

Meeting Minutes

Special Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 2004 - 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers - County-City Building PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Sevenich, Walther, Sowieja, Barr, Moore  
ALSO PRESENT: Directors Euclide, Gardner, Halverson, Schrader; Clerk Zdroik, Alderpersons Markham, Rackow, Molski, Stroik, Phillips; Kate  
Garsombke (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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1. Public hearing on acquiring state and federal aid for municipal airport.
2. Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid and authorizing execution of Agency Agreement.
3. Adjournment.

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice chaired the meeting.

Director Euclide gave an update on the Airport Improvement Project. He said the primary reason for the hearing is because the City received a \$1.5 million grant from the federal government for the installation and maintenance of the instrument land system (ILS) and other desired improvements under the project, to include:

Construct parallel taxiway to Runway 3/21; construct partial parallel taxiway to Runway 12/30; Install and maintain an instrument landing system (ILS); Localizer; Distance Measuring Equipment (DME); glideslope, locator outer marker, and Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System (MALSR); land acquisition in approaches; install Runway End Identifier Lights (REILs) and Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPIs) on Runway 12/30; purchase Snow Removal Equipment (SRE); construct Snow Removal Equipment building; Perimeter security fencing; Terminal improvements and expansion; Hangar improvements and new construction; construction of aircraft maintenance facility, construction of group hangar and any necessary related work.

The Director went on to say the primary improvement of the project is the installation and maintenance of the instrument landing system, which is electronic in nature.

1. Public hearing on acquiring state and federal aid for municipal airport.

Comptroller-Schlice declared the public hearing open.

Eric Berens, 5461 Conifer Drive, Town of Hull, President of the Stevens Point Pilot Association, submitted a letter for the record supporting the proposed improvements to the Stevens Point Municipal Airport. The letter was addressed to Mayor Wescott, Public Works Director Euclide and the Alderpersons.

Mr. Berens said the Pilot Association feels the airport is an important asset to Stevens Point and Portage County. Its convenient location helps attract people and business growth to the area. He went on to say that the Pilot Association congratulates the efforts and accomplishments of all individuals from the public and private sectors who have helped bring the Instrument Landing System and the proposed improvements to the Stevens Point Municipal Airport.

A copy of Mr. Beren's letter is attached.

Mike Pinney, Airport Manager, Stevens Point Airport, appreciates getting the much needed Instrument Landing System. Mr. Pinney would also like to pass on Sentry Insurance and Noel Properties' support of the ILS. It is a great safety advantage to the City to have the ILS, Mr. Pinney added.

As no one else would like to speak, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice declared the public hearing closed.

2. Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid and authorizing execution of Agency Agreement.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Barr seconded, for approval of the Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid and authorizing execution of Agency Agreement and send the same back to Plan Commission and Common Council in April for their recommendation and action.

Ald. Phillips asked for clarification regarding terminal improvements and expansion?

Director Euclide said it involves modernization of the terminal and a significant remodeling project.

Ald. Sevenich asked if the project will include air conditioning in the terminal?

Director Euclide said it will probably include air conditioning in the airport terminal area.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Adjournment - 6:40 P.M.

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