

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, September 13, 2010
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Mayor Andrew Halverson, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) John Schlice, Director Joel Lemke and Tricia Church; Alderpersons: Tom Mallison(1st), Michael O’Meara(3rd), Roger Trzebiatowski(7th), and Brian Brooks.

EXCUSED: Randal Stroik(9th)

ALSO

PRESENT: **DIRECTORS:** Tom Schrader, Kim Halverson and Michael Ostrowski.
CITY STAFF MEMBERS: Attorney Louis Molepske, Clerk John Moe, City Assessor Jim Siebers, Human Resources Manager Lisa Jakusz and Police Chief Kevin Ruder.
ALDERPERSONS: Joanne Suomi(2nd), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), and Jerry Moore(11th).
OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Brown - Gazette, Nick Paulson – Stevens Point Journal, John Kneer – Rettler Corporation, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, John Kraft – 3715 North Point Drive, Guy Stewart – 3703 North Point Drive.

Mayor Halverson called the Board of Public Works meeting to order on September 13, 2010 at 7:25 P.M. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center Conference Room, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

1. Consideration and possible action to accept the Parking Meter Report for August, 2010 and place it on file (attachment)

There was no discussion regarding the August, 2010 Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved to accept the August, 2010 Parking Meter Report and place it on file; seconded by Alderperson O’Meara.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Airport Manager’s Report (attachment)

There was no discussion regarding the Airport Manager’s Report.

Alderperson Brooks moved to accept the Airport Manager’s Report and place it on file; seconded by Alderperson Mallison.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action for fall brush pick-up (attachment)

Mayor Halverson explained after two years of not having fall brush pick-up it has been requested by a couple of the Alderman. If we do this, we will be using the vast majority of our forces. Crack filling, shoulder maintenance, and pot holes for examples will go by the wayside.

Aldersperson Brooks asked if we had any documentation of traffic coming into the drop off area with brush when we did not pick it up versus back when we did pick it up. Joel said there would not be any way to tell because there is so much traffic there at that time of year.

Aldersperson Mallison commented that he had numerous calls of constituents in his district that requested the brush pick-up because they have no way to get it to the drop off area. He is requesting that we compromise and offer one brush pickup a year and approving it again next year as long as we can fit it in again.

Mayor Halverson commented that fall is a better time to put aside crack filling and potholes and focus on brush pick up and in the spring, when it is more needed, have the crews focus on the crack filling and potholes.

Aldersperson O'Meara feels that it is important to offer the pick-up for brush and small trees because we have been having trouble with brush born diseases.

Aldersperson Mallison moved approval of the fall brush pickup; seconded by Aldersperson Trzebiatowski.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Consideration and possible action to purchase a Case 570MXT from Miller-Bradford & Risberg, Inc. in the amount of \$71,535.00 (attachment)

Director Lemke explained this piece of equipment will be replacing a 1991 Vintage Case 595 farm implement tractor that is very much in need of replacing.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved to accept the purchase of the Case 570MXT from Miller-Bradford & Risberg, Inc. in the amount of \$71,535.00; seconded by Aldersperson Mallison.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. Consideration and possible action to award the TIF VIII Sanitary Sewer Extension Project #16-10 to Kruczek Construction Inc. in the amount of \$183,883.83 (attachment)

There was no discussion regarding this project.

C/T Schlice moved; seconded by Aldersperson Brooks to award the TIF VIII Sanitary Sewer Extension Project #16-10 to Kruczek Construction Inc. in the amount of \$183,883.83.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

6. Consideration and possible action for Traffic Study #TS-04-10 to create No Parking on North Point Drive from a point 700-feet east of Michigan Avenue North to Wilshire Boulevard North and to designate North Point Drive from Michigan Avenue North to Wilshire Boulevard North as a bicycle route with a bicycle way (attachment)

Mayor Halverson explained that North Point Drive is extremely large for the amount of traffic that it takes care of and comments that we have heard, there is a need for pedestrian safety and markings.

