

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2017
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairperson Mayor Mike Wiza, Interim Director of Public Works Joel Lemke, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick and Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** Tori Jennings(1st), Heidi Oberstadt(4th), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Mary Kneebone(7th) and Shaun Morrow(11th).

ALSO PRESENT:

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

OTHER CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Clerk John Moe, City Attorney Andrew Beveridge, Fire Chief Bob Finn, Police Chief Marty Skibba and Streets Superintendent Dennis Laidlaw.

ALDERPERSONS: David Shorr(2nd), Cindy Nebel(3rd), Meleesa Johnson(5th), Cathy Dugan(8th), Mary McComb(9th) and Mike Phillips(10th).

OTHERS PRESENT: John Pawlak – 1909 Minnesota Avenue and Larry Oathout, Portage County Library Director.

Mayor Mike Wiza called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was held on Monday, May 8, 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.

Mayor Wiza was pleased to report that the new Director of Public Works will be starting on Thursday, May 18th so June will be his first Board of Public Works Meeting.

Aldersperson Slowinski moved approval of the Director's Report; seconded by Aldersperson Morrow.

Aldersperson Slowinski commented that the Grade Separation Project is coming along very nicely.

Mayor Wiza also reported that he joined one of our road patch crews to see what it takes to get it done. He stated in the 2 hours he was out they got 2 blocks done on Church Street.

Aldersperson Shorr thanked Interim Director Lemke as well as staff who were present at the public informational meeting regarding the gaps in the sidewalks and swales projects. He felt the meeting went very well. He explained the difference between the two projects in that the cost of filling in the gaps in the sidewalks goes to the property owners and the cost of the adding swales goes to the city. He reported the City's openness in adding properties to the swale list that are currently not part of the swale project. He encouraged people interested in swales to contact the city.

Aldersperson Dugan echoed Aldersperson Shorr that the public informational meeting went astonishingly well. She pointed out that there has been more comments regarding swales than there have been regarding sidewalks.

Aldersperson McComb asked what the criteria are for procurement in terms of options for payment with the parking kiosks being installed at the university. She received a question from someone who is a current employee who travels around the campus and would like to be able to park in different places without having to plug a kiosk each time. Mayor Wiza as well as others stated that it would have to be looked into.

Aldersperson McComb then asked what was going on with the tear-down of the bus shelter by Shopko. Interim Director Lemke stated that city crews tore the old one down and another version is going in its place. The new version will look like the ones you see around town with no door and open around the bottom; however, it will be smaller in size than the one that was there but larger than the ones you see around town.

Aldersperson Nebel asked when the parking kiosks were scheduled to be installed. Interim Director Lemke stated that the goal is to have them in place by the time fall semester rolls around.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked what the regulation and/or fee for handicapped individuals to park as far as the kiosks. Mayor Wiza stated that will also have to be looked into.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action to purchase two (2) Toro GM 3280-D Mowers from Reinders for the Parks Department in the amount of \$63,962.05 net trades.

Interim Director Lemke stated that Superintendent Dennis Laidlaw is present if there are any questions.

Aldersperson Kneebone agreed with the recommendation of the Toro Mowers. She added that long ago she worked on a grounds crew where they used them. She stated they ran them very hard and they never stopped working.

Aldersperson Kneebone moved approval of the purchase of the two Toro Lawn Mowers from Reinders in the amount specified; Seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action to purchase a John Deere 3046R Compact Utility Tractor from Riesterer & Schnell for the Parks Department in the amount of \$30,825.00 net of trade.

Aldersperson Kneebone agreed the John Deere are very good also and with that moved approval of the purchase of the John Deere Compact Utility Tractor in the amount specified; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Consideration and possible action to accept the Ordinance Amendments in Chapters 8.09 and 9.05 for permanent permit parking in Municipal Parking Lots.

Interim Director Lemke stated that the attached map explains what we are looking at doing. The need and requests; however, have come in through the Community Development Office.

Director Ostrowski stated that the requests have come in from Edgewater Manor. He stated there are 81 units and when the units are full that is when the permit parking requests come in. He feels the spaces this ordinance amendment covers should take care of all the requests at this time.

Larry Oathout, Director of the Portage County Public Library asked if the parking study we referred to in the past is now referred to as a parking plan? Mayor Wiza said typically when we do a study there is a plan involved of implementation from that study.

Larry Oathout expressed his concerns in terms of parking needs, not only for themselves, but also for downtown business people. He asked if there are any plans for additional permitted parking in those spaces. Mayor Wiza stated that there is nothing on the table at this time; however, we will be implementing segments of that study going forward.

Interim Director Lemke commented that the near versus mid-term versus long-term implementation for the downtown area looks at moving more permitted parking from the library area to the lot in question here. Typically where there is more available parking that is where you put your long-term permitted parking.

Larry Oathout pointed out he is concerned because the parking area in which we are discussing tonight is also the parking lot in which the library employees park.

Aldersperson Morrow moved approval of the Ordinance Amendments in Chapters 8.09 and 9.05 for permanent permit parking as defined in the packet; seconded by Aldersperson Oberstadt.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mike Wiza adjourned the May 8, 2017 Board of Public Works Meeting at 6:23 p.m.