

Meeting Minutes
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 12, 1999 - 6:45 P.M.
PORTAGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX-1462 STRONGS AVENUE
CONFERENCE ROOM 1

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

EXCUSED: Alderperson Barr

ALSO

PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Design Engineer Yauch, Superintendent Krieski, Clerk Zdroik, Captain Dowling, Mayoral Assistant Bumgarner, Administrator Disher, Director Gardner, Rich Smaglik, Peggy Rentz, Myron Groshek, Susan Kampmeier, Mike Kemmeter, Scott Krueger; Alderpersons Niedbalski, Pazdernik, Phillips, Rackow, Sevenich

1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott presented the June 1999 Parking Meter Report.

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

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

2. AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT (MAY & JUNE, 1999) (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott presented the May and June 1999 Airport Activity Report.

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

Mayor Wescott said he would like to mention that several complaints have been received about planes turning south over the city when they take off.

Rich Smaglik said the pilots like to turn into the wind upon take-off, he said he supposed they could ask pilots to use a different runway when the wind is calm.

Alderperson Aldinger said some other cities have signs telling pilots to take off in a certain direction.

Mr. Smaglik said that would have to be done through the FAA.

The Mayor asked that he think about it and he called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

3. TRAFFIC STUDIES (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

#99-06-C INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF WATER STREET AND POLK STREET (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said part of this is in the Village of Whiting but it is to our advantage to comply. This is part of the HH project and the County pays for the signals.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked if they would have a flash mode and if they were traffic activated.

Design Engineer Yauch said they will flash during the late night-early morning hours and they are semi-activated from the side street meaning they will remain green on Water Street until there is traffic from the side street.

Discussion followed regarding that the City was not part of the negotiations and who will maintain the signals.

Director Van Alstine said this was negotiated with the School Board. We will maintain the signals because we have the trained personnel, but we will bill all costs for maintenance and parts back to the County.

Alderperson Aldinger moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to approve Traffic Study #99-06-C to install traffic signals at the intersection of Water Street and Polk Street with the understanding that the County is 100% responsible for all costs including maintenance.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

4. PETITION TO BLACKTOP THE ALLEY BETWEEN JEFFERSON STREET AND OAK STREET FROM FRONTENAC AVENUE TO CALIFORNIA AVENUE (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Alderperson Rackow said he was in favor of this project for many reasons including lower maintenance. He added that Mr. Groshek had circulated the petition.

Mr. Groshek asked if the strip between the alley and his driveway would be blacktopped?

Director Van Alstine told him the contractor would do that.

Mr. Groshek asked how wide the blacktop would be?

Director Van Alstine said they would take an average width.

Alderson Phillips asked what the cost is and would it be assessed over several years?

Director Van Alstine said he thought it would be approximately \$4-\$6 per foot, split between the property owners on both sides and that typically payment was due upon completion but how it is paid for is up to the Finance Committee.

Alderson Kedrowski moved, seconded by Alderson Perlak to approve the request of the petitioners to blacktop the alley between Jefferson Street and Oak Street from Frontenac Avenue to California Avenue and to refer the item to the Finance Committee for funding.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION OF QUOTES - PLASMA CUTTER (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott asked what this item would be used for?

Superintendent Krieski said it's used for cutting thick metal, particularly interior holes. He said they have been using an air arc when they could but it's dusty and loud and usually has to be done at night when there is no one around. He said a lot of work that we could do with this cutter is now sent out to be done.

Alderson Nealis moved, seconded by Alderson Aldinger to approve the low quote of \$2,013 from Interstate out of Schofield Wisconsin.

Alderson Kedrowski asked what would be done with the old one?

Superintendent Krieski said it they would probably keep it, it wasn't worth much.

Alderson Phillips questioned if the availability of parts would be more convenient from the Stevens Point business.

Superintendent Krieski said he would check on that and have the information available for the Council meeting on Monday night.

The Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Krieski presented his report saying the wedging will be completed in the next few days and they will start hot mixing the small areas. He said drywells will be put in on Heffron, after that they will move to the Worzalla project and then back to Heffron to prepare for the base coat. He said they are hauling grass clippings to Somers and are bringing back stones so they don't waste a trip.

Mayor Wescott asked when they would seal-coat and what areas?

Superintendent Krieski said we had been scheduled for the first week of August but might get pushed back to the second week. He said next year he will ask for written confirmation for the first week of August.

He said the sealcoating will be from the Water Street tracks to the south city limits; from the west city limits to the east city limits; from the Water Street tracks north - east of Michigan to the north city limits. He added we are finally catching up.

Alderson Rackow asked if we had many trees to remove after the storm last week?

Superintendent Krieski said we had eight trees down and he felt most of the property owners took care of their own.

Alderson Perlak moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to accept the June 1999 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 reported we will be working with Wisconsin Public Service on Jefferson/Michigan and will start by cutting trees one block each way from Jefferson on Michigan. He said the signals will be operational by the end of October and the affected property owners have been notified. He said it is taking longer to get the signals and that is why the completion date is later.

Mayor Wescott said we had wanted to get this done before school is in session but it just wasn't possible.

Director Van Alstine pointed out we have three projects near schools but we can't do them all at once.

Alderson Kedrowski asked for a progress report on the city hall remodeling.

Director Van Alstine said the Police Department is nearly completed. The Inspection Department has moved into their newly remodeled office, the the Mayor's office is temporarily in the old Engineering Department and will probably be there for five-six weeks then we will do the remaining offices.

Alderson Nealis asked for a report on Highway "P"/Highway 10 construction.

Director Van Alstine said they are boring under the railroad and it is going slow, but we will make the August date and move to West River Drive.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderson Perlak to accept the June 1999 Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting minutes reproduced on this website are derived from the computer files used to produce the official minutes for the City of Stevens Point, but are unofficial. The minutes on this web site cannot be certified under s. 889.08, Wis. Stats., and cannot be considered prima facie evidence under s. 889.04, Wis. Stats. Certain tables, maps, and other documents that are a part of the official minutes are not included in the files reproduced on this website. Please consult the printed minutes, available in the City Clerk's Office, for the official text. The decisions made by City of Stevens Point boards, committees, and commissions (other than the Police & Fire Commission) are advisory only and are not binding on the City until affirmed at a meeting of the Common Council. Some of the minutes on this web site might not be approved by the Common Council as of today.

Bottom of Form