

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT GREENFIELD CITY HALL, COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 100, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.

1. Ald. Lubotsky called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

Meeting called to order

Roll Call: Ald. Pam Akers Excused
 Ald. Bruce Bailey Present
 Mr. Richard Kasza Present
 Ald. Linda Lubotsky Present
 Mr. Richard Mrochinski Present
 Atty Brian Sajdak Excused

Also Present: Mr. Jeff Katz, Director of Neighborhood Services
 Mr. Bryan Haas, Project Engineer
 Mr. Craig Skala, Sr GIS Technician

2. Approval of the October 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the 10/23/18 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Kasza to approve the October 23, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously

3. Citizen Commentary

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NONE

4. Public Hearing for the proposed improvements to West Morgan Avenue from South 43rd Street to West Forest Home Avenue, and the levying of special assessments under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, upon property for municipal purposes. (Engineering).

Public Hearing for Proposed Improvements to West Morgan Avenue and Levying Special Assessments

Mr. Katz summarized the Morgan Avenue project and read the Statement of Benefit.

Steve Maxwell of 4907 W Vollmer Avenue addressed the Board. Mr. Maxwell stated concerns with a low point in the roadway near his home as well as the sidewalk and the inconvenience of shoveling when the sidewalk will be behind his house.

Mr. Maxwell also commented on the removal of the old oak tree and that the city should reconsider their options concerning the centuries old tree.

Timothy Case of 4701 W Morgan Avenue stated that while he feels the road is in need of repair, he is against the widening of the road. He purchased his property because of the rural feel and would prefer to have just curb and gutter at the current street width.

Craig Skala of Engineering stated that he did speak with Sandra Martin of 4915 W Vollmer Avenue concerning the sidewalk on West Morgan Avenue and shoveling. Ms. Martin inquired as to whether the owners would have to shovel or if the city would consider it. She is otherwise in favor of the project.

It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky, seconded by Mr. Kasza to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Katz explained that the sidewalks are required in this project because of the Federal funding that the city will receive to complete the project. The city also has an ordinance that arterial streets like West Morgan Avenue will have sidewalks

installed when they are reconstructed. Another reason in support of sidewalks on both sides is due to the proximity of the grade school.

5. Discussion and decision to adopt a final resolution, to levy special assessments, for the reconstruction of West Morgan Avenue from South 43rd Street to West Forest Home Avenue. (Engineering).

Mr. Katz noted that this item is the final resolution to levy special assessments for the Morgan Avenue project. Multiple Public Involvement Meetings were held and the public was generally supportive of this project. The assessment process will be conducted according to state statutes and city ordinances. The amount of the assessment will not exceed the city's share of project costs. Funds for this project were approved in the Capital Improvement Project budget with the estimated project cost at \$3,405,579 which includes Federal and city funds. The recommendation is to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Kasza to approve the resolution to levy special assessments, for the reconstruction of West Morgan Avenue from South 43rd Street to West Forest Home Avenue. Motion carried unanimously

**Adopt Final Resolution to Levy Special Assessment for the Reconstruction of West Morgan Avenue
COMMON COUNCIL**

6. Discussion and decision to paint a crosswalk and construct a curb ramp on West Cold Spring Road at South 81st Street. (Ald. Bailey).

Ald. Bailey stated that a resident had contacted him regarding this issue. Unfortunately the resident is not present.

Next Agenda

**Paint a Crosswalk and Construct a Curb Ramp on West Cold Spring Road at South 81st Street
NEXT AGENDA**

7. Discussion and decision to install warning lights on South 92nd Street at the Fire Station 2 driveway. (Ald. Bailey).

Ald. Bailey noted that this was also a request of the same resident.

Next Agenda

**Install Warning Lights on South 92nd Street at Fire Station 2
NEXT AGENDA**

8. Discussion and decision to install a traffic signal at South 84th Street and West Cold Spring Road. (Engineering).

Mr. Katz stated that a traffic study was done for a few intersections where the city knew there is a potential need for a traffic signal: South 43rd Street at West Cold Spring Road, South 84th Street at West Cold Spring Road, South 92nd Street at West Cold Spring Road and South 51st Street at West Layton Avenue.

The results of the traffic study at South 84th Street showed the intersection has seen a reduction in crashes since the far side stop signs were implemented along with the addition of the LED flashing signs.

The study showed the intersection is currently operating unacceptably during the week day evening peak. It has become more of a problem since the 84 South development. If this intersection was signalized, all movement would operate efficiently for all periods.

