

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, June 22, 2015 @ 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order by Ald Litkowiec at 5:34p.m. with the following answering “present” to roll call: Ald Hollenbeck, Mr. Lohr & Mr. Magestro. Mr. Clark was present at 5:45 p.m. after the meeting was started.

Also Present: DPW Director Mary Jo Lange, Finance Director, Bruce Schuknecht, Ald. Bartoshevich and DPW Superintendent Scott Rewolinski.

Proper open meeting statement was made at this time.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion made by Lohr seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2015 meeting. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion & action regarding property owner appeals for charges relating to the disposal of e-waste during the collection of Spring Clean-up. Only appeals for the following properties can be heard as they have been received and noticed: 3952 E. Van Norman, 3939A E. Barnard, 6124 E. Barland Ave, 3646 E. Morris.** (Property owner from 3200 Mallory appeared but Director Lange stated that they missed including them on the Agenda, and therefore would put them on the next agenda.) Included in the Board packets were letters from the above property owners appealing the \$150.00 charge for the e-waste item. The Board questioned how the \$150.00 charge was determined. Director Lange stated that the \$150.00 was established as the minimum charge for an “abatement”. This value included the cost of the DPW crew, equipment, disposal, and administration. It is the fee established by the building inspection department for a 15 minute or less abatement. The removal of e-waste or any hazardous material is considered an abatement. Information on Spring Clean-up and what not to put out was included in the Recycling newsletter and again in the Spring newsletter in April. The Board reviewed each appeal separately and made the motions as follows:
 - 3952 E. Van Norman – Motion made by Magestro, seconded by Lohr to forgive the charge because the owner claims the TV was placed on his parkway by someone else, all voted in favor.
 - 3939A E. Barnard – Motion made by Magestro, seconded by Hollenbeck to have the charge remain because the letter to the Board stated that the renter put the e-waste at the curb because they were unaware that they could not put e-waste out. Magestro, Lohr & Hollenbeck voted to have charge remain, Clark voted to forgive. Motion carried to have charge remain.
 - 6124 E. Barland – Motion made by Hollenbeck seconded by Magestro to forgive the charge because the owner claims the TV was placed on his parkway by his neighbor, all voted in favor to forgive charge
 - 3646 E. Morris – Motion made by Lohr, seconded by Clark to forgive the charge because the owner claims they did not put anything out during spring clean-up, all voted in favor to forgive charge.

2. **Discussion & action regarding the future of Spring Clean-up including 2015 costs/issues and options available to residents other than curb side collection.**

Director Lange outlined a number of issues that result from curbside collection of waste during the spring pick-up. Many of the issues have gotten worse as people from outside the area use it as a dumping ground to get rid of their unwanted waste. In addition it attracts scavengers and the City looks like it suffered from some catastrophic event. Even though the Department has tried to put out several pieces of information regarding spring pick-up nearly 60% of the residents don't comply with the rules. When we tag it and don't pick it up they take it out on the office staff. The Department has also received a lot of complaints regarding the fact that we do the pick-up during the time when there are graduations, mother's day, prom, ect. Lastly the curbside pick-up is very expensive and with the potential of losing more state grant funding, the City will not be able to fund the program. The Board agreed that curbside pick-up would have to be discontinued but felt there should be another lower cost option available to the residents. The Board discussed many options and it was decided that the City would provide 2 passes per recycling cart to property owners who paid recycling fees. The passes could be used to drop off material at the Drop-Off site at any time in that given year. The maximum amount per pass would be equivalent to a pick-up truck load. Passes would have to be picked up at City Hall so that the Public Works Department could verify that they were paying recycling fees. Lohr made a motion to discontinue curbside Spring pick-up beginning in 2016 and provide 2 passes/resident.(1 pass = 1 pick-up truck capacity) to property owners who paid a recycling fee. Motion included that tickets shall be purchased at City Hall and City will not replace lost or stolen tickets. Hollenbeck seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. **Discussion & action regarding E-waste collection.** Director Lange stated that they have run out of "free" options for the collection of e-waste however, the Department has found a vendor that will pick-up the City's e-waste a couple times a year but charges \$20 for monitor or TV. The vendor handles all the transactions so there is no money handling between the City and the Vendor. Director Lange asked if the Board wanted to continue to collect e-waste under this new system and have the resident pay the Vendor directly. The other option would be to discontinue any collection of e-waste. Motion made by Clark, seconded by Magestro to continue to pick-up e-waste and have the Vendor collect any charges directly from the resident. All voted in favor.

4. **Discussion & action regarding an alley ordinance requiring the reconstruction of alleys deemed necessary by the Director of Public Works to be candidates for reconstruction. Ordinance includes the ability for the Board of Public Works to vacate an alley.**

Director Lange stated that residents are demanding that their alleys be repaired but are unwilling to pay special assessments to have them repaired/replaced. Lange stated that the City is spending money wastefully by trying to patch the alleys that need to be reconstructed. Unlike a road – alleys are a direct benefit to those living on the alley. Director Lange recommended that an ordinance be written that would allow the City to vacate an alley if in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, the alley should be reconstructed and the property owners try to delay or refuse to have the alley reconstructed because they are unwilling to pay the cost of reconstruction. Motion made by Hollenbeck seconded by Lohr to develop such an ordinance and forward it to Rules, Laws & Licenses. All voted in favor.

5. **Discussion & action regarding alleys to begin vacation or reconstruction process.**
Director Lange gave a list of alleys and a stub street to the Board and requested permission to begin the vacation process. Vacation requires a public hearing. These alleys and the stub street serve little function and are not fully improved and the City is required to maintain them. Motion made by Lohr, seconded by Clark to begin the process. All voted in favor.
6. Project Updates **No Action Necessary**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.