

**City of Stevens Point
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Chambers

January 16, 2012

County-City Building

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Andrew J. Halverson, presiding

Mayor Halverson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Ald.
Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara,
Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski,
Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik,
Brooks, Moore.

Also

Present: City Attorney Molepske, City Clerk Moe, C/T Schlice, Director Schrader, Director Ostrowski, Director Lemke, Assistant Chief Skibba, Officer Quisler, Emergency Management Director McGinty, Fire Chief Kujawa, Gary Kuplick-Water Dept., Asst. to the Mayor Pazdernik, B.C. Kowalski-Stevens Point Journal, Matt

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The Council meeting recessed for continuation of the Special Committee meetings at 7:03 PM. The meeting was reconvened at 7:17 PM.

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**Salute to the Flag and
Mayor's opening remarks.**

Mayor Halverson asked for a moment of silence to reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy. He updated the Council regarding the Lake District and said multiple conversations are ongoing between the City, Lake District, Portage County and Village of Whiting. Documents will be ready for consideration in February regarding repair costs.

Mayor Halverson said the injunction hearing regarding the Center Point Marketplace will be tomorrow and Wednesday.

Mayor Halverson expressed his sympathy regarding those individuals who are losing their jobs at Colligan's and Joerns. He read a correspondence letter from the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board regarding the Dislocated Worker Program and other resources for employees affected by the closure of the Ramada, NewPage Corp., Hudson's Grill, Colligan's Bakery and Joerns Healthcare.

Mayor Halverson added this year, he wishes to give the opportunity to alderperson's to ask questions or ask for clarification of any topic during his opening remarks.

Ald. Slowinski asked for more information regarding the purchase of the McDill Dam.

Mayor Halverson said the City sent correspondence to the Village of Whiting indicating the City would like to discuss transferring \$25,000 to Whiting in exchange for the transfer of the

dam to the Lake District. This would be done with Common Council approval and agreements between all parties relating to the repair of the dam. He said the offer was countered by the village for \$60,000. He said the City will work collectively towards a solution.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked what incentives Joerns Healthcare turned down from the City.

Mayor Halverson said the City offered \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 in TIF dollars that would have gone directly to the company for job retention. He was not given the exact amount of the tax credits that were worked out by the State, but said they were substantial.

3. Consideration and possible action of the minutes of the Common Council meeting of December 19, 2011 and the Special Common Council meeting of January 3, 2012.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, to approve the minutes and actions of the Common Council meeting of December 19, 2011 and the Special Common Council meeting of January 3, 2012.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. *Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council on specific agenda items other than a "Public Hearing" must register their request at this time. Those who wish to address the Common Council during a "Public Hearing" are not required to identify themselves until the "Public Hearing" is declared open by the Mayor.

Cindy Nebel, Item #5
Barb Jacob, Items #5, 11, 19
Reid Rocheleau, Items 11, 19, 20

5. Persons who wish to address the Mayor and Council for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.

Cindy Nebel, 1100 Phillips St., discussed a boat and trailer that has been parked on a front lawn for several months. She would like to see clarification of or an ordinance created to address this issue.

Mayor Halverson said the Community Development Department will contact her regarding her complaint. **He said Ald. O'Meara had also brought the issue to his attention.**

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot St., said she was disappointed at how disorganized the Special meetings appeared tonight. She stated she has the right to speak at the city meetings.

Consideration and possible action on the following:

6. Minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of January 3, 2012.

Ald. Moore **moved**, seconded by Ald. M. Stroik, to approve the minutes and actions of the Plan Commission meeting of January 3, 2012.

Ald. Beveridge discussed item #2 and thought it was inappropriate that a request would be made for a sign that violated the City's sign ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing - Conditional Use - 2700 Week Street - Construction of a Municipal Transit Center.

Mayor Halverson declared the public hearing open.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers St., expressed concern regarding the construction of the Municipal Transit building and the expense of operating the facility.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot St., was against the amount of money being borrowed and asked how it was going to be paid back in the event City buses are not operating next year. She also asked if the building could be utilized in another capacity.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar St., Whiting, discussed the conditions for the Transit Center.

As no one further wished to speak, Mayor Halverson declared the public hearing closed.

