

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY
OF CUDAHY, WI TO BE HELD AT THE CUDAHY MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON
Monday, October 31, 2016 @ 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Litkowiec at 5:31 p.m. with the following answering "present" to roll call: Mr. Lohr, Mr. Clark, Ald Hollenbeck & Mr. Magestro

Note: There was a quorum of the Common Council as Ald. Persons; Justin Moralez, Michelle St. Marie-Beolkow and Mike Johnson were also present.

Also Present: DPW Director Mary Jo Lange & DPW Superintendent Scott Rewolinski. There Proper open meeting statement was made at this time.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by Lohr seconded by Clark to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Overview & Discussion regarding the 2017 Recycling fund budget.

Director Lange went over the recycling fund and projections for 2017. The fund is operating in a negative and surplus that should be used for equipment replacements and recycling carts, will be used to offset the loss in the fund for 2016 & 2017. Lange stated that the fund not only pays for the collection of recyclables but pays for a large portion of the leaf pick-up and operations of the Drop-Off site. This past spring it went to fund replacement carts for half the city and the additional labor cost necessary for the cart change out. In the past it went to pay for the cost of the Spring curb-side pick-up. Lange also stated that the Recycling fee has not been increased in 12 years and that the Drop-Off, although limited, is currently free to property owners. The Board discussed the impacts of allowing more tickets to property owners and the impact of bringing back spring clean-up for 2017. Lange stated that the City is currently operating the Drop-Off site at a loss. In addition adding Spring curbside pick-up would require an immediate need to raise the recycling fee. Much discussion took place and the Board re-interacted that they approved eliminating the Drop-Off fee because they eliminated spring curbside pick-up. They also stated that they set a limit at the Drop-Off because the Drop-Off Site is not intended to subsidize property owner's remodeling projects or business enterprises. It was established for extra garbage after the City went to cart collection. Member Lohr asked the Board if they would consider issuing more yard waste tickets but most of the members thought that the current ticket allocation was reasonable. **Member Lohr then made a motion to keep the current operations and number of tickets for 2017 the same at the Drop-Off Site and revisit in 2017 the necessary fee increase. Magestro seconded the motion & all voted in favor.**

2. **Discussion regarding the Council's action to reconsider the Board of Public Works recommendation to permanently discontinue a curb-side spring rubbish pick-up.**

Director Lange informed the Board that last year when the Board recommended that Spring Clean-up be discontinued the Council requested that it be reviewed after one year. The Board discussed that with the implementation of the "free" drop-off tickets that they did not receive a lot of complaints. They also discussed the amount of labor it takes to do spring clean-up verses all the other DPW priorities such as fixing roads, tree removal and other infrastructure repairs. They also discussed how many issues the City had with unwanted electronics and the look of the City during the collection of spring clean-up. Given these issues along with the fact that the Recycling fund is operating in the negative the Board did not feel Spring curb-side pick-up should be brought back. Alderman Hollenbeck commented that constituents believe they are losing a service, but they are not, it's just change from curbside pick-up once a year to free drop-off at the Drop-Off center throughout the summer. **Motion made by Magestro seconded by Lohr to recommend the permanent elimination of the annual spring curbside pick-up. All voted in favor.**

3. **Overview & Discussion regarding the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Fund budget.**

Director Lange stated that as part of the budget process she prepares the budgets for those funds that are non-tax funds. Because non-tax funds are rate based she also reviews whether an increase in the rate is necessary. For 2017 she is recommending a small rate increase in the Sanitary flow & fixed rate to offset operational and capital costs. **Motion Made by Lohr seconded by Clark to accept the sanitary sewer budget and necessary rate increase. All voted in favor.**

4. **Overview & Discussion regarding the 2017 Storm Water Utility budget.**

Director Lange gave a short summary of the storm water budget and stated and increase is not necessary in 2017. **Motion made by Lohr seconded by Hollenbeck to accept the storm water budget.**

5. **Update on the Packard Avenue Sewer & Water Project.** No action necessary

Motion made by Lohr seconded by Magestro to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.