

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, July 13, 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 Joel Lemke – Public Utilities and Transportation

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, City Attorney Andrew Beveridge, Assistant Police Chief Martin Skibba, Fire Chief Bob Finn, and Personnel Specialist Lisa Jakusz, Streets Superintendent Dennis Laidlaw

OTHERS PRESENT: Nate Enwald – P.C. Gazette, Jacob Mathias – S. P. City Times, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, Neng Vang – 5266 Howard Avenue, Chuck Glodowski – 5276 Howard Avenue, Bob Fisch – 1033 Smith Street, Jeff Sandberg and Bruce Gerland – AECOM, Gary Dreier and John Buzza – First Law Group, Jim Billings – Business Owner, Pamela Gartmann – Delta Dental, Troy Obremski – Scaffidi Motors, Joe Leek – JHL Mail Marketing, John Williams – General Beer, Wayne Bushman – Bushman Electric, Laura Bronk and Tim Hafermen – 2107 Country Club Drive, Dave Ladick – Construcks Inc.

Mayor Mike Wiza called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 7:58 p.m. on July 13, 2015. The meeting was held at the Lincoln Center located at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point.

Mayor Wiza asked if there were any objection from the Board of Public Works Committee if we skip ahead to agenda item #6.

6. Consideration and possible action to accept the design contract from AECOM for the Heffron Street Extension and the Coye Drive Intersection improvements.

Mayor Wiza pointed out that this project is necessary so there will be more than one way in and out of the industrial park after cutting off Joerns Drive due to the Hoover Road grade separation project.

Director Schatschneider explained that last month AECOM did a presentation and there was discussion in terms of costs.

Aldersperson Ryan expressed his concerns with the Coye Drive Intersection improvements. He feels that Herrschners should be able to use their existing entrance and exit off Industrial Park Drive and if they feel it necessary for an additional one it should be on them. He feels that would also pull some semi-truck traffic off Hoover Road and reduce safety issues. He also does not understand why we are not able to put a roundabout in at the one existing entrance and that one way in and out of the industrial park is enough if it is built right. He feels that there are far better projects within the city that we should allocate this 1.2 million towards.

Mayor Wiza stressed the importance of having more than one way in and out. He added that you can't build a house without having two ways in and out.

Aldersperson Ryan asked why these two projects weren't addressed when the whole grade separation was brought up in the first place.

Mayor Wiza stated that the concepts at the very least were in the works with the whole project. We are looking at a whole area where these projects need to be done first before we can start the overpass project.

Aldersperson McComb expresses her concerns with putting a truck route through a residential area. She wishes there were other options that could be found.

Director Schatschneider reported that there are members from AECOM here to answer questions. Director Schatschneider turned on the PowerPoint Presentation that given by AECOM at last month's meeting. He stated that he added a slide to show the industrial park as a whole.

****Please visit our website to view the PowerPoint Presentation****

Director Schatschneider agreed that it is unfortunate that the roadway is next to residential properties; however, we need to talk about making this industrial park still viable, we need to have a second access is important from a safety and transportation efficiency stand point to help business owners move product in and out.

Aldersperson Oberstadt asked if Heffron Street is actually going to be designed for truck traffic to go through or if it would be more of an overflow or backup entrance and exit. Director Schatschneider stated that this is an industrial park and full of trucks so it would have to be built to handle trucks and considered a truck route.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked if the road could go further north around JHL. Director Schatschneider stated that he can't speak on behalf of the design team but, it could possibly be looked at. He mentioned that it may be a problem with two unaligned intersections.

Jeff Sandberg, Traffic Engineer for AECOM took the podium. He stated he was involved with the initial study and their study focused mainly on the concept of providing another access point into the industrial park. He said there is an opportunity to look at different alternatives; however, he echoed Director Schatschneider in that ideally they would like to see that intersection line up with Heffron Street. There is typically an operational issue that occurs when you have two closely spaced offset intersections.

Mayor Wiza pointed out that this is an industrial park and there are vacant spots for more development. Also, Skyward is going to be vacating; however, someone else will be using it. He

stressed that he does not want to see us do is having to redo that intersection as we have had to do in the past a few years down the road.

Aldersperson Slowinski stated that since this has come out and letter sent to residents, he has only heard from one neighbor. In his opinion he stressed the importance of having more than one ingress/egress to the industrial park. He stated he would much rather find a different way to go into there because obviously it is going to affect those neighbors to the south. He is relying on the professionals and if they declare this is the only viable option, he has to move forward with it.

Joe Leek, Owner of JHL stated first of all, there is not enough room to the north of his building to extend the road. He said second of all, he owns the property to the south and if we run Heffron Street there, it would preclude him from expanding his business. He stated that he has already received a permit from ATC to add 30 feet to the south of his building.

