

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999 - 6:30 P.M.

PORTAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX-1462 STRONGS AVENUE

CONFERENCE ROOM 1

PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Aldinger, Barr, Kedrowski, Nealis, Perlak,

ALSO

PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Design Engineer Yauch, Superintendent Krieski, Clerk Zdroik, Captain Dowling, Mayoral Assistant Bumgarner, Administrator Disher, Director Gardner, Assessor Kuehn, Peggy Rentz, Susan Kampmeier, Mike Kemmeter; Alderpersons Niedbalski, Pazdernik, Phillips, Rackow, Sevenich, Walther

1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott presented the May 1999 Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Perlak to accept the May 1999 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

2. TRAFFIC STUDIES (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott presented the following Traffic Studies saying they were recommended by Director of Public Works Van Alstine and Traffic Coordinator Sergeant Carlson.

A. 99-05-A INSTALL STOP SIGNS NORTH AND SOUTH ON WEST RIVER DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY HH

Alderperson Kedrowski moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to approve the request to install stop signs north and south on West River Drive at the intersection with Highway HH as shown on Traffic Study #99-05-A.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

B. 99-05-B INSTALL STOP SIGNS NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND ON WHITING AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY HH

Alderperson Aldinger moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to approve the request to install stop signs northbound and southbound on Whiting Avenue at the intersection with Highway HH as shown on Traffic Study #99-05-B.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

C. 99-05-C INSTALL STOP SIGNS WESTBOUND ON EAGLE SUMMIT DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH RESERVE

Director Van Alstine said North Reserve Drive should be shown as Reserve Street North (amended drawing attached).

Alderperson Kedrowski moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to approve the request to install stop signs westbound on Eagle Summit at the intersection with Reserve Street North as shown on the amended drawing for Traffic Study #99-05-C.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

D. 99-05-D INSTALL STOP SIGNS NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND ON SECOND STREET AT THE INTERSECTION WITH MARIA DRIVE

Alderperson Perlak said he approved of this recommendation for safety reasons because of the schools and also because the vehicles in the parking lots for the restaurant and taverns in the area cause vision obstructions.

Alderperson Perlak moved, seconded by Alderperson Aldinger to install stop signs north and southbound on Second Street at the intersection with Maria Drive as shown on Traffic Study #99-05-D.

Alderperson Niedbalski pointed out that the traffic from the grade school and the high school do not overlap and he felt the stop signs would slow traffic too much. He said he would like to see documentation showing the number of accidents that have occurred there over the last five years.

Mayor Wescott said we would have that available for the Council meeting.

Discussion followed, Alderperson Phillips said he too would like to know if accidents were a problem there and he really didn't want to see four stop signs.

Alderperson Kedrowski said he felt additional stop signs would be a good thing.

Mayor Wescott said if this recommendation is approved at Council he would like to see some additional emphasis on the new stop signs, such as colorful flags, to enhance their visibility to motorists. He called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

E. 99-05-E CREATE A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FOURTH AVENUE WEST OF SECOND STREET - ALSO CREATE A DISABLED DROP OFF AREA WEST OF THIS NEW NO PARKING ZONE.

Mayor Wescott said this had been a request from the Church.

Director Van Alstine said the Church changed their disability entrance and this recommendation would go along with it.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by Alderperson Perlak to approve the request to create a no parking zone on the north side of Fourth Avenue west of Second Street and also create a disabled drop-off area west of this new no parking zone as shown on Traffic Study #99-05-E.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

F. 99-06-A INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH STREET AND NEBEL STREET
G. 99-06-B INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF WATER STREET AND HIGHWAY HH

Mayor Wescott said these two items would be acted on at the same time, they were both part of the HH project. The County pays for the signals but since they are in the City, the City must pass the ordinance.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked if they were part of the original plans, all warrants met, and would be paid for by the County?

Director Van Alstine said it was part of the project, but the cost was actually split by the County and the State.

Alderperson Phillips asked about the signals proposed for Michigan and Church.

Director Van Alstine said he was waiting for the report from the State recommending closing Michigan Avenue into Shopko and moving those signals.

Discussion followed on the number of signals in that vicinity. Alderperson Kedrowski said after all the approvals are in we will have two signalized intersections in that area, he said he thought the plan had a strong safety value.

Mayor Wescott said both are recommended by the State.

Alderperson Nealis moved, seconded by Alderperson Kedrowski to approve the recommendations to install traffic signals at the intersection of Church Street and Nebel Street and also to install traffic signals at the intersection of Water Street and Highway HH as shown on Traffic Studies # 99-06-A and #99-06-B.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Krieski presented his May 1999 report and said it had been a busy month-the blacktopping projects are well underway; they are also taking care of the leaf bags; the sweepers are out at night; and the painters are out daily.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked what item 4-b meant?

Director Van Alstine said that was root cutting.

Alderperson Rackow asked if item 1-e was part of what the Airport Manager wanted taken care of?

Superintendent Krieski said it was.

Alderperson Perlak moved, seconded by Alderperson Aldinger to accept the May 1999 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.
Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine presented his May 1999 report and said it has also been a busy month for the Engineering Department, we have two sewer installation projects taking place, Worzalla Parking Lot and Brilowski Road. We will have six sets of traffic signals this year, we will be opening bids in August.

He said the Telephone Park Project will go to Plan Commission next month, Director Schrader and Forester Simmons are doing an in-field design to determine a way to save the maximum amount of trees, he said it looks like it will work on paper.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked if the televising in his report was the same as the root cutting in the Superintendent's report?

Director Van Alstine said we hire a someone to televise because we do not have that much televising done.

Alderperson Phillips asked what was decided regarding the street across from the Worzalla parking lot?

Director Van Alstine said there had been two alternatives, one to move the road west on Texas and the other to move it east on relocated Pinecrest, and the Pinecrest alternative was the one decided upon. He said they are doing the appraisals and should acquire the property this month.

Alderperson Aldinger moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to accept the May 1999 Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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