

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Board of Public Works

Monday, December 8, 2008

Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St. PRESENT: Mayor Andrew Halverson, C/T John Schlice, Director F. Joseph Euclide and Tricia Church;

Alderspersons: Hans Walther(2), Amy Heart(5), Randy Stroik(9), and Brian Brooks(10).

OTHERS PRESENT: Directors: John Gardner, Kim Halverson and Tom Schrader, New Director of Public Works - Donald Popoff, City Attorney Louis Molepske, City Clerk John Moe, City Assessor James Siebers, Mayoral Assistant Kelley Pazdernik, PC Gazette - Gene Kemmeter, David Hansen - Earth Tech/AECOM, Carl Rasmussen - UWSP, Scott Obremski and Shannon Semmerling - NewPage, Joan Quellte, Lynelle Martens, Michael Williams, Becky Eastman, William Soik, Jeremy Beaudry, Mary Ann Laszewski, Reid Rocheleau. Alderspersons: 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 December 8, 2008 at 7:16 PM. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center Conference Room, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Mayor Halverson noted that item 4 (Consideration/Action to hire Revelations Architects/Builders (Bill Yudchitz) for the design of the Salt Storage Shed) will be pulled from agenda due to changes being worked on.

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8. Adjournment.

1. Parking Meter Report for November 2008; (Attachment)

A. Meter/Permit Collection

B. Permits

There was no discussion or questions regarding the November 2008 Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Aldersperson Stroik to accept the November 2008 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration/Action for Traffic Study #TS-07-08; to amend the Weight Limits, Heavy Traffic and Truck Routes Ordinance on Water Street between Clark Street and Wisconsin Street (reconsideration from September 2008 meeting)

Bill Soik from 1504 Water Street stated his opposed concerns about the residents who live at the High Rise that travel to the Lincoln Center and Arlington Place each day.

Joan Quellte, Owner of Victorian Swan-Water Bed and Breakfast at 1716 Water Street stated her opposed concerns to keep her business running. People who pay to stay there would like it quiet to sleep at night.

Reid Rocheleau, Water Street Property owner stated his opposed concerns and has been involved in the past to get trucks off Water Street. The City spent a lot of money updating roads and intersections to be made for trucks.

Shannon Semmerling of NewPage explained that they have been working in partnership with the City to identify possible alternatives to the existing route that would run either on Water Street or internally at NewPage. The best conclusion is the original amendment to the Ordinance that was brought forward in September to open up Water Street for two blocks.

Aldersman Mike Wiza questioned a ball park figure for the increase in expenses to maintain the road if this were to get approved. Director Joe Euclide responded that we could get a figure put together by Council but didn't think the quantities of trucks they are talking about bringing through would make much of a difference.

Mary Ann Laszewski stated her concerns about the impacts on the street and wanted to know if trucks also impact the sewer and lateral with the vibrations they cause, if it would affect home owners on having to replace laterals to homes along Water Street. Director Euclide responded that he would not anticipate any infrastructural damage to laterals underground given the speed limits on Water Street. He did think it could be a problem down the line if it was in a higher speed area.

Aldersperson Jeremy Slowinski stated his opposed opinion and thinks it should be handled from within the company for a different route.

Aldersperson Stroik spoke for Tim Sullivan who had to leave the meeting early. He is opposed to this due to noise, inconvenience to the residents in it being harder to get in and out of driveways and safety.

7:45 P.M. - MAYOR HALVERSON CALLED A RECESS FOR SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING.

7:46 P.M. - MAYOR HALVERSON CALLED THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING TO ORDER.

Aldersperson Stroik continued with questioning if the mill is willing to participate in any of the plan options at this time. Mayor Halverson answered the conversations we had with the mill, their capital budgets are extremely tight and is not an investment they can make at this time.

Scott Obremski stated that none of the plan options are budgetary items the mill can take on in 2009. He expressed the main reason NewPage wants this change is safety. None of the proposed internal routes would guard against the safety of the employees.

Alderson Brooks questioned if there would be any time and/or fuel savings to NewPage if trucks could use Water Street. Scott Obremski answered that these trucks are contracted out so the mill would not see any direct savings. He will find out for Council if there would be any direct savings from Millis but any other deliveries he wouldn't be able to.

Alderson Heart expressed her concerns with other companies using trucks for incoming or outgoing deliveries will start using this route.

Alderson Heart moved, seconded by Alderson Brooks to deny the amendment to the Weight Limits, Heavy Traffic and Truck Routes Ordinance on Water Street between Clark Street and Wisconsin Street.

Alderson Walther wanted to comment that he can see how dangerous it can be for NewPage to have trucks in their parking area. Although he has to agree with Alderson Heart that if we open this route up to NewPage, who is to say other truck companies won't start using it also.

Alderson Stroik stated that he is torn in this situation in that he is the Alderson for this area and everyone he has talked to is opposed to it but we also need to work with and help out businesses in Stevens Point to stay afloat. An empty mill is far less valuable to us than a mill that we could possibly make this concession. At the same time, if he supports it and another accident happens, he's the one that said the mill's profits were more important than a life on a public street. He would like to vote for the motion as it sits and suggest that the City and mill keep working together and possibly make it budget item to share the costs.

Ayes majority; nays minority; motion carried.

3. Consideration/Action to purchase a Sreco Versa Vac Trailer Mounted Vacuum System with Hydro Excavating Capabilities from Envirotech Equipment Company LLC in the amount of \$98,000.00 (Attachment)

Director Euclide explained about hydro excavation and why it could save us about \$200,000.00. In hydro excavation what they do is shooting into a location to loosen things up and then vacuum it out. It allows us to excavate in areas where we have utilities that you do not want to dig. With the amount of repairs we do every year where we could use this piece of equipment, it could potentially save us in the area of \$200,000.00 in costs.

Alderson Stroik moved, seconded by Alderson Walther to purchase a Sreco Versa Vac Trailer Mounted Vacuum System with Hydro Excavating Capabilities from Envirotech Equipment Company LLC in the amount of \$98,000.00.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. Consideration/Action to hire AECOM (formerly Earth Tech.) to do a concept design study for UWSP for Fourth Avenue (Attachment)

Director Euclide explained this is not an expense to us, all we are doing is managing the project for the University and working along with them.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderson Walther to hire AECOM to do a concept design study for UWSP for Fourth Avenue

Alderson Heart questioned since they are going up to Division Street, do we the City want to consider what the intersection at Division will look like and bring it into the study. Director Euclide answered that we are at least going to do a preliminary look at that as part of the study.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

6. Airport Manager's Report (Attachment)

Mayor Halverson stated Joe Wheeler, the new airport manager was at the meeting earlier but had to leave to go back to the airport due to the weather and Freight Runners but, wanted to add that he has been doing a great job so far.

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

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

7. Director's Report (Attachment) Read the Director's Report 431 kB File Requires Free Acrobat Reader

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

Director Euclide added that we were just notified about the approval of the grant of \$27,820.00 from Wisconsin Focus on Energy for the Solar Transpired Wall for the hanger at the airport. This amount will cover 65% of the project and it will be the first transpired wall in the state of Wisconsin.

Mayor Halverson stated the great job Joe has done and wished him well on his retirement. He also introduced the new director Donald Popoff.

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halverson adjourned the December 8, 2008 Board of Public Works meeting at 8:20 PM.

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