8. Resolution on the Above.

Ald. Moore **moved**, seconded by Ald. Beveridge, to approve the **Conditional Use - 2700 Week Street - Construction of a Municipal Transit Center**.

Ald. Wiza asked if the City could use the building for something else in the event the transit system was discontinued.

Mayor Halverson said if the City were to stop participating in any transit related activity, it would have to compensate the State and Federal government for whatever the investment was that went into the building.

Ald. O'Meara felt discussing the financing was not appropriate at this time as this is a zoning issue. He said the location of the Transit Center adjacent to the Canadian National Railway was a good move as he felt passenger rail will eventually be utilized in Stevens Point.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski,
Slowinski, M. Stroik,

Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Minutes and actions of the Special Plan Commission meeting of January 10, 2012.

Ald. Beveridge **moved**, seconded by Ald. Suomi, to approve the minutes and actions of the Special Plan Commission meeting of January 10, 2012.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. Resolution - Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan .

Ald. Molski **moved**, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, to approve the **Resolution - Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan**.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski,
Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. Minutes and actions of the Finance Committee meeting of January 9, 2012 and the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting of December 19, 2011.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot St., contacted other municipalities to compare the hourly/shift pay for the crossing guards. She felt the City should reconsider and pay the crossing guards comparably to the

other cities.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar St., Whiting, said he also checked into crossing guards pay at other **municipalities and concurred with Barb Jacob's information**. He asked that members make a motion to not accept the recommendation and ask for another look at the budget to reinstate the crossing guards pay.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said he didn't like seeing the reduction in pay and said the crossing guards drive their own vehicles and are not compensated for mileage, gas, etc. He felt the money should come out of the contingency fund.

Ald. Suomi noted at the last Finance Committee meeting she asked if it would take \$8,000 to \$9,000 to get the crossing guards back to their current wage and if the money could be taken out of the contingency fund.

C/T Schlice said it would be closer to \$11,000 because of social security and workmen's compensation that also comes out of the fund.

Ald. Suomi **moved**, seconded by Ald. R. Stroik, to approve the actions and minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of January 9, 2012 and the minutes of the Special Finance Committee meeting of December 19, 2011, with the exception of the Crossing Guards' reduction in pay to be pulled for further discussion.

Ald. Trzebiatowski felt writing off bad debt for a certain individual was hypocritical after that individual berated others about not paying their taxes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, **Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge**.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ald. Suomi **moved, seconded by Ald. O'Meara**, to put the crossing guards back to their original pay with money from the contingency fund with clarification that the \$150,000 contingency fund will be used for their pay.

C/T Schlice believes the motion is not proper as Finance has approved funding for it, but the actual pay came out of the Personnel meeting. He said Finance did not do anything with the actual pay raise. He felt the more appropriate place would be when Finance transfers the funding from contingency to the appropriate accounts and change the dollar amount then.

Mayor Halverson said the authority relating to the wage itself is a Personnel matter. The financial ramifications would be a separate action on this agenda in relation to the contingency account and the transfer of money to the salary accounts. He **suggested Ald. Suomi's motion reflect the Council changing the actions of the Finance Committee**. He also said action will have to be made relating to the Personnel Committee and the wages.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if the Council had set the crossing guard wages by ordinance prior to the Finance Committee meeting.

Mayor Halverson said the wages were never set by ordinance, but by actions of the Personnel Committee.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if the Council could change the \$32,000 to \$43,000 to cover their wages, increasing \$5,400 to \$16,400 from the contingency funds to maintain the 2011 wages of the crossing guards.

Mayor Halverson said the above motion is now to change the actions of the Finance Committee to allow for enough money to come from the contingency fund to keep the crossing guards' salary the

same.

Ald. Moore asked for clarification of the original pay for the crossing guards.

Mayor Halverson said their pay would remain consistent from 2011-2012.

Ald. Suomi asked if she could add to her motion the \$43,000 coming from the contingency fund.

C/T Schlice clarified a point of order and said the budget was not set at a dollar amount, but that the actual motion was to transfer \$5,400 from contingency. His recommendation was to amend the action by the Finance Committee to \$16,400.

Mayor Halverson asked if that is what Ald. Suomi wanted in her motion.

Ald. Suomi replied yes.