Chuck Glodowski, 5276 Howard Avenue voiced his concerns if this goes through. He said he has lived on Howard Avenue for 20 years and does not want to look across his lawn to see truck traffic. He also does not want to see anyone leave the industrial park he just does not want it in his back yard. He also pointed out that there are neighbors, him included, which will be affected structurally with sheds. He would like to see other options looked at.

Mayor Wiza pointed out a few things; when you are doing your duties as alderpersons, you need to do the best good for the most people. Not every decision is going to make everyone happy. It is unfortunate that things like this have to come up, but it is an industrial park and the proposed road is more than 150 feet from the houses and that is the depth and a half of a north side typical lot size.

John Buzza, owner of two lots immediately south of Herrschners on Hoover Road. The northern most lot is currently the First Law Group and the second lot to the south is a vacant lot that is on the market for sale to the south. He mentioned that he has an easement with Herrschners so they can maintain their truck facilities off Hoover Road. He stated that he does not understand what the purpose of the Coye Drive extension to a dead end because it would not make ingress or egress from his properties or Herrschners any easier. He feels there needs to be something done with the Coye Intersection but rather than run it west 500 or 600 feet into a cul-de-sac, reconstruct it as a stub of 20 to 30 feet with turn off lanes.

Jeff Sandberg, AECOM explained the reason for the Coye Drive extension to the west was to consolidate the two driveways. Also, it was the intension to set this intersection up to be signalized if need be in the future.

Gary Drier, First Law Group explained his concerns that were mentioned in the letter from John Buzza with pictures he passed out (see attached pictures).

John Williams, General Manager at General Beer at 5201 Coye Drive. He stated that it would be a great concern of theirs if there were only one access point into the industrial park.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked if we could at least put a sound and/or visual barrier up to shield the residents. Director Schatschneider said it could be looked at but that type of amenity has not been included in any estimates.

Mayor Wiza stated again that the best possible plan is presented before you. You need to do the most good for the most people. No plan is going to be perfect.

Mayor Wiza made a motion to approve the design contract for AECOM for the Heffron Street extension and Coye Drive intersection improvements and direct AECOM to look at sound and visual potentials for the south end of the proposed Heffron Street extension; seconded by Alderperson Doxtator.

Ayes majority; nays Alderperson Ryan; motion carried.

1. Consideration and possible action to accept the Directors Report and place it on file.

Director Schatschneider noted that for the Seawall Project, there will be a public hearing and final resolution at next week's Common Council Meeting. There is also a public listening session this week.

Mayor Wiza stated that it has been known since the Seawall Project started that everyone in the floodplain area that would benefit from the project would be special assessed.

Alderperson Ryan stated that he realizes that it went back that far; however, there are so many that have moved into the area were not made aware of this. He feels it benefits everyone and therefore should be more spread out.

Alderperson McComb moved to approve the Director's Report and place it on file; seconded by Alderperson Doxtator.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action to accept the bid from Eagle Construction Company, Inc. out of Wisconsin Rapids for the Mead Park Shelter Project #15-10 in the amount not to exceed \$75,583.75.

Director Schatschneider explained that the bid results were for the concrete work, not the pavilion itself. It is for the concrete foundation work and the concrete slab for the columns.

C/T Ladick stated that it was budgeted at \$200,000.00 and approved by the Parks Commission and the capital budgeting process.

Mayor Wiza added that SPASH is going to be doing all the stick construction.

Alderperson Ryan moved approval; seconded by Alderperson McComb.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action to accept the bid from American Asphalt of Wisconsin out of Mosinee for the Bituminous Surfacing Project #15-09 in the amount not to exceed \$271,734.40.

Mayor Wiza stated this is for the Prentice and Academy and anyone who uses those roads knows they are in dire need of repair. He added that this is the highest priority project that we have this year.

Aldersperson Ryan moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Consideration and possible action to accept the request for an additional street light in the 1100 block of Phillips Street.

Aldersperson Ryan brought this to Director Schatschneider's attention. He went over the request and explained that it is due to the amount of foot traffic in the area and issues with vandalism.

Director Schatschneider stated that he talked with Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) and they have no issue with hanging an arm and light from the existing pole.

Aldersperson Doxtator moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson McComb.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. Consideration and possible action to accept the request to purchase 10 bike hitches in the amount not to exceed \$1,465.00.

Mayor Wiza explained that this is for bike hitches that are galvanized, which will be much better than stainless steel.

Aldersperson McComb moved approval to purchase and install 10 bike hitches in the amount not to exceed \$1,465.00 for Main Street downtown; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.

Aldersperson Doxtator asked why the Downtown Business Association (ADB) isn't putting in the bicycle racks. Mayor Wiza said it is more so the city can chose the locations to install them.

Aldersperson McComb recognized Tori Gennings for all the research that was put in on this bike hitches. She is hoping that the ADB will follow us and put in more bike hitches.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mike Wiza adjourned the July 13, 2015 Board of Public Works Meeting at 9:25 p.m.