

Meeting Minutes
CITY OF STEVENS POINT
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, May 8, 2000 - 6:25 P.M.
PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Barr, Kedrowski, Nealis, Molski

EXCUSED: Alderperson Walther

ALSO PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Superintendent Krieski, Clerk Zdroik, Jim Dowling, Director Schrader, Director Gardner, Assessor Kuehn, Attorney Molepske, Mayoral Assistant Bumgarner, Design Engineer Yauch, Peggy Rentz, Administrator Disher, Bill Pritchard, Michael Resch, Hans Hofmeister, Harry Eskritt, Fred Steffen, Robert Magliocco, Alan W. Schroeder, Bob Stroik, Jessie Bostic, Bob Woehr, Randy Olson, Scott Krueger, Susan Kampmeier, Gene Kemmeter; Alderpersons Pazdernik, Phillips, Rackow, Seiser, Sevenich

Mayor Wescott welcomed Marge Molski as the new member of the Board of Public Works.

1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT- AGENDA PACKET)

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to accept the April 2000 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

2. AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT - MARCH AND APRIL 2000 (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Alderperson Molski moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to accept the March and April 2000 Airport Activity Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

3. JACKSON WOODS SUBDIVISION - ELIMINATE DRAINAGE EASEMENT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine drew a diagram explaining that when the sewer and water was put in the street, they had to punch through bedrock and the trench was filled in with sand and he said the excess water seeps through the soil onto the bedrock and then into the river.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked if the easement could be amended to move the ditch to the lot line and reserve it for future drainage should it become necessary.

The Mayor asked Attorney Molepske if eliminating this easement would create any liability to the City.

Attorney Molepske said normally a liability doesn't attach, we have to rely on our engineering staff and he said he was confident we do not have a liability problem.

Alderperson Kedrowski said we can leave it, move it, or modify it to reserve an area for future drainage problems. He said the City would enforce it if necessary. He added he had reservations about making changes during a dry period.

Bill Pritchard said he had taken pictures of the area early this morning after a heavy rain and he presented them to the Board saying there was no standing water.

Alderperson Kedrowski moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to amend the existing drainage easement by moving the right of way to the lot line and reserve it for future drainage if required. Future drainage construction would be contingent upon the approval of the Board of Public Works.

Alderperson Nealis said he was more in favor of having the ditch moved, that it would be better to take care of this instead of waiting until there is property damage and then fixing the problem. He also asked that Mr. Schroeder be heard from before they make any decisions.

Discussion took place on the material used for drainage and how tree roots might clog the ditch.

Alan Schroeder, adjacent property owner, questioned why the drainage ditch was put in if it wasn't needed?

Director Van Alstine said at that time the water was draining underground to the ditch, it now goes into the storm ditch, the below ground water stays in the trench.

Mr. Schroeder said even with the dry conditions we've had over the last year his sump pump was already running after the rain we got this morning. He was concerned about what would happen if we entered a rainy period.

A discussion followed on groundwater or surface water, that the sump pump extracts ground water but this ditch drains surface water. Director Van Alstine said ground water does come from surface water.

Alderperson Seiser said she didn't think easements should be rescinded, they are important. People count on them to be permanent and she's not comfortable that the Council could just change them.

Bob Stroik, previous resident of that area, spoke about the water problem out there and that it is very real. He said he remembered that when this was put in it was supposed to be a five foot sloping trench instead of what is there. He also felt driveways without culverts block the water.

Mr. Pritchard said the water problems were there prior to the subdivision. The ditch was put in as it was supposed to be, primarily because that is what the people in the area wanted.

Alderperson Nealis moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to amend the motion to move the easement and ditch to the south property line.

Alderson Nealis said he was disappointed that Mr. Pritchard did not volunteer to move the drainage ditch and he asked him to do so now.

Mr. Pritchard said that would require cutting trees and that will make other property owners more unhappy, that was the reason it was done this way to begin with, the other property owners objected.

Alderson Seiser said moving it would do more damage and that is why it should stay as it is.

Mr. Schroeder said the reason Mr. Pritchard wanted this easement eliminated was to accommodate building a house on Lot #8 and that Mr. Pritchard told him he would move the ditch and then suddenly it was an item on Plan Commission to eliminate the easement.

Mayor Wescott called for a voice vote on the amended motion to formally move the ditch.

Ayes - 2 (Aldersons Nealis and Barr); Nays - 4 (Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Aldersons Kedrowski and Molski); Motion denied.

Mayor Wescott called for a voice vote on the motion to amend the existing drainage easement by moving the right of way to the lot line and reserve it for future drainage if required. Future drainage construction would be contingent upon the approval of the Board of Public Works.

Ayes - 4 (Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Aldersons Kedrowski and Molski); Nays - 2 (Aldersons Nealis and Barr); Motion carried.

The Mayor said this item will go to the Council next Monday night.

4. REQUEST FROM HOSTEL SHOPPE TO USE MUNICIPAL LOT #2 ON JUNE 3, 2000 FOR RECUMBENT BIKE RALLY (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said this is an annual request, there have been no problems in the past and he recommended approval.

Alderson Molski moved, seconded by Alderson Nealis to approve the request from the Hostel Shoppe as stated in their correspondence.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

5. ADDITIONAL DRIVEWAY OPENING - 3001 WATER STREET (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said this had been reviewed by Director Van Alstine and the Police Department and they are both in favor of permitting it.

Alderson Seiser said this is a residential area and although there are no restrictions on campers or other recreational vehicles being left out, she said she considers them unsightly and she felt we should not approve this request.

