

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, July 29, 2013 @ 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order by Ald Litkowiec at 5:31 P.M. with the following answering “present” to roll call: Ald Hollenbeck, Mr. Clark, Mr. Lohr & Mr. Loferski.

Also Present: DPW Director Mary Jo Lange, DPW Superintendent Luke Stern, & Finance Director Bruce Schuknecht

Proper open meeting statement was made at this time.

Motion made by Clark, seconded by Lohr to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2013 Meeting. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion & action regarding request of property owner of 5676 S. Merrill Ave to have City install a storm lateral & inlet at the property line to accommodate backyard drainage from the neighborhood using storm water funds.

The property owner at 5676 S. Merrill Ave had requested that the Board of Public Works approve funds to install a storm lateral to his side property line to accommodate the drainage that discharges between his garage and his neighbors. In his request he stated that his properties is the discharge point for several properties upstream and he has a constant battle trying to keep the sidewalk free of ice during the winter. He was in attendance. Lange stated that the Engineering Department went to the site and a similar situation occurs between two properties (2915 Wanda/2916 Belsar) however the City installed a pipe right under the curb that discharges and causes slime and ice in the street. At both these locations the drainage comes from a large number of properties upstream of these locations. Lange stated that they are on the receiving end of the neighborhood drainage and it appears to be very problematic. Lange stated that the Department is no longer installing curb openings in the curb as this has just moved the problem from the sidewalk to the street. The only way to accommodate these discharges is to install a storm lateral to the property line. The Board’s past policy has been that if the drainage problem is caused by the neighborhood and the installation of a storm lateral is feasible that the Board will approve storm water funds for the installation of the lateral. If approved the staff will be directed to hire a contractor to install a storm sewer and/or lateral to the property line. It will be up to the property owner to extend the pipe within the private property. Lange gave a cost estimate of about \$30,000 to do the work to accommodate the drainage issue at 5776 S. Merrill and at 2915 Wanda/2916 Belsar

which includes the extension of storm sewer. Member Lohr made a motion to approve the installation of storm improvements at 5767 Merrill and 2915 Wanda/2916 Belsar using storm water funds. Motion seconded by member Hollenbeck. All voted in favor.

2. **Discussion & action regarding an appeal for charges for snow & ice removal at 3643 E. Edgerton Ave.** The property owner at 3643 E. Edgerton is making an appeal for charges resulting from a March snow event where the Department of Public Works was required to remove snow/ice from the sidewalks in front of the property. The property owner was present at the meeting. Lange stated that the appeal was sent in March but was not acted on because it was sitting in a folder addressed to the previous Chairman of the Board of Public Works. The property owner contends that she shovels the sidewalk anytime it snows and the picture that she was given by the Department did not validate that it was her sidewalk. Lange agreed that the picture was poor but that the individual who called gave her address and the 2 DPW employees who took the picture and shoveled did not cross out and write a new address - which is typically the case if the address is wrong. Much discussion followed and Clark made a motion to deny the reimbursement request seconded by Lohr on the basis that the person making the complaint and the DPW workers who shoveled had the right address namely 3643 E. Edgerton. Role call vote was taken and it was Loferski voting No and all the other members voted yes. Motion to deny reimbursement appeal approved.
3. **Discussion & action regarding the five-year sanitary sewer & storm sewer Capital plans.** Lange provided a draft 5-year Capital Plan for the Sanitary Sewer and the Storm Water Utility. Lange stated that the plan incorporates the replacement of sanitary sewer on the northeast side of the City that is in very poor shape and is nearing a 100 years old. Some of the streets in this area are on the Street replacement plan and the sewer work needs to be done before the work on the street is done. The majority of the Storm Water funds will be used to address the Grange relief storm sewer. Lange stated that the Capital Plan may have to be adjusted based on the amount that can be financed and how it affects the Utility rates. Member Lohr made a motion to approve the Draft 5-Year Sanitary and Storm Water Capital plan pending the completion of the 5-year finance study. Clark seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
4. **Discussion regarding capital improvements to transfer station, future equipment needs and garbage, recycling & transfer station options.** No action was taken. Lange presented a draft capital plan of necessary items the City would have to invest in over the next 5 years to collect garbage and operate its transfer station. The plan was presented as the cost/debt service will need to be factored into the cost of providing garbage collection and financing the drop off site.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:42 p.m.