Mayor Halverson clarified Ald. Suomi's motion to amend the requested transfer from contingency authorized by the Finance Committee on January 9, 2012 from \$5,400 to \$16,400, to allow for enough money to maintain the pay of the crossing guards in 2012.

Ald. Molski said in reviewing the pay of the crossing guards it showed they are shy compared to other communities. She feels they are worth the money.

Ald. R. Stroik encouraged administration to cut administrative costs.

Mayor Halverson said administrative costs are associated with salary and there is little to save in that area. There will be ongoing impacts in the future if the Council decides to directly impact the operational levy and expenditure restraint and not make reductions.

Ald. O'Meara said he would rather see salary cuts from department heads versus the lowest paid individuals in the City. He said there will most likely be money left over from the Streets' salt budget because of the mild winter thus far which can be put back into the budget.

Clarified motion: Ald. Suomi **moved**, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, to amend the requested transfer from contingency authorized by the Finance Committee on January 9, 2012 from \$5,400 to \$16,400, to allow for enough money to maintain the pay of the crossing guards in 2012.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks.

Nays: Ald. Moore. Motion carried.

12. Actions taken at the Special Public Protection Committee meeting of January 16, 2012.

City Clerk Moe reviewed the actions of the Special Public Protection Committee meeting of January 16, 2012. There were two agenda items, the first was a resolution adopting the residential antidisplacement and relocation plan which was adopted. The second item was an ordinance amending chapter 27 relating to fair and open housing which was also adopted.

Ald. Trzebiatowski **moved**, seconded by Ald. M. Stroik, to approve the actions of the Special Public Protection Committee meeting of January 16, 2012.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Resolution - Adopting Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Plan.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, seconded by Ald. Brooks, to approve the **Resolution - Adopting Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Plan**.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Ordinance - Amending Chapter 27 relating to Fair and Open Housing.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, seconded by Ald. Beveridge, to approve the **Ordinance - Amending Chapter 27 relating to Fair and Open Housing**.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

15. Public Hearing - Submission of a Community Development Block Grant application for Housing rehabilitation and related activities.

1. Identification of Total Potential Funds.

Director Ostrowski gave a presentation regarding the CDBG activities. He said the program is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration. Typically there is approximately \$6 million dollars per year available for rehabilitation of housing, but it is estimated that approximately \$8.2 million is available for funding CDBG housing applications for 2011. He said the average two-year grant is \$400,000 and Stevens Point will be applying for \$550,000.

2. Eligible CDBG Activities.

Director Ostrowski said the CDBG program is flexible and has three main categories. The first is housing which provides communities with loans for low to moderate income individuals for improvements to owner occupied or rental structures and homebuyer assistance for handicapped accessibility, sewer and water laterals, wells, and septic systems. The second category is economic development which provides assistance to communities. The City received a grant for this with regard to downtown revitalization. The third is public facilities, an aid program for public facilities. The City received a grant to create a revolving loan fund for partial funding for Well #11.

3. Presentation of Identified Housing and community development needs.

He discussed the indicators that identify housing and community development needs which are distribution of population, household type comparison, median and mean household income comparison, along with poverty, housing value and housing age comparisons.

It was found the City has a disproportionate number of individuals who are in the lower income bracket under the age of 25 and over 65 years of age. Dir. Ostrowski said 25-64 years of age is typically the higher income group and **38% of the City's population falls into this category compared with Plover at 53%, Portage County at 48% and the State which has 53%.**

Typically family households have a higher income over non-family. The City has 47.5% of family households compared to 52.5% that are non-family households. The Village of Plover has 68.6% family households, Portage County has 64.1% and the State has 65%.

He said Stevens Point's median household income of \$38,000 is significantly lower than Plover at \$60,000, Portage County at \$51,000 and the State which is also \$51,000.

Ald. Wiza asked if the above information included UWSP students, most of who are under the age of 25 and are non-family **and most live in the City. He didn't feel we have a higher percentage of destitute people, but the university plays a large part in the lower income levels.**

Dir. Ostrowski replied yes, the university does play a big role in the statistics.

The City also has a significantly lower mean household income of \$50,500 compared to Plover at \$70,000, Portage County at \$61,000, and the State at \$65,000.

Dir. Ostrowski reported the City has a higher percentage of individuals below poverty level at 26% versus Plover at 6%, Portage County at 13% and the State at 7%.