Director Lemke added that it also ties into the Green Circle Trail so it makes sense to add the lanes for bicycles and pedestrians.

Guy Stewart, 3703 North Point Drive is very much in support of this. He spent about an hour to hour and a half with local residents and users of North Point Drive and they too are in support of Traffic Study TS-04-10 along with TS-05-10.

John Kraft, 3715 North Point Drive is also very much in support of both of the traffic studies. He also asked if we could add a right turn lane on North Point Drive at the intersection by Sentry going eastbound. Mayor Halverson said we will look into that.

Aldersperson O'Meara is concerned about the 700 feet of No Parking on North Point Drive by the Schmeckle Center for special events they hold annually. Chief Ruder said we can make accommodations to get traffic parked in different areas or putting temporary No Parking in certain areas whether it be through a Mayoral Order or having officers posted to make sure of the safety of everyone to get around vehicles. We will address parking issues as they come up.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved to approve Traffic Study #TS-04-10; seconded by Aldersperson Trzebiatowski.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

7. Consideration and possible action for Traffic Study #TS-05-10 to create No Parking on Michigan Avenue North from a point 600-feet north of Maria Drive to 1,206-feet north of North Point Drive and designate Michigan Avenue North between Maria Drive to a point 900-feet north of North Point Drive as a bicycle route with bicycle lanes (attachment)

Mayor Halverson mentioned there are other types of pedestrian accommodations we are going to have to look at from the Interstate to the north to Eagle Point as well.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski moved to accept the Traffic Study #TS-05-10; seconded by Aldersperson Mallison.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

8. Consideration and possible action to name the recently completed trail along Patch Street, Industrial Park Road and Joerns Drive "Heartland Trail" after the Heartland Bike Club (attachment)

Mayor Halverson reported to The Board conversations he has had with Rolf Garthus as well as Jack Friess from the Heartland Bike Club. They opened a dialog with John Kedrowski and others that have been involved in the rail initiatives. He feels the best course of action on this would be to postpone action until a compromise can be reached.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved to postpone until such time a new proposal comes forward from both groups; seconded by Aldersperson Trzebiatowski.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

Mayor Halverson called for a brief recess at 7:44 P.M.

Mayor Halverson called the meeting back to order at 7:45 P.M.

9. Consideration and possible action on conveyance of rights in lands to WisDOT for Project #6998-02-25-Post Road (attachment)

Director Lemke explained if you look at the black arrow pointing to a notation that says 32 on the attachment, there is a sliver of land is a piece that the WisDOT has a location order to acquire additional right-of-way, which the city has an easement for water and utilities.

Mayor Halverson asked if relating to right-of-way and other issues of concern, are we going to be dealing directly with the WisDOT in terms of their exercise of acquisition on a road they no longer jurisdictionally control. Aldersperson O'Meara answered yes we will be because WisDOT is building it so they have to contain it and then they turn the right-of-way over to us after the project is done. Otherwise we would be paying for it.

C/T Schlice moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson Brooks.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

10. Consideration and possible action for permission to process in-house the Right-Of-Way Occupancy Licenses (attachment)

Director Lemke explained that we will be coming into far more of these and they will be quite consistent to what we saw recently. If the board would like, they can be summarized in the Director Report.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved approval and asked that it be added into the Directors Report; seconded by Aldersperson Brooks.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

11. Discussion and update on the proposed downtown square design (attachment)

Mayor Halverson explained this will be a discussion for the members of the Board of Public Works only.

John Kneer, Rettler Corporation did a presentation to discuss and explained the downtown square plan with pictures to show the concept of the design that was chosen through the task force.

12. Director's Report (attachment)

There was no discussion regarding the August, 2010 Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved to accept the report and place it on file; seconded by Alderperson O'Meara.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halverson adjourned the September 13, 2010 Board of Public Works meeting at 8:29 P.M.