

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Monday, February 10, 2003 - 6:20 P.M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Barr, Nealis, Sevenich, Sowieja, Walther
ALSO PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Superintendent Krieski, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, Mayoral Assistant Gebert, Director
Schrader, Director Gardner, Clerk Zdroik, Chief Barnes, Peggy Rentz, Captain Dowling, Lynn Markham, Fred Hopfensperger, Kate Garsombke
Gene Kemmeter; Alderpersons Filipiak, Molski, Moore, Phillips, Rackow, Seiser

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1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to accept the January 2003 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BIDS: (ATTACHMENT)

A) PROJECT #03-03: 2003 TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING PROGRAM

Director Van Alstine said the low bids for Divisions A, B, C, and E are from Safeway Tree Service and the low bid for Division D is from Zblewski Brothers. He said it is within budget and he recommended approval.

Alderperson Nealis moved, seconded by Alderperson Sowieja to accept the low bids from Safeway Tree Service of Stevens Point as follows:

Division A - Tree Removal - \$9,750.00

Division B - Stump Removal - \$2,800.00

Division C - Tree Trimming - \$5,832.00

Division E - Labor & Equipment - \$440.00

and to accept the bid from Zblewski Brothers of Plover as follows:

Division D - Root Cutting - \$3,500.00

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

B) PROJECT #04-03: 2003 BITUMINOUS PATCHING PROJECT

Director Van Alstine said the low bid was from American Asphalt and he recommended approval. He added the patches are billed back to the responsible parties.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to accept the low bid from American Asphalt of Mosinee in the amount of \$53,784.00.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. TRAFFIC STUDY: #03-01-A ERECT STOPS SIGNS EAST AND WEST ON RICE STREET AT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY TRACKS.

(ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said the Traffic Study was self-explanatory as recommended by the Police Department Management Team and the Director of Public Works.

Alderperson Walther moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to approve Traffic Study #03-01-A as presented.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. REPORT ON CONVERTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS FROM INCANDESCENT TO LED BULBS (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said this is an informational item that will be going to the Finance Committee. He referred to the memo in the packet from Director Van Alstine saying the LEDs are more energy efficient and the energy and cost savings will be dramatic. He said over 10-years the monetary savings will be over \$200,000. He also said we have discovered there is a grant available and if Finance approves this the change should take place next summer.

Alderperson Sowieja asked if they will all be replaced at once or as needed? Director Van Alstine explained that we change all the bulbs every two years to try to avoid having them burn out at times when we might have to pay an electrician overtime to have them replaced. He said it is more cost effective to do them all at once.

Alderperson Rackow asked if the entire unit has to be changed out and will this change the appearance of the signals? Director Van Alstine said the incandescent lights have a unit and lens, both of which will be removed and replaced by a one unit LED which includes the lens. He said the appearance won't change, there has been a LED signal on the northeast corner of Church and Clark for six months.

5. UPDATE ON LINCOLN CENTER

Director Van Alstine said there are still some small items that are being cleared up but for all practical purposes the project is done.

6. SUPERINTENDENT OF SERVICES' REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said before Superintendent Krieski begins his report he would like to refer to a letter he received from a resident who called in to report a mailbox knocked over either by the plow or the force of the snow from the plow. He said this resident was pleased with the speed and efficiency of the Street Department in repairing the mailbox. The Mayor said he would like to congratulate the department for their professionalism.

Superintendent Krieski presented his report and said he would like to go over the sanding/snow plowing procedure. When there is 2-inches or more the entire City is plowed, when there is less than 2-inches only the salt routes are plowed. He said they start in the center of the City and work out and he has received suggestions that they alternate and work from the outside in every other snowfall. He went on to say that wouldn't be a good idea because they would then be covering ground to get to the outside without plowing, and when they got back to the center all the plows would be in a small area. Mayor Wescott agreed that wouldn't work and said we won't change that. Superintendent Krieski said he didn't like to have the crews work more than 11-12 hours at time without being off before they come in for another shift.

The Superintendent proceeded with his report saying the sanders are out from 4 a.m. to noon, they are picking snow nightly along the main arteries and the sand boxes are filled every day.

Aldersperson Rackow asked how many miles the City plows and Superintendent Krieski said 354.

Aldersperson Barr suggested we put something in the paper at the beginning of each snow season to let the public know our snow removal policy and the Mayor said we can post it on the website.

Aldersperson Sowieja moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to accept the January 2003 Superintendent of Services report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

7. DIRECTOR S REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine presented his report and added that he wants everyone to get the word out about the upcoming phases of Highway 10. He said this project will at one time or another affect Main Street from Division Street to near the Target store.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by Aldersperson Sevenich to accept the January 2003 Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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