

# CITY OF STEVENS POINT

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, February 13, 2017  
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mike Wiza, Interim Director of Public Works Joel Lemke, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick and Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** Garrett Ryan(3<sup>rd</sup>), Heidi Oberstadt(4<sup>th</sup>), Jeremy Slowinski(6<sup>th</sup>), Mary Kneebone(7<sup>th</sup>) and Mary McComb(9<sup>th</sup>).

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**OTHER CITY STAFF MEMBERS:** City Attorney Andrew Beveridge, City Clerk John Moe, Personnel Specialist Lisa Jakusz, Fire Chief Bob Finn and Assistant Police Chief Tom Zenner.

**ALDERPERSONS:** George Doxtator(1<sup>st</sup>), David Shorr(2<sup>nd</sup>), Meleesa Johnson(5<sup>th</sup>), Cathy Dugan(8<sup>th</sup>), Mike Phillips(10<sup>th</sup>) and Shaun Morrow(11<sup>th</sup>).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nate Enwald – Stevens Point Journal, Tori Jennings – 1632 Ellis Street and Neil Prendergast – 1924 Plover Street.

**Mayor Mike Wiza called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held on Monday, February 13, 2017 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.**

Interim Director Lemke had nothing to add but was open for questions.

Aldersperson McComb commended the Streets Department for excellent snow removal job along the city streets.

*Aldersperson Oberstadt moved approval of the Director’s Report; seconded by Aldersperson McComb to place it on file.*

*Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.*

**2. Consideration and possible action to accept the Ordinance Amendment to create a pedestrian mall at Jefferson School on East Avenue from the south right-of-way on Jefferson Street to the north right-of-way on Oak Street.**

Mayor Wiza explained that this project has been in use like this for quite some time; however, we approved it through a Resolution which was inappropriate. We are looking for approval of the Ordinance Amendment in order to make it official.

Director Lemke added that this was also approved through Plan Commission.

*Aldersperson Ryan moved to approval Ordinance Amendment; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.*

*Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.*

**3. Consideration and possible action to award the Pfiffner Pioneer Park Restroom Project #17-07 to Eagle Construction in the amount not to exceed \$372,772.50.**

Mayor Wiza explained that the existing restrooms in Pfiffner Park are way outdated and un-functional; however, the amount that was budgeted was far less than the bids. He reminded the board that the money has to come from somewhere and we need to decide in what order we want to put our priorities.

Director Schrader further explained that this process began in 2011 for the 2012 budget and every year it has been pulled out for a later date. Then in 2015 it was said that we were going to do Mead Shelter and Pfiffner Park Restrooms. The budget that was given was \$200,000.00 for each building; however, at that time there were no set plans on what the costs would be to do either of the projects. It was just said that this is what you get to work with so, when the Mead shelter was built, we saved money wherever possible so we would have some left for doing the Pfiffner Building. Ways we saved were by not hiring an architect; instead we purchased a kit and had SPASH Students build it. We used the leftover money to hire an architect to design the Pfiffner Building because everyone agreed that this building should be presentable in the park. The architect tried to match the roofline with the band shell and that caused some of the problems as far as cost. We are still working with the architect to save more money or at least make sure we do not have to run into the contingency funds.

Aldersperson Slowinski stated that the price is concerning to him and asked if we could again hire the SPASH Students to do the labor. Director Schrader stated that this building would be block and they do not do block.

Mayor Wiza stated that he feels this area deserves a decent looking and functioning facility.

C/T Ladick added some good news. He stated that most capital budget projects come in under budget. After he reconciled, the result is \$240,000.00 under capital budget during 2016. He echoed Mayor Wiza that there is no shortage of uses for capital funds; however, if we feel this is a priority project this money is available.

Aldersperson McComb agreed these restrooms are un-functional the way they are. She feels that with all the people that come from out of town as well as in town this is a worthwhile project for our image.

Aldersperson Oberstadt pointed out that this is more than just a restroom project. She stated that there is also a shelter area on the backside of the building for people using the playground area.

She stated this would be a major upgrade and agreed that this would be a very worthwhile way to spend our money.

Aldersperson Kneebone feels this project has a lot of merit and would like to see it move forward as originally contracted. She added that while she appreciates Director Schrader trying to find some savings, she would not like to see loss of functionality or longevity.

Tori Jennings, 1632 Ellis Street took the podium and stated that she fully supports replacing the facilities; however, asked if it is being built for maximum capacity in terms of the few events where hundreds or thousands of people go there. If that is the case, she feels we could save money by putting in fewer stalls for the amount of people that would normally be using it.

Mayor Wiza replied that this is not being built for maximum capacity. He expanded that the Central Company Building has both men's and women's facilities that are only open during big events. He explained that this building would only be used for standard use.

Director Schrader added that everything for this building is lower end, low flow and low energy. He also added that the design of this building is with large glass panes for natural light.

*Aldersperson Oberstadt moved to award the Pfiffner Pioneer Park Restroom Project to Eagle Construction in the amount not to exceed \$372,772.50; seconded by Aldersperson Ryan.*

Aldersperson Slowinski clarified that we are requesting to go with the alternate bid package #2. Mayor Wiza confirmed that is correct.

*Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.*

- 4. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mike Wiza adjourned the February 13, 2017 Board of Public Works Meeting at 6:23 p.m.**