In terms of housing type, Stevens Point is almost 50/50 split between owner and renter occupied homes in comparison with Plover which has 66% of owner occupied homes and Portage County and the State with 70%.

The percentage of housing units under \$100,000 in value revealed Stevens Point at 37%, Plover at 15%, Portage County at 24% and the State at 19%.

Housing units built prior to 1950 in Stevens Point are at 33% compared to Plover at 2%, Portage County at 23% and the State at 28%.

Dir. Ostrowski said the need for this community is to try to attract higher wage earners to the City or increase wages of existing residents, to continue pushing for home ownership, create newer housing stock, and increase value of current housing stock, either through rehabilitation or the construction of new homes.

4. Identification of housing and community development needs by public.

Mayor Halverson declared the public hearing open.

Cindy Nebel, 1100 Phillips St., President of the Old Main Neighborhood Association, asked what Well # 11 was.

Mayor Halverson said it's the 11th well of the City which is a water well that draws water into the municipal water system. He explained there are different types of community development block grants that can be applied for. The first is a public facilities community block grant that Well #11 fell under. The second is an economic development grant which was \$750,000 used for the downtown mall, and the third one specifically relates to housing rehabilitation.

Cindy Nebel hoped something will be done to bring people back to living in the Stevens Point neighborhoods. She has seen housing going more to rentals which can cause deterioration in the neighborhoods **from landlords who don't maintain their properties.**

Mayor Halverson said one of the elements of the CDBG program can be directed towards owner occupied or rental properties that rent specifically to LMI families.

Armin Nebel, 1100 Phillips St., asked if any of the money could be directed to groups that work with neighborhoods such as the Old Main Neighborhood Association for their improvement of a neighborhood or rehabilitation of an area.

Mayor Halverson said it was not an eligible indicator under the law.

Mr. Nebel then asked if there was a way of adding neighborhood groups as an indicator.

Mayor Halverson replied no, as there are very stringent requirements from the federal government.

Mr. Nebel asked if a house is converted to multi-family, can it be reverted back to single family.

Mayor Halverson said one of the first questions he asked during CDBG training was if the money could be redirected toward conversion of multi-family historic homes that were once single family. He said unfortunately the investment for retrofit of those homes would not comply with the LMI requirements unless they were made eligible for LMI families.

Mr. Nebel asked if inspections will be made during rehabilitation to be sure there will not be additional homes made into multi-family.

Mayor Halverson replied the work that will be done within the grant will be inspected to ensure that the work actually happened as it was laid out and the expenditures are correct.

Rick Whipp, 2016 Main St., requested that first time homebuyers be a priority along with helping them with the down payment and money for remodeling if needed. He asked if there was a dollar limit per home.

Mayor Halverson said homebuyer assistance and rehabilitation eligibility could be from the grant.

Dir. Ostrowski said CAP Services currently administers the CDBG loan as well as other housing funds. He said they have multiple sources of funding they can draw from for homeownership, rehabilitation, etc. He said the amount lent is a percentage on the value of the home.

Mr. Whipp asked that homeownership be a priority with the grant funds.

Ald. Molski asked if the grants are for a specific area of the city or if it is available city-wide. Mayor Halverson replied it is city-wide.

Cathy Dugan, 615 Sommers St., encouraged better employment with better wages and improving the historic homes in Stevens Point.

Rick Whipp, 2016 Main St., asked for better inspections in the neighborhoods of homes that would benefit from the grants.

5. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application, including potential residential displacement.

Dir. Ostrowski then discussed the CDBG proposed activities of 0% deferred payment housing rehabilitation loans to LMI owner-occupied units. He said the strategy is reserving all the funds for owner occupied units for the first twelve months of the 24 month grant period. If the owner occupied funds are not used up, then it would be opened up to renter occupied over the last twelve months. He said the estimated total cost of the proposed activities is \$550,000 and up to 15% can be used for administrative costs. He said there is not any anticipated residential displacement.

Mayor Halverson recapped that 100% of the CDBG for the first twelve months will be used towards owner-occupied homes related to LMI properties and any funds remaining will go to LMI rentals.

6. Citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities.

As no one further wished to speak, Mayor Halverson declared the public hearing closed.

16. Resolution - Submission of a Community Development Block Grant application for Housing rehabilitation and related activities.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, seconded by Ald. Suomi, to approve the Resolution - Submission of a Community Development Block Grant application for Housing rehabilitation and related activities.

