

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Board of Public Works

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

Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St.

Present: C/T John Schlice, Director Donald Popoff and Tricia Church; Alderpersons: Norm Myers Sr.(1), Hans Walther(2), Randal Stroik(9), and Brian Brooks(10).

EXCUSED: Mayor Andrew Halverson, Alderperson: Amy Heart(5)

Also Present: Directors: John Gardner, City Attorney Louis Molepske, City Clerk John Moe, Stevens Point Police Department Brian Kudronowicz, Stevens Point Airport Joe Wheeler and Jeremy Beaudry, Chris Loken, American Asphalt, Pat Nelson, Bill Carlson, 3825 Lorraine Street, Susan Schlicht, 3373 Howard Avenue, John Blader, Stevens Point School District, Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street (Whiting), Tom Mallison, 1301 Franklin Street, Austin Schott, 2841 Golden Road

Alderpersons: George Hanson(3), Jeremy Slowinski(6), Roger Trzebiatowski(7), Marge Molski(8), and Jerry Moore(11).

C/T John Schlice called the meeting of the Board of Public Works to order on March 9, 2009 at 6:30 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 February 2009

A) Meter/Permit Collection

B) Permits

There were no questions or discussion regarding the February, 2009 Parking Meter Report.

Alderperson Walther moved, seconded by Alderperson Stroik to accept the February 2009 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration/Action for Traffic Study #TS-02-09; to amend the Permit Parking Ordinance in the City Parking Lot #12 (Library Parking Lot) Study | Ordinance

Director Popoff explained that we are trying to increase as much parking as possible downtown and these parking places have been vacant for more than a year. The thought is to open them up to two hour general parking until they can be rented out.

Alderperson Brooks moved, seconded by Alderperson Myers to accept the amendment to the Permit Parking Ordinance in the City Parking Lot # 12 (Library Parking Lot).

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration/Action for Traffic Study #TS-03-09; to accept the changes to the Ordinance for safety reasons around McKinley School Study | Map | Ordinance

Director Popoff explained that there has been a subcommittee put together and have been looking at all the schools in the area and have come back with some recommendations on traffic updates.

Alderperson Slowinski expressed his concerns on Blaine Street with the added traffic this traffic study would cause by making Lloyd Street and Cleveland Avenue One Way Streets. Any of the cars that are coming from the east, west, or north to drop their child off are going to be coming on Blaine Street.

Director Popoff explained engineering and the subcommittee looked at many options and thought the option of making Cleveland Avenue One Way and utilizing it as the drop off point for kids so they are getting out on the passenger's side of the vehicle outweighed the option of increased traffic on Blaine Street. If we see this is not working, we will bring this back and look at other options.

Alderperson Stroik expressed his concerns also and agrees that Blaine Street is where it gets really congested when you have cars parked on the east side of Blaine and the busses in front of the school it gets very tight for cars.

Police Department Lt. Brian Kudronowicz explained part of this plan was to try to increase the student drop off area by moving it to Cleveland Avenue and making that One Way to keep the traffic flowing smoothly.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar Street (Whiting) explained he would have liked to see no parking on the east side of Blaine Street and also on the west side of Cleveland Avenue. He would like to see an increase in the fine to enforce the \$10.00 no parking ticket to \$50.00 or \$100.00 after a warning.

John Blader, Principal for McKinley School explained that what they have been trying to do for years is use Blaine Street as the drop off and pick-up point for buses and have tried to encourage parents to use Cleveland Avenue. Since the accident, we have again tried to encourage parents to do a better job of using Cleveland Avenue only. These changes will hopefully get the small percent of parent that still use Blaine Street to use Cleveland Avenue. Most of the staff is at the building by 8:00 A.M. so by the time students come the open parking spaces on Cleveland Avenue are filled.

Alderperson Stroik asked if the committee ever looked at changing Blaine Street One Way going south to create a U-shape funnel going around the school. That way you would never face head on traffic with a parking lane and a bus and two cars still potentially trying to meet in that stretch.

John Blader responded that the committee either talked about making Blaine Street One Way or making Cleveland Avenue One Way but didn't

discuss making both One Way Streets.

Lt. Brian Kudronowicz responded that there are many more residents that live on Blaine Street vs. Cleveland Avenue so this was the route we decided to try first. As a further action, if there are still problems, we could look at this in the future as another alternative.

Alderson Stroik moved, seconded by Alderson Brooks to accept the changes to the Ordinance around McKinley School; Traffic Study #TS-03-09.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Consideration/Action for Traffic Study #TS-04-09; to accept changes to the Ordinance for safety reasons around Washington School Study | Map | Ordinance

Director Popoff explained that we really tried to push to get these changes that have been long coming. All the changes on this ordinance are for safety purposes only.

Alderson Molski questioned if it could be posted somehow for 15 minute parking in front of the school during the school daytime when children are in classes and a parent needs to pick up a child that is sick, for an appointment, or whatever. It would make no sense to park on a side road and walk to get to the school to sign a student out.

Director Popoff answered that we are going to have to look at that. It was discussed briefly having a 15 minute parking stall or something to that affect.

Lt. Brian Kudronowicz answered that it was considered but it was outweighed because we were afraid that parents would use those stalls to pick up and drop off their kids and again create a safety hazard.

Bill Carlson, Principal of Washington School said from the schools standpoint, they would not be opposed to having 15 minute parking in front of the school during school hours if signage wise we could make that work.

Alderson Molski questioned parking around the school during voting. Bill Carlson answered that the no parking signs are suspended for the day and he has gone out with orange cones before busses arrive in order to physically keep cars from parking there.

Director Popoff answered that we could probably do something temporarily but this was not addressed and turned it over to Lt. Kudronowicz. Brian said we have in the past bagged the no parking signs around the school.

Reid Rocheleau mentioned that with the parents, you give them an inch and they take a foot. The reason for these rules and the subcommittee is to set the rules and they should be kept. The rules were made up for safety with convenience second.

Alderson Myers moved to accept the Ordinance change but added that he would also like to see something for parking for the special needs children somewhere where it is easily assessable to the school, seconded by Alderson Stroik to accept the changes to the Ordinance for safety reasons around Washington School.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. Brief update on stimulus bill Report

Director Popoff explained the stimulus bill and how it works. We applied for Minnesota Avenue to be a stimulus funded road in the one week we had to get it out. There were a lot of restrictions when it came to picking a project that would be suited for this. We are currently weighing our opportunities for the next two phases of road stimulus.

6. Airport Manager's Report

There were no questions or discussion regarding the Airport Manager's Report.

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

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

7. Director's Report

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

Director Popoff highlighted a few projects from his report. The airport hanger is up and running, the final walk through with the contractor in the next couple weeks, and will be having a grand opening soon. There is a public meeting for the Fourth Avenue Project scheduled this week Thursday, March 12th, 2009. Meeting scheduled for March 25th, 2009 for the Kingfisher ditching project.

There were no questions or further discussion regarding the report.

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

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT: C/T John Schlice adjourned the March 9, 2009 Board of Public Works meeting at 7:09 P.M.

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