

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY,
HELD AT THE CUDAHY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON
Monday, September 12, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order by Ald Mikolajczak at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering “present” to roll call: Ald Mikolajczak, Ald Bartoshevich, Willie Lohr, & Mike Clark. Jack Puetz was absent & excused,

Also Present: DPW Director Mary Jo Lange.

Proper open meeting statement was made at this time.

Motion made by Clark, seconded by Bartoshevich to approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2011 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Review and Discussion Regarding the Department of Public Works 2012 Budget.** Director Lange presented her proposed breakdown of hours and accounts for 2012 with the reduced revenues.. Lange explained that the City has a \$480,000 shortfall. Department heads agreed to share equally in the burden according to their percentage of the city budget. The Department of Public Works budget will need to reduce by \$108,000. The recycling grant was reduced an additional 40,000. 60% of the DPW budget is in enterprise funds (storm, recycling, etc). \$68,000.00 could be eliminated by reducing employees from 21 to 20. Director Lange explained that she has to continue contracting out the parking lots and the sidewalks due to lack of personnel. Eliminating the seasonal employees would save \$54,000.00. Mike Clark questioned why employees will not be paying the full 12% of their health insurance.
- 2. Discussion & Appropriate Action regarding implementation of new fees, limiting services, contracting out services and hiring of seasonal winter employees to meet budget constraints and minimum service levels.**
Suggestion made to increase garbage fee by \$10 on property tax bill to net \$60,000. By creating an enterprise fund for garbage, the fee would come back to offset the department deficit. Mr. Lohr stated we need to consider fees to protect necessary services like plowing. Mr. Clark stated if you cut your budget you will never get it back. Chairman Mikolajczak stated there is a need for a fee. Alderman Bartoshevich presented options used in other communities such as \$5 to dump each time in West Allis and \$2 per time in Oak Creek. He suggested we charge \$10 for spring cleanup. Director Lange presented a dumping fee proposal and a survey of other community fees. Discussion of various dumping fee schedules held. Director Lange requested backing from the Board for establishing and raising fees instead of cutting positions, seasonal staff or services. Chairman Mikolajczak, Clark, and Lohr expressed support.
- 3. Discussion and Appropriate Action relative to existing Department of Public Works Fee for 2012.**
Director Lange presented proposed fee schedule for DPW and Engineering Department. She will make adjustments per committee recommendations and bring it to next meeting. Mr. Lohr moved and Mr. Clark seconded to approve the 2012 fee schedule that must be brought to the Rules, Laws and Licensing Committee. Motion passed. Chairman Mikolajczak stated fees must be reviewed regularly.

4. **Discussion and Appropriate Action relative to implementing a dumping fee at the City's Transfer Station.**

Various fee schedules discussed with final fee to be established by Director Lange. Residents will purchase a punch card at City Hall and will have it punched at Transfer Site with each load dumped.

5. **Project Updates.**

Director Lange explained that paving and road resurfacing project is scheduled for September 13-20. The South Packard Avenue utility project will start on September 29 and continue until December. Work will resume in March, 2012. Streetscaping will start in June or July of 2012. Intersection by the Post Office will be a 2-way stop.

Notion to Alderman Bartoshevich, seconded by Lohr to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Joe Mikolajczak/s/

Chairman, Board of Public Works