvement process of the Grade Separation Project, concerns with operations at the intersection of Coye and Hoover. He went on to explain that due to the Grade Separation Project, the intersection of Joerns Drive and Hoover is going to have to be a cul-de-sac. The City retained AECOM to do an Intersection Control Evaluation Study in order to gain other access to the Industrial Park. He said they looked at two intersections, extending Coye Drive to the east and extending Heffron Street to the east to connect with Krembs Drive in order to provide a second access point into the Industrial Park. He said the plan would be to start construction in 2016 with the intersection of Heffron Street leaving the intersections of Hoover and Coye as well as Hoover and Joerns open; then constructing Hoover and Coye leaving Hoover and Joerns as well as Hoover and Heffron open; then in 2017 we would be ready for construction of the grade separation.

Aldersperson McComb asked to what extent AECOM explored the option of roundabouts. Kevin Hagen said that was looked at as part of the intersection control evaluation but it would require too much right-of-way because it would have to be substantial in size due to the amount of truck traffic in and out of the Industrial Park.

Alderman Ryan asked what the justification is for having 4-lanes of traffic when it switches down to 1-lane. Mayor Wiza jumped in to answer and explained that he used to work in the Industrial Park and agrees that the scope of the project is wide but at certain times of the day, the 4-lanes are warranted. His hope is that there will be much more traffic with no train delays and maybe even relieve some traffic from Business 51. Also, the hope is to make it larger earlier saving us money in the long run.

Alderman Ryan asked how AECOM projects what traffic will be like in 2036. Kevin Hagen explained that they worked with Director Ostrowski to determine what kind of development was possible in the Business Park and made the numbers aggressive to have everything covered.

Alderman Slowinski asked if there was any look at Woodward Drive with the new development going in. Kevin Hagen said it was looked at and they will keep an eye on it but it's not a main entrance into an industrial park.

Director Schatschneider and C/T Ladick went through the cost summary.

Director Schatschneider stated that next month there will be a design contract for the Coye and Heffron intersections that will be approximately \$90,000 to 100,000. If we say yes, let's design this, then we are committing to some of the bigger dollars down the road.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mike Wiza adjourned the June 8, 2015 Board of Public Works Meeting at 7:28 p.m.**