Ald. R. Stroik asked how the **public's** comments will be utilized.

Dir. Ostrowski replied that everything will be submitted to the State for review of comments which determines how funds will be distributed.

Ald. Suomi commended Dir. Ostrowski for his research and asked that student population be left out next time. She asked if this grant can be submitted every two years.

Dir. Ostrowski replied that submission can be done every year.

Ald. Suomi asked if the public will be informed about how the CDBG process works.

Mayor Halverson said there are specific public awareness requirements that are part of the CDBG process. He said the City will go above and beyond the awareness requirements and will advertise through the Stevens Point Journal and Portage County Gazette. He added that awareness will be made via alderpersons to those LMI individuals in their wards.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

17. Minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of January 9, 2012.

Ald. Molski **moved**, seconded by Ald. Brooks, to approve the minutes and actions taken at the Personnel Committee meeting of January 9, 2012 with the exception of agenda item #4 pulled for further consideration per Ald. Beveridge's request.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item #4: Ald. Suomi **moved**, seconded by Ald. Slowinski, to **deny** the modification of the crossing guards pay rate to \$8.00 per crossing.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None.

18. Minutes of the Special Joint Personnel / Finance Committee meeting of January 3, 2012.

Ald. Brooks **moved**, seconded by Ald. Moore, to approve the minutes of the Special Joint Personnel / Finance Committee meeting of January 3, 2012.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

19. Actions taken at the Special Joint Personnel / Finance Committee meeting of January 16, 2012.

C/T Schlice read the actions taken at the Special Joint Personnel / Finance Committee meeting of January 16, 2012.

The Finance Committee and Personnel Committee both approved the elevation of the City Attorney to full time status and to authorize the full pay to the City Attorney of Grade N, Step 10 and to appoint the Mayor as the responsible elected official to insure the City Attorney is performing as the position has been approved.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot St., suggested the position be reviewed further before increasing it to full-time as the City recently hired a full-time paralegal.

Reid Rocheleau, 408 Cedar St., Whiting Ave., felt Stevens Point is not getting the proper legal representation from the City Attorney.

Ald. Slowinski said he was not comfortable with this process thus far because of budget constraints. He questioned why, after knowing for years that a full time attorney is needed, does it have to be approved this quickly. He said the City is only in the 16th day of the new budget and is already dipping into almost 50% of the contingency fund. He felt this is reckless.

Mayor Halverson said he **understood Ald. Slowinski's concerns**. He said the City Paralegal is overworked and feels the ability of the City Attorney to do his job is almost impossible given his current workload and hours. He said his conversation with other consulting agencies also showed our City requires a full time attorney.

Ald. Wiza agrees **the City needs a full-time attorney, but stands by Ald. Slowinski's concerns** and questioned what has changed in the past few months to rush this issue.

Mayor Halverson replied it was **because of the City Attorney's willingness to work full-time**, which was not present previously.

Ald. Wiza questioned if this process is legal.

Mayor Halverson replied yes.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted the pay plan went into effect in 2008 and asked when the C/T, Clerk, and Attorney moved to the Management pay plan.

Mayor Halverson said they were placed on the Management pay plan as of that date, and they were then placed into that grade when they were elected and progressed during that term based on the same movements that went to all the other non-represented staff members.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, seconded by Ald. Brooks, to approve the actions taken at the Special Joint Personnel/Finance Committee meeting of Jan. 16, 2012.

Roll Call: Ayes: **Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.**
Nays: None. Motion carried.

20. Authorization to transfer funds from the Contingency Account to Wage and Salary Accounts.

Ald. Molski asked if the entire amount would need to be transferred if the City Attorney was going to be used for personnel negotiations rather than the labor attorney.

Mayor Halverson responded it would be up to the Common Council. He said he would like to see the additional \$10,000 maintained for any consulting the City Attorney may have to use.

Ald. R. Stroik asked if, by motion, \$10,000 could be removed from the outside services account.

Mayor Halverson replied no, that the action would be \$10,000 less from what the Council would **authorize from the contingency fund into the City Attorney's account**.

Ald. Molski asked if there was another line item in the budget for outside counsel other than in Personnel.

