

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, February 14, 2011
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Mayor Andrew Halverson, Director Joel Lemke and Tricia Church;
Alderspersons: Tom Mallison(1st), Roger Trzebiatowski(7th), Randal Stroik(9th), and Brian Brooks(10th).

EXCUSED: Comptroller/Treasurer John Schlice and Michael O’Meara(3rd).

ALSO

PRESENT: **DIRECTORS:** Tom Schrader, Michael Ostrowski and Sally McGinty.

CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Clerk John Moe, Human Resources Manager Lisa Jakusz, Mayoral Assistant Kelly Pazdernik, Superintendent of Streets Dennis Laidlaw, Martin Skibba Assistant Chief Of Police.

ALDERPERSONS: Joanne Suomi(2nd), Mike Wiza(4th), Mary Stroik(5th), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Marge Molski(8th), Jerry Moore(11th).

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Brown - Gazette, Brian Kowalski – Stevens Point Journal, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, Reid Rocheleau – 408 West Cedar (Whiting), Dave Wilz – 1909 Mary’s Drive (Town of Hull Supervisor), Eric Hoffmeister (Spectra Print), Dean Dietrich – Ruder Ware.

Mayor Halverson called the Board of Public Works meeting to order on February 14, 2011 at 6:05 P.M. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center Conference Room, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

1. Consideration of Minutes and actions taken at the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting of February 7, 2011 (attachment)

Aldersperson Stroik moved approval of the Minutes and actions of the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting and place them on file; seconded by Aldersperson Mallison.

Aldersperson Stroik questioned if this committee has an intended purpose due to the shortness of the meetings and not a lot of topics for discussion. Director Lemke stated that the monthly part is a good point and thinks they can be done less frequently also.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action to purchase a Brine Mixing Station from Bruce Municipal Equipment for \$83,992.00 plus a shelter building and required utilities not to exceed a total amount of \$120,000.00 (attachment)

Director Lemke explained that the amount listed is the amount that was budgeted for this. You will only see the amount from Bruce Municipal because none of the others that quoted could meet our needs.

Alderson Brooks asked if this piece of equipment could be explained. Mayor Halverson explained that the salt spreading mechanisms we have are equipped with the ability to pre-wet and this will be the mixing station that creates the brine and then stores it to fill the equipment we currently have.

Director Lemke explained that we were purchasing brine from the County and that did not work well due to cost fluctuations.

Alderson Slowinski asked if there would be a reduction in the use of sand and salt. Mayor Halverson said salt would go down about 1,400 tons per year.

Alderson Brooks questioned the shelter building. Superintendent Dennis Laidlaw explained that we anticipate that we will need approximately a 40 ft x 40 ft building and at least 20 feet in height because a loader needs to operate inside of it. It is a large tank system where you have a front end loader dumping salt into it and it produces brine at a rate of 5,000 gallons per hour. This will keep up with the 10 trucks we have fitted, and at maximum output, we can run continuously. This system will also allow us to use two different additives to give us more flexibility in terms of temperature. We are looking at substantial savings along with less environmental impact.

Alderson Brooks was concerned about chemical additives and its environmental impact. Superintendent Laidlaw answered that we did have problems in the past with the old salt shed that were addressed with the grading of the new system. It is now all graded to run to an existing catch basin and this will be right next to the shed and use the same drain field.

Alderson Trzebiatowski questioned if this could be put inside the new salt shed. Superintendent Laidlaw explained the reason the salt shed was the size it was to take advantage of pricing glitches that occur. We need the space in the salt shed for storage.

Alderson Stroik questioned the conditional use of the building. Mayor Halverson said that this would be more of a municipal storage and service facility and would not fall under the requirement of conditional use.

Alderson Mallison questioned who will be constructing the building. Superintendent Laidlaw said we will be able to construct it with our own crews this summer.

Alderson Brooks moved approval of the purchase of the brine mixing station from Bruce Municipal in the amount of \$83,992.00 plus the shelter building not to exceed the amount of \$120,000.00; seconded by Alderson Mallison.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action to award the Tree Trimming Program to A+ Tree Service of Stevens Point, WI in the amount of \$18,969.00 (attachment)

Alderson Brooks asked how this amount compares to previous contracts. Director Schrader said it is the same price as last year.

