

Board of Public Works Minutes 1-27-2021

Attending in person: Mayor Derek Woellner, Mick Rick, Mark Weix, Dave Johnson, Darin Pagel, Dustin Bonack, Tom Hayden, MP3.

Virtual: John Van Lieshout, Steve Sabatke, Steve Hass

Vouchers: Rick/Van Lieshout approve.

Alderman Sabatke had some questions on the vouchers:

p.13 What are the traffic control repairs? Dustin Bonack said it was a traffic accident and there was an insurance claim filed.

p.21 What is the flap gate? Rod Akey said that they installed a new flap gate and an extension of the culvert. Flap gates let water flow only one way. The Riverbend trail will reimburse.

Alderman Mike Rick had questions on the vouchers also:

p. 22 Marathon County Solid Waste? Dustin Bonack explained that we took our garbage to Marathon County.

Question regarding 2 loads of salt? Dustin said they had to replenish.

Motion carried, none opposed.

Lukas Tallier appeal:

Mr. Tallier has appealed. Alderman Sabatke sees nothing to contradict our charges. The assessment stands.

Automated side loader proposals:

Dustin Bonack – Other committees are not impressed with the Loadmaster or Bridgeport. They are going with New Way. City staff recommends New Way. New Way comes highly recommended by other cities. That's not the case of Loadmaster and Bridgeport. Recommends autogreaser that cuts down on greasing time. Recommends keeping truck 3, trading in trucks 1 and 2.

Dustin said that we will be well under the budget. Fall to December 2021 is the expected delivery date. Truck manufacturers are behind, Covid has slowed production.

Mike Rick suggested starting the automatic garbage in April 2022 so that they don't have to have a "winter start". Dustin said that would be possible.

VanLeishout/Sabatke – Forward New Way/Sidewinder truck bid to Common Council, with a recommendation to purchase. Carried unanimously.

Update on automated garbage and recycling program

We will hold off on ordering carts right now, recycling grant is in progress.

Number of stops is being counted and business are still being contacted.

Martin Street Lighting

City recommends asking WPS to install 2 more lights per Dustin's report.

Rick/Woellner - install the lights per recommendation, carried.

Alderman Sabatke asked who will benefit from the lights. Dustin said the street and the City benefits. Darin said that it is a very dark stretch of street, plus it's narrow. It needs lighting.

Alderman Rick recommended that we get details from WPS and take lights to Common Council. Mayor Woellner is in favor of more lights.

District 4 Properties

District 3 has no gaps.

Regarding District 4 –

6th and East – pursue

Harrison & Genesee – survey gap

We will bring the properties back to the next meeting after determining costs and if there is interest by adjoining property owners. The assessor will determine values.

6:04 Mayor opens hearing on all 3 items. Woellner/Sabatke, carried unanimously.

No one in Chamber or appearing virtually at the hearing. Rod A. explains this was proposed 2 years ago.

Steve Hass says he has heard nothing on these matters and believes everyone is accepting of the project.

Close hearing at 6:06 pm. Rick/Woellner, carried, none opposed.

Motion to approve Special Assessments and forward to Common Council: Woellner/Van Lieshout carried and recommended to council.

2021 Exterior Maintenance – Darin stated that this is on for informational purposes.

Recommend merging of BPW and W&S Committees. Rick/Sabatke motion to merge the 2 committees. Carried unanimously.

Mayor wants to vote on a new standing committee, and the number of aldermen on committees.

Monthly reports:

Darin Pagel – report in meeting packet. 410 prospect demo done.

Rod Akey – Report in meeting packet.

Reports on Special assessment bids due 2/11, to be approved at March Common Council.

Working on extension of Superior Street to W. St. Paul.

Riverside Ave. parcels – heard that all owners are in agreement on price, etc. Final CSM will be forwarded.

District 7 will be focused on next, per request from Alderman Weix.

Dustin Bonack – report in meeting packet.

We've plowed only 7 times so we're catching up on tree work.

All trees have been picked up.

Ron had 18 sidewalk notices, 5 just received. Number of overall violations are down.

Preparing for summer projects, including sealcoating.

Mark Weix asks if there is a plan for removing diseased ash trees? Dan does the inspecting, City crew takes down trees.

Ron Liberty – report in meeting packet. Excused due to School Board meeting.

File reports – Motion Rick/Van Lieshout, carried.

Next meeting 2/24 at 5:30 pm.

No public comment. Motion to adjourn Van Lieshout/Rick, carried. 6:25pm