C/T Schlice said the amount was \$500.00

Ald. Beveridge asked if in the event the contingency fund is exhausted, if at that time Council could transfer money from the Personnel line item to the contingency fund.

Mayor Halverson replied yes.

C/T Schlice recommended based on prior action from this evening that Council members change the Crossing Guard fund to \$16,400 and authorize him to make the appropriate split on the amount as he did not have the information with him at this time. This information would appear next month with the Council agenda and attachments.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, seconded by Ald. Suomi, to authorize to transfer funds from the contingency account to wage accounts and salary accounts in the amount of \$16,400 for the Crossing Guard Program with details to be laid out by the C/T prior to next month and the amount of \$53,124.21 from contingency to the City Attorney's budget.

Ald. Slowinski again stated he was uncomfortable with the transfer, but agrees the City does need a full-time Attorney and the Crossing Guards should be treated like the rest of the City's employees where no one has taken any type of reduction. He said he will support the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.
Nays: Ald. Trzebiatowski. Motion carried.

21. Minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of January 9, 2012.

Ald. R. Stroik **moved**, seconded by Ald. Moore, to approve the minutes and actions taken at the Public Protection Committee meeting of January 9, 2012.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

22. Minutes of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of December 19, 2011.

Ald. O'Meara **moved**, seconded by Ald. Trzebiatowski, to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Public Works meeting of December 19, 2011.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

23. Minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of January 9, 2012.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, seconded by Ald. Slowinski, to approve the minutes and actions taken at the Board of Water & Sewage Commissioners meeting of January 9, 2012 with item 3D pulled for further discussion.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Beveridge, Suomi, O'Meara, Wiza, M. Stroik, Slowinski, Trzebiatowski, Molski, R. Stroik, Brooks, Moore.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ald. Wiza said the billing for the quarters had doubled in usage at Saint Peter's Middle School as compared to other quarters due to manganese possibly gumming up the auto flush toilets. He said the policy at the Water Dept. regarding abnormally high usage is to notify the property owner, but no notification was sent. He wanted to commend Dir. Halverson for putting the issue on the agenda, despite the fact that the request had been denied.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that an adjustment of \$300.00 for Saint Peter's Middle school which would reduce the bill to \$1,064.00 and an adjustment of \$200.00 for Saint Peter's Rectory reducing the bill to \$703.00.

Gary Kuplick, Stevens Point Water Dept., said there was some type of sediment scale built up in the pipes, not manganese, and they were not sure where it came from.

Ald. Trzebiatowski said in past similar situations, sewage rates were reduced, and asked if it was reduced in this case.

Mr. Kuplick said no.

Dir. Lemke added that the water was treated, consumed and went through the meters and down the sewer. He said the high/low report would have caught the high consumption difference and it would have been investigated.

Ald. Wiza said one of the billing cycles ended September 30, 2011. Employees checked if any notification was issued and didn't find anything. He also pointed out in the adjustment policy that a customer may be granted no more than one leak adjustment in a 24 month period and that it was up to Saint Peter's to find a solution to the high usage.

Ald. O'Meara concurred with Ald. Wiza and suggested the City assist Saint Peter's to find a solution.

Ald. R. Stroik cautioned setting precedence as the Board of Water and Sewer are the experts in this area.

Ald. Trzebiatowski referenced a prior manganese problem in which the Water Dept. responded and took care of the problem. He felt this incident was likely caused by the City and the school should get some type of compensation.

Mayor Halverson felt this was a reasonable compromise.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ald. Moore, Brooks, R. Stroik, Molski, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, M. Stroik, Wiza, O'Meara, Suomi, Beveridge.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

24. Minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of January 10, 2012.

Ald. Moore **moved**, seconded by Ald. M. Stroik, to approve the minutes and actions taken at the Police and Fire Commission meeting of January 10, 2012.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

25. Mayoral Appointment: Police and Fire Commission Ald. Liaison - Ald. Mike Wiza - 717 Franklin Street.

Ald. Moore **moved**, seconded by Ald. Brooks, to approve the Mayoral Appointment of Ald. Mike Wiza as the Police and Fire Commission Alderman Liaison.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

26. Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Ald. Moore **moved**, seconded by Ald. Brooks, to approve the Statutory Monthly Financial Report of the Comptroller-Treasurer.

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

27. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.