Mr. Katz said it is recommended to signalize the intersection at a cost of \$275,000. This project is not currently in the budget but could be added to the 2019 budget if the Board approves this item.

**Install Traffic Signal at South 84th Street and West Cold Spring Road
COMMON COUNCIL**

Ald. Bailey stated he would like to see a Public Information Meeting for the residents in the area before the signal is put into place. Mr. Katz advised that in order for the item to be placed in the budget it would need to be approved soon. The Public Information Meeting could be held at a later time and if there is resistance the funds could then be used elsewhere.

It was moved by Ald. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Kasza to approve the installation of a traffic signal at South 84th Street and West Cold Spring Road. Motion carried unanimously

9. Discussion and decision to adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code by rescinding Ordinance Number 2773. A parking zone reserved for persons with disabilities will be removed in front of 4641 South 47th Street. (Engineering).

**Adopt Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance 2773 for Disabled Parking Zone at 4641 South 47th Street
COMMON COUNCIL**

Mr. Katz stated that he received a request from the owner of the property to have a parking zone reserved for persons with disability removed in front of 4641 South 47th Street. It is a rental home and the new tenant does not need the designated parking zone.

It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky, seconded by Ald. Bailey to adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code by rescinding Ordinance Number 2773. A parking zone reserved for persons with disabilities will be removed in front of 4641 South 47th Street. Motion carried unanimously

10. Director of Neighborhood Services Report

No report

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11. Superintendent of Public Works Report

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Mr. Katz read a report for Public Works stating that workers have been working on forestry pruning and removals. Over 100 trees have been removed primarily because of EAB with extensive removals at Konkel Park and Creekwood Park due to invasive species of buckthorn and boxelder.

Public Works will be providing additional training to the staff in certain areas of safety and electrical issues along with working closely with police and fire. When there are street light knockdowns during the night, the crew needs to be called in for repairs which can sometimes be a dangerous situation.

Additional way finding signs have been put up. About a year ago 15 signs were erected and we added about another 15 this year. Not only is it to give people directions it also provides a little identity for the city because it has the city logo on it.

Public Works has been assisting IT at the fire department on some inside remodeling type projects. Crews have also done some painting at the community center, the library and in the community room. Plans are currently being developed for improvements this summer at the DPW yard and the Drop Off Center.

There is an Arborist conference that some of the people that do forestry will be attending in Green Bay in February. Jeff Katz and John Laskoski are going to Stevens Point to participate in a discussion for an apprenticeship program. There is a push in the state to create an apprentice program for public works workers.

John would also like to acknowledge the dedicated staff that he has at DPW and the contributions they make every single day.

Ald. Lubotsky thanked the staff for the amazing job they did plowing during the last snow event.

12. Engineering Report

Engineering Report

Mr. Haas gave a brief update on projects that are planned for this upcoming year. The three major local projects that the city will fund are currently out to bid and will be opened on January 31st. The projects include a resurfacing project on South 43rd Street from West Grange Avenue to West Ramsey Avenue, South 116th Street from West Cold Spring Road to West Layton Avenue which is also a resurfacing project, and then a sidewalk project around Elm Dale School on South Honey Creek Drive and West Grange Avenue.

A carryover project from last year is the Midland Neighborhood. A top layer of asphalt will be installed this year and landscape restoration will be touched up. We don't yet have the schedule for when that work will begin.

Milwaukee County plans on resurfacing South 92nd Street from West Howard Avenue to West Forest Home Avenue. There is no schedule for that construction start date yet.

Utility relocations are ongoing right now on West Morgan Avenue. If the residents have any issues with the work that is going on, feel free to contact the Engineering Department and we will contact the utility companies.

There are several Wisconsin DOT projects planned for this upcoming year within the city. They include the South 92nd Street and West Forest Home Avenue intersection, where traffic signals will be installed and some improved pedestrian crossings. West Loomis Road is planned to be resurfaced throughout the entire city. There are several bridge rehab projects on Interstate 894 including West Beloit Road, West Forest Home Avenue and South 76th Street. Lastly DOT plans on installing noise barriers in three locations close to the Hale Interchange.

The Howard Avenue Sidewalk Project that was completed last year will have the landscape restoration looked at in spring but we don't expect much work needed.

13. Other topics for future agendas

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14. Adjournment

Meeting Adjournment

It was moved by Ald. Lubotsky, seconded by Ald. Bailey to adjourn the Board of Public Works meeting at 7:39 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Young
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Department of Neighborhood Services

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