

## City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

### Board of Public Works

Monday, February 9, 2009, 6:15 p.m.

Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St.

Present: Mayor Andrew Halverson, C/T John Schlice, Director Donald Popoff and Tricia Church; Alderpersons: Norm Myers Sr.(1), Amy Heart(5), Randal Stroik(9), and Brian Brooks(10).

EXCUSED: Alderperson Hans Walther(2)

Also Present: Directors: John Gardner, Kim Halverson and Tom Schrader, City Attorney Louis Molepske, City Clerk John Moe, City Assessor James Siebers, Mayoral Assistant Kelley Pazdernik, Assistant Superintendent of Streets Bruce Peplinski, Stevens Point Police Department Brian Kudronowicz, Stevens Point Airport Joe Wheeler and Jeremy Beaudry, Gene Kemmeter - PC Gazette, Portage County Highway (Commissioner) - Bill Weronke, MaryAnn Laszewski, Reid Rocheleau. Alderpersons: George Hanson(3), Mike Wiza(4), Jeremy Slowinski(6), Roger Trzebiatowski(7), Marge Molski(8), and Jerry Moore(11).

Mayor Andrew Halverson called the meeting of the Board of Public Works to order on February 9, 2009 at 6:15 PM. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center Conference Room, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

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1. Parking Meter Report for January 2009 Report  
A) Meter/Permit Collection  
B) Permits

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Myers to accept the January 2009 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration/Action for Traffic Study #TS-01-09; to repeal the No Parking Ordinance on the north side of Arlington Place from the intersection of Water Street to a point 100 feet west of the intersection of Arlington Place and Strongs Avenue Study | Proposed Ordinance

Director Popoff explained that we are trying to increase as much parking as possible downtown. He looked into it extensively with everyone involved and nobody seems to know any history as to why it was put there to begin with and nobody has a problem with removing it.

Alderperson Stroik moved, seconded by Alderperson Heart to repeal the No Parking Ordinance on the north side of Arlington Place from the intersection of Water Street to a point 100 feet west of the intersection of Arlington Place and Strongs Avenue.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration/Action to purchase a new Graco Line Lazer IV Series, airless striping machine from Sherwin Williams of Stevens Point in the amount of \$11,417.00 Recommendation

Director Popoff explained that we are trying to be able to stripe the entire town in one year. We are painting all the time and have trouble getting every line done. We will be keeping the existing equipment for doing small parking areas etc.

Mayor Halverson explained that the budget for this item comes from capital improvements that was shifted towards borrowing. The initial estimate within the capital improvements equipment line that we received was actually \$65,000.00 so, we were able to find a substantial machine for considerably less money that offsets what we had to borrow for.

Director Popoff mentioned that he looked into going with contracting this out and it is very expensive, in 10 years we will be approximately \$200,000.00 ahead and we can keep control of it.

Alderperson Heart questioned if we would have the same amount of staff who would be working on this or are we going to have to do double duty with strippers? Director Popoff along with Mayor Halverson explained that it would require a little bit of both. Striping can't be done in the rain and it's mostly done at night or early morning hours and we should be able to get through the entire city faster also.

Alderperson Heart moved, seconded by Alderperson Brooks to approve the purchase of a new Graco Line Lazer IV Series, airless striping machine from Sherwin Williams of Stevens Point in the amount of \$11,417.00.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Brief update on County HH and Business Park Drive with Bill Weronke from the Portage County Highway (Commissioner).

Director Popoff explained Bill Weronke with the Portage County Highway Commission is here to discuss the Local Force Account (LFA) process and how it works. We've looked at cost measures and how we are going to construct this project and have talked with the County. The process that we would like to use is the Local Force Account process that basically takes county forces and puts them on the project and they give us a cost but it's done locally with local employees and the work is done on a break even factor to pay for the pieces of equipment used, not to make a commission or profit on the project.

Bill Weronke took the podium to explain the process the County goes through for projects such as this one. The first thing the state looks at is a public interest finding. We look at our cost and we computerize every bit item. The state of Wisconsin takes averages of all their projects, compares them with our bids. Cedar Corporation is the consulting firm that is hired by the State of Wisconsin for local projects and the county uses

them as well as a clearing house. Once the costs are submitted by the county to the state through Cedar Corporation, that cost goes to that agency and that agency scrutinized that cost and they take it to the state of Wisconsin to give it either thumbs up or a thumbs down.

Bill Weronke explained that the Highway Department was the agency that actually started the Industrial Park. They established all the initial grades and they did it for a cost that was substantially lower than a private contractor. As far as the initial street structure, it was built entirely with the Highway Department crews along with County HH. They just finished the County B Project and came in at about \$600,000.00 under estimated cost. The County Highway Department base their employees on the number it takes to do the snow plowing and removal.

Alderson Slowinski questioned how do we know Portage County will come in at a lower rate if we don't bid the project out and compare? Bill Weronke answered that we can pick out any project and piece of equipment they run you want and we can go through and show exactly what the cost is. It is very easy to see someone making a profit will be substantially more expensive than the county who does not charge a profit.

Alderson Wiza mentioned that he was on the County Board when it was talked about purchasing the two pieces of equipment and it was cost justified at the time because not only did we now own that equipment and can use it anywhere but also projects like this if they came up would be to everyone's advantage because the county keeps people working and, in this case, the City gets a better deal and gets it done with local people. We can use those pieces of equipment to save everyone some money.

Reid Rocheleau questioned how the county mis-designed that entry back when it was done to accommodate all the growth? The design was looked at and traffic studies were done and it was projected off of twenty years worth of growth that wasn't expected in the Industrial Park. When Travel Guard and Aspirus came in and all of the sudden you have a tremendous amount of volume that is happening over a short period of time. That kind of traffic movement was not anticipated at that time.

Reid Rocheleau questioned why the City has to pay for the County's mistake on this intersection? Bill Weronke explained how things change with the times and the Highway Department has put a lot of other projects in the anticipation of growth in other areas.

#### 5. Airport Manager's Report

Joe Wheeler took the podium and introduced himself. The airport is going very well at this point. He mentioned the VOR Project right now is still being worked on it and was suppose to be flight checked on Friday but it started messing up again. There is a possibility where we might get an updated VOR out of this. The current VOR components are getting old.

Alderson Stroik moved, seconded by Alderson Myers to accept the Airport Manager Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

#### 6. Director's Report

- A) Stevens Point Airport
- B) Engineering
- C) Streets

Director Popoff explained some the projects that are listed in the Director's Report. There were no questions regarding the report.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderson Brooks to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halverson adjourned the February 9, 2009 Board of Public Works meeting at 6:56 P.M.

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