

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF
CUDAHY, WI HELD AT THE CUDAHY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE
DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON
Monday, February 18, 2013 @ 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order by Ald Mikolajczak at 5:30 P.M. with the following answering “present” to roll call: Ald Mikolajczak, Ald Bartoshevich, Mike Clark. & Jack Puetz. Willie Lohr was absent & excused.

Also Present: DPW Director Mary Jo Lange, DPW Superintendent Luke Stern & Attorney Paul Eberhardy.

Proper open meeting statement was made at this time.

Motion made by Puetz, seconded by Clark to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2013 Meeting. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion & Recommendation regarding Ordinance # 2383, an ordinance amending Cudahy Municipal Code Subsection 8.07(5) to establish administrative appeal process for snow removal.** City Attorney Eberhardy explained the purpose of the revised Ordinance. The ordinance defines the process to which a property owner can appeal invoices for snow removal. In short they will make their appeal to the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public Works will make a decision and that decision will be forwarded to the Common Council as do all decisions made by Committees and Boards. The Council acts on the decision either by approving or disproving the decision, minutes or claim. Clark made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2383, seconded by Puetz.

NEW BUSINESS

Note: Item # 5 was taken out of order and taken before any item under “New Business” so that Attorney Eberhardy could update the Board on the Ramsey Rail Road crossing before he left. Attorney Eberhardy was not present for New Business Items 1 through 4.

- 1. Discussion & Recommendation to make an amendment to the Waste Management Contract to extend until December 2013.** Lange told the Board that currently the City does not have a contract with any vendor to remove and dispose of the City’s garbage at the transfer station. The City had a long standing contract with Waste Management to haul & dispose of garbage collected by the City’s garbage collection operations and that generated at the Drop Off Site. That contract terminated at the end of 2011 and the City

has been on a month to month with Waste Management with a verbal agreement that followed the old contract. The City was unable to bid out a new long term contract because several options regarding necessary capital improvements, ect. needed to be looked and evaluated by the Board. This takes a lot of staff time to do, of which Lange told the Board was difficult given all the hiring that needed to be done in the Department. Lange stated that there was no increase last year. The one year contract is for a 5% increase to make up for last year & this year going forward. Todd Beckner from Waste Management was present for the meeting and explained the reasoning for the 5%. Ald. Mikolajczak & Ald. Bartoshevich stated to negotiate the contract with Mr. Beckner and asked for him to go back and try to get 3%. Mr. Beckner stated that the contracts are based on the CPI and that his bosses would probably not consider that. Lange reminded the Board that currently the City does not have a contract. Puetz made a motion to approve and Clark seconded it. A vote was taken and Puetz & Clark voted in favor and Ald. Mikolajczak & Ald. Bartoshevich voted no. Motion did not carry.

2. **Discussion & Recommendation regarding changes to the scheduling of Spring Clean-up.** Lange stated that the Department would like to make a change to the way we do Spring Clean-up. Currently the City is divided into 5 districts and each district is picked up each week. What happens is that people do not know what district they are in and the City has to continually go back to pick up in other districts. In addition, the City last year got a district done in about 2 days and again people continued to put out stuff for the full week so they covered the district twice. Spring clean-up is very costly and ties up most of our equipment and crew for 5 weeks. The Department would like to consolidate Spring Clean-up into a two week period and do half the City (area north of Grange) the first week of May and the second week of May do the area south of Grange including Grange. This would allow the Department to be more efficient and minimize the confusion for property owners. It would also reduce the # of weeks the crew are unable to do other work in the Department. Motion made by Clark seconded by Ald. Bartoshevich to consolidate Spring Clean-up into a two week period and do half the City (area north of Grange) the first week of May and the second week of May do the area south of Grange including Grange. In addition, Lange should bring back a report after this year's Spring clean-up to summarize how it worked. All voted in favor.
3. **Discussion & Recommendation to change Winter Drop-Off Site days of Operation to only Saturday from December 1 to April 1st.** Lange stated that the Department is always evaluating the cost of its operations and to come up with ways to save money. During the months of December through March the Drop Off Site has roughly 1 to 2 visitors on Tuesday's & Thursdays for an average revenue of \$10.00 per day. It costs the Department \$130.00 per day to have someone man the Drop-Off Site. Therefore the Department is requesting that the Drop-Off Site days of Operation be modified as follows: Summer hours April 1st to Sept 30 remain the same (Tues, Thurs. 11:30 to 7:00, Sat. 8:30 to 3:30). Fall Hrs (Tues & Thurs, 11:30 to 4:30, Sat. 8:30 to 3:30), Winter Hrs (Sat. 8:30 to 3:30) Mike Clark Make a motion to approve the changes in the days and hours of operation, seconded by Puetz. Puetz, Clark, Ald. Mikolajczak voted yes, Ald. Bartoshevich voted no.

4. **Discussion regarding a 4-10 hour day work schedule for DPW between April 15th & October 15.** This item was for discussion only & no action taken however the Board thought the crew would be very favorable to it and it would save the Department time and money.
5. **Status of Ramsey Railroad crossing.** No action taken. Attorney Eberhardy gave a status report to the Board. The hearing has been postponed as the Union Pacific has agreed to repair the tracks by the end of June 2013.

Motion by Bartoshevich seconded by Puetz to adjourn. All voted in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Joe Mikolajczak/s/
Chairman, Board of Public Works