Alderson Nealis moved, seconded by Alderson Kedrowski to approve the request for an additional driveway opening at 3001 Water Street.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

6. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS: (ATTACHMENT)

A) #08-00 2000 BITUMINOUS SURFACING PROJECT

Director Van Alstine said the only bid received was from American Asphalt for \$383,342.50, it was within budget and he recommended approval.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderson Barr to approve the bid from American Asphalt of Mosinee in the amount of \$383,342.50 for Project #08-00 -2000 Bituminous Surfacing Project.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

B) #10-00 2000 CURB, GUTTER, AND SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

Director Van Alstine said the low bid was \$44,755.16 from Ski, Inc. of Junction City, they have worked for us in the past, it was within budget and he recommended approval.

Alderson Molski moved, seconded by Alderson Barr to approve the low bid from Ski, Inc. of Junction City in the amount of \$44,755.16 for Project #10-00 - 2000 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Repair Project.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

C) #11-00 2000 TOPSOIL, SEEDING AND FERTILIZING PROJECT

Director Van Alstine said the low bid was \$26,650.00 from Stuczynski Trucking of Stevens Point, they have worked for us in the past, it was within budget and he recommended approval.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderson Kedrowski to approve the low bid from Stuczynski Trucking of Stevens Point in the amount of \$26,650.00 for Project #11-00 - 2000 Topsoil, Seeding and Fertilizing Project

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

7. MAYORAL ORDERS: (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

A) APRIL 11, 2000

-NO PARKING - WEST SIDE OF STRONGS AVENUE BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND ARLINGTON PLACE

-NO PARKING - EAST SIDE OF STRONGS AVENUE FROM MAIN STREET TO A POINT 75 SOUTH

-REPEAL ONE-WAY - ALLOW TWO WAY TRAFFIC ON STRONGS AVENUE BETWEEN ARLINGTON PLACE AND MAIN STREET

-REPEAL ONE-WAY - ALLOW TWO WAY TRAFFIC ON CLARK STREET BETWEEN CHURCH STREET AND STRONGS AVENUE

B) APRIL 20, 2000

-LOADING ZONE - NORTH SIDE OF JEFFERSON STREET FROM 107 EAST OF RESERVE STREET TO 197 EAST OF RESERVE STREET

C) APRIL 28, 2000

-NO PARKING ON NORTH SIDE OF ELLIS STREET FROM 28 EAST OF CHURCH STREET TO 128 EAST OF CHURCH STREET

D) MAY 4, 2000

-FOUR WAY STOP - WYATT AVENUE AND ELLIS STREET

Mayor Wescott said these orders are issued as construction progresses and we anticipate what traffic related changes will be needed. He said he would accept one motion for all the orders issued.

Alderson Barr moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to approve Mayoral Orders A, B, C, and D as stated above.

Alderson Barr suggested that those organizations requesting street closings during these particularly busy construction seasons look carefully at what is going on and take that into consideration.

The Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

8. SELECTION OF STREET LIGHT TYPE (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said as a result of a street light request from Alderson Barr we learned that Wisconsin Public Service is introducing a new better focused light.

Mike Resch, Wisconsin Public Service, diagrammed the difference between this flat glass fixture and the cobra head lamps. He said the lights in the Portage County Business Park are examples of the shoe box with flat glass which doesn't allow the light to go up except what is reflected. He said they will not charge additional installation charges or extra billing for installing the cobra head flat glass type fixtures for new installation requests from the City or for knock-down replacement. He said the State DOT now requires the flat glass on all new fixtures, probably because there is less glare.

Randy Olson, UWSP, said astronomers and those interested in the night sky are pleased with these flat glass fixtures, he attested they do what they are intended to do, shine horizontally and down.

Alderson Kedrowski questioned if they have a brighter light or are they closer together?

Mr. Resch said it is the same foot-candle and they are not closer together.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by C/T Schlice that the Board instruct City staff to formally request that Wisconsin Public Service use the flat glass fixtures for future installation requests and knock-down replacements to satisfy light pollution concerns.

Alderson Kedrowski suggested we look at this in a year.

The Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

9. SUPERINTENDENT OF SERVICES REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Superintendent Krieski reported that West River Drive north and south of County HH will be paved on Wednesday, weather permitting and he suggested people use other routes if possible. He said curb-side brush pickup is taking place this week and leaf pickup will be next week. He said the crews are crack filling and using single ply toilet paper to cover the material but if it is driven over too soon, it will still stick.

Alderson Seiser said she thought West River Drive would not be a paved street.

Mayor Wescott said that was not the case, perhaps she was thinking of an unsuccessful attempt made a few years ago to activate a Rustic Road designation.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderson Kedrowski to accept the April 2000 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

10. DIRECTOR S REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine reported that the flat concrete has been poured on Clark and Division, curb and gutter and electrical bases will be next. He said it looks good for a June 1 opening.

He went on to report the bridge construction is progressing well, they are working on the three piers.

He said the west side water main is progressing slower, they hit granite from the bridge to Whitney.

Alderson Nealis asked about the progress on the railroad crossing gates.

Director Van Alstine said he spoke to someone just recently and they are looking at where to put them on County P and Water Street but they did not give any dates.

Alderson Kedrowski asked what Project 02-00 was?

Director Van Alstine said when Sentry was built, technology was such that the wires were direct buried, not placed in conduit, and we are experiencing a lot of problems because of the rocky soil. He said we intend to install new conduit-encased wire between the lights.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to accept the April 2000 Director s Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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