

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, August 10, 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), and Mike Phillips(10th).

CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Clerk John Moe, City Attorney Andrew Beveridge, Police Sgt. Paul Piotrowski, Fire Chief Bob Finn, and Deputy C/T Carrie Freeberg.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nate Enwald – P.C. Gazette, Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point City Times, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, Armin Nebel – 1100 Phillips Street, Bob Fisch – 1033 Smith Street, Jerry and Nadine Jones – 1932 Elk Street, John Budny – 440 Walker Street.

Mayor Mike Wiza called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. on August 10, 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 Directors Report and place it on file.

Director Schatschneider did not have anything to add to his report.

Aldersperson Doxtator made a motion to accept the Director's Report and place it on file; seconded by Aldersperson Ryan.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action to accept the bid from Ballard Marine Construction out of Neenah for the STH 66/Clark Street Bridge Scour Repair Project #15-08 in the amount not to exceed \$71,449.50.

Director Schatschneider reported that the estimate for the project was \$80,000.00. He added that this work will be done later this fall and completed before the river freezes.

Aldersperson Doxtator asked what scouring entails. Director Schatschneider explained that from the flood of 2010 there was soil that had washed away from the foundation of the structure and Ballard Marine will be forming up the foundation by pumping grout to fill the holes on two of the three piers.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked if we had any concerns due to the bid coming in so much under estimate. Director Schatschneider stated that there are no concerns because our quantities are small and the marine contractor is in Neenah and looking to break into our area. Director Schatschneider reported that Ballard Marine is based out of Washington and does a tremendous amount of work along the west coast but now have an office located in Neenah so we are seeing the benefits of them getting into the local market.

Aldersperson Ryan moved approval to accept the bid from Ballard Marine Construction in the amount of \$71,449.50; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action to accept the Phillips Street Parking Ordinance Modifications.

Director Schatschneider pointed out that the attached ordinance is all for Chapter 9 and the sections that pertain to the Phillips Street Modifications are Sections I, II, III, IV, V and VI. He added that the modifications are actually clean ups.

Mayor Wiza moved approval of the parking ordinance modifications to Phillips Street; seconded by Aldersperson McComb.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Consideration and possible action to accept the Dixon Street Parking Ordinance Modification.

Director Schatschneider pointed out that this modification pertains to Section VII of the attached Chapter 9 Ordinance. He added that this was a visual safety issue with people parking right up to the corner creating a blind spot.

Aldersperson Doxtator moved approval of the parking modification on Dixon Street; seconded by Aldersperson Ryan.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. Consideration and possible action to accept the Main Street Speed Limit Ordinance Modification.

Mayor Wiza stated that the speed limit is currently 15 mph from Strongs Avenue to Water Street. He went on to explain that we are looking at making the whole downtown section of Main Street 15 mph beginning at Rogers Street to Water Street due to the amount of foot traffic by the castle going to the post office and around the bank. He feels the signs for speed will be much more visible if we begin 15 mph as you get off of CenterPoint Drive extending the whole way. Mayor

Wiza added that this was a request from the Association of Downtown Businesses over a year ago.

Aldersperson McComb agrees with this modification as a downtown business owner and someone who crosses the area by the Shopko lot on a daily basis to her business.

Aldersperson McComb moved to approve the modifications to the ordinance to make it 15 mph speed limit on Main Street beginning at Rogers Street and/or CenterPoint Drive; seconded by Aldersperson Kneebone.

Aldersperson Oberstadt agrees that people are traveling too fast, but thinks the issue is that it is hard to see the slower speed limit signs where they are located. She feels putting the signs further down where they will be more visible will take care of the problem.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

6. Consideration and possible action to accept the Wisconsin Public Service Underground Utility Easement pertaining to the Boys and Girls Club that will be located at 941 Michigan Avenue.

Director Schatschneider said this is self-explanatory and asked if there were any questions.

Aldersperson Doxtator asked for assurance that this easement is all on the east side of Michigan Avenue so they do not need to tear up our new road again. Director Schatschneider replied that nothing in the road needs to be torn up.

Aldersperson Doxtator made a motion to accept Wisconsin Public Service Underground Utility Easement pertaining to the Boys and Girls Club at 941 Michigan Avenue; seconded by Aldersperson McComb.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

7. Consideration and possible action to accept the 2015-16 Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Orders list.

Mayor Wiza briefly explained how the sidewalk program works.

Director Schatschneider stated that he would like us to approve the sidewalk list as it is for next year because it follows the protocol that we have been for a number of years. He added that by approving this list, it does not mean that we can't relook at some unique circumstances within the list; however, he would like to have more discussions on it at a later time.

Aldersperson Oberstadt agrees that we should have more discussions regarding exceptions for cases like the residents at 440 Walker Street.

Aldersperson McComb asked for clarification in that if she gets a special assessment for sidewalk, she would be the most direct one to benefit from the repair or replacement even though one could argue that the repairs are good for the entire city. Mayor Wiza stated that is correct because you are responsible for maintaining that sidewalk.

Aldersperson Doxtator made a motion to accept the list for the 2015-16 Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Orders; seconded by Aldersperson McComb.

John Budny took the podium to report that they are the residents at 440 Walker Street and have lived there for over 9 years. He stated that in that time they have never noticed anyone using their sidewalk. He added that a person will not walk the road or grassy area to his property to walk on the sidewalk and then continue back on the road or grassy area after his property. The reason so many concrete squares are in need of replacement is because they are never used by anyone.

Aldersperson Patton feels that when we come to an area such as this we should rip the sidewalk out instead of replacing them.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked if it would be more expensive to add new sidewalk in gaps versus tearing out old. Director Schatschneider said replacing existing sidewalk would be cheaper than filling in gaps. He explained that it is more work to prepare the soil by digging it out and forming it before pouring new concrete and existing stones can be popped out and re-poured using the existing form.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mike Wiza adjourned the August 10, 2015 Board of Public Works Meeting at 7:02 p.m.**