

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, December 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), Randal Stroik(9th), and Brian Brooks(10th).

ALSO

PRESENT: **DIRECTORS:** Tom Schrader, Kim Halverson and Michael Ostrowski.
CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Assessor Jim Siebers, City Clerk John Moe, City Attorney Louie Molepske, S.P. Airport Lorne Thurier, Police Chief Kevin Ruder.
ALDERPERSONS: Joanne Suomi(2nd), Mike Wiza(4th), Mary Stroik(5th), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Marge Molski(8th), Jerry Moore(11th).
OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Brown - Gazette, Reid Rocheleau – 408 Cedar Street (Whiting), Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street.

Mayor Halverson called the Board of Public Works meeting to order on December 13, 2010 at 6:29 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 November, 2010 and place it on file (attachment)

There was no discussion, comments or questions regarding the November, 2010 Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved to accept the Parking Meter Report and place it on file; seconded by Alderperson Stroik.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration of Minutes and actions taken at the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting of December 6, 2010 (attachment)

There was no discussion, comments or questions regarding the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting of December 6, 2010.

Alderperson Brooks moved approval of the Minutes and actions of the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting and place them on file; seconded by Alderperson Trzebiatowski.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action for Traffic Study #TS-08-10; to add a stop sign at the T-intersection where Carol's Lane meets up with Mary's Drive and Woodward Drive (attachment)

Director Lemke explained that this is on the agenda because it was requested to be. There were a couple calls on this intersection having more to do with habit.

Aldersperson O'Meara recommends not putting a stop in because there is no traffic warrant for one at this intersection. There is low traffic in this area, no accidents and no justification for one.

Aldersperson Brooks questioned Aldersperson O'Meara if we wait for an accident to happen to put a stop sign. Aldersperson O'Meara replied that there are a whole series of tests that have to do with volume or types of accidents that the stop sign would have prevented. He feels when you put stop signs in they may cause rear end accidents that would not have happened otherwise.

Aldersperson Stroik asked Director Lemke if we have done any warrants at this intersection. Director Lemke said putting it on the agenda was done due to a request that was made. There are some sight obstruction issues that we are addressing shortly with trees in the way. It may be a little clearer once that is taken care of.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski stated that the original request came from the chairman of the Town of Hull. This intersection is really not a true T-intersection. When you are going south on Mary's Drive; it comes down at an angle before this intersection. Also, there was no time for any history to be done because it used to be a cul-de-sac on what is now Woodward Drive.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street (Whiting) feels that everyone is right and there are some interesting points. He suggested putting a yield sign instead of a stop sign.

Aldersperson Stroik asked how we treat uncontrolled intersections when there is an accident and who would be considered at fault. Attorney Louie Molepske said at an uncontrolled intersection the driver on the left shall yield the right-of-way to all cars that are near or about to enter that intersection on the right. Unless that car is speeding, in which case the car on the right or most favored car forfeits any right-of-way.

Aldersperson Trzebiatowski asked the City Attorney if uncontrolled intersection could be a liability to the City. Louie Molepske said no we are exempt from any liability. If we were, we would have a stop sign at every intersection in town.

Aldersperson Mallison motioned to deny due to the State Statues already covers who has the right-of-way so a stop sign is not needed; seconded by Aldersperson O'Meara.

*Ayes Alderspersons Mallison, O'Meara, Stroik and Brooks, C/T Schlice and Chairm an Halverson;
Nays Aldersperson Trzebiatowski; motion failed.*

4. Update/Report on Streets Department Winter Operations.

Mayor Halverson commented how well the Streets Department handled the winter storm over the last weekend.

Director Lemke updated us on the Ordinance and what is expected of City Residents after a snow fall. Within 24 hours after the snow ceases to fall, it is expected that sidewalks be cleared. After a 48 hour period for areas with no boulevard, then the Inspection Department may get involved.

Aldersperson Stroik asked what the general guides are for removing snow on a cul-de-sac. The person that is on the end of the cul-de-sac seems to always get the snow. Director Lemke said cul-de-sacs have the issue of space. The first goal is to get the roads cleared or passable. After the snow is done falling and the streets are cleared, the Streets Department goes out to pick and remove snow from intersections that have sight obstruction, pedestrian travel, underpasses and bridges. Cul-de-sac's fall into that category too.

Aldersperson Stroik said he had a few phone calls wondering if we plow the Green Circle Trail. Mayor Halverson said no, we do not plow the Green Circle Trail but there are components of it that we do. Director Schraeder said we do the sidewalks on the underpasses and sidewalks by parks. We also do the Hoover Road and Patch Street trails and by Jackson School. We don't do any portions of the gravel trails.

5. Director's Report (attachment)

There was no discussion, comments or questions regarding the Director's Report.

Aldersperson Stroik moved to accept the report and place it on file; seconded by Aldersperson Brooks.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halverson adjourned the December 13, 2010 Board of Public Works Meeting at 6:52 P.M.