Aldersperson Stroik moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson Trzebiatowski to award the Tree Trimming Program to A+ Tree Service in the amount of \$18,969.00.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Consideration and possible action on approving the Resolution for the maintenance agreements between the City of Stevens Point and the Village of Park Ridge (attachment)

Director Lemke explained that this is an agreement describing who is doing maintenance and how the money comes from the state to the local municipalities. Because this portion of the road lies in the Village of Park Ridge it needs to be addressed.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski questioned how long we have been taking care of this portion of the street. Director Lemke said about a season and a half ago. Mayor Halverson explained that the original jurisdictional transfer of Stanley Street and Division Street was for approximately \$3.6 million that was awarded to us by the state. That was not a fair amount. We went to the DOT and Senator Lassa also worked with us and we got that amount increased to \$6.1 million. This transfer gives us the Village segment that we now maintain on behalf of the Village of Park Ridge and their road aids will now flow to us as opposed to the County who they were contracted with in the past.

Mayor Halverson explained that the Village of Park Ridge will have to execute the same and will take place possibly next Monday or within a thirty day window.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski moved to approve the Maintenance Agreement between us and the Village of Park Ridge; seconded by Aldersperson Mallison.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. Consideration and possible action for Traffic Study #01-11; to put a stop sign at the intersection of Carol's Lane, Mary's Drive and Woodward Drive (attachment and handout at meeting)

Director Lemke commented that the last paragraph on this Traffic Study is what was added since the last time this was formally presented. The new handout explains the current layout of the signs.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski added that his original request was to put a stop sign on Woodward at Carol's Lane. He expressed his concerns with this and requested that we put in a three-way stop at this intersection instead.

Dave Wilz, 1909 Mary's Drive took the podium as a resident in this subdivision and representing the Town as Supervisor. He agreed with Aldersperson Trzebiatowski about putting in the three-way stop. He feels it will be a safety issue if not, in the near future with things going on in the area.

Eric Hofmeister, 1935 Green Tree Road (Junction City) took the podium to represent Spectra Print, its tenants and the residents in the subdivision. They have all joined and feel there should be at least one stop sign if not as mentioned, three may be better.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski made a motion that we install a stop sign eastbound with the intersection of Carol's Lane and Woodward Drive and that we install a stop sign northbound on Woodward Drive at the intersection of Carol's Lane and hopefully the Town of Hull will follow and install a southbound stop sign at the intersection at Mary's Drive; seconded by Aldersperson Stroik.

Aldersperson Mallison requested that this be synchronized with the Town of Hull so they can all be put in at the same time.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski added to his motion to create a three-way stop to also be contingent upon the Town of Hull.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

6. Update/review to keep Franklin Street one-way as currently signed (attachment)

Director Lemke added that everyone in the area he has talked to is supportive of this change. One request was to put in a 4-way stop at the intersection at Franklin Street and Prentice Street.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski questioned how the police department thinks this is working out for the public. Assistant Police Chief Skibba along with the other officers agreed that the one-way along with the added driveway has alleviated a lot of the congestion in this area. He said they are also recommending the four-way stop at Franklin and Prentice Streets.

Aldersperson Mallison agreed as a resident living two blocks from this area that it seems much safer and not as congested with pedestrians trying to cross Division Street.

7. Consideration and possible action for Traffic Study #01-11; to put in stop signs for a four-way stop at the intersection of Franklin and Prentice Streets (attachment)

Aldersperson Mallison moved to approve the Traffic Study #01-11 to put in stop signs at Franklin and Prentice Streets to make it a 4-way stop; seconded by Aldersperson Stroilk.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

8. Consideration and possible action for Traffic Study #02-11; to have a 2 hour parking zone on the north side of Simonis Street from Michigan Avenue to Clayton Avenue (attachment)

Director Lemke added that there has been some long term parking concerns because of congestion. We may be also looking at No Parking from here to corner on the other side but that does not need approval because that is a Statue anyway.

Aldersperson Stroik moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson Trzebiatowski to have a 2 hour parking zone on the north side of Simonis Street from Michigan Avenue to Clayton Avenue.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

9. Director's Report (attachment)

Director Lemke added that since the Director's Report there was a request from Alderperson Moore to look at a traffic study for potential "Slow Children at Play" sign in the Falcon's Cove area.

Alderperson Trzebiatowski moved to accept the report and place it on file; seconded by Alderperson Brooks.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halverson adjourned the February 14, 2011 Board of Public Works Meeting at 6:45 P.M.