

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Monday, December 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Oconto City Hall

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Reed.
2. Roll Call: Darrell Anderson, Jeff Krueger, Howard Schaden, Roger Reed
Absent: Howard Schaden
Also Present: Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth
3. **Approval of agenda was made with a motion from Anderson and second of Stamsta (4 Ayes)**
4. **Stamsta called for approval of the October 28, 2015 meeting minutes with an Anderson second. (4 Ayes)**

5. Public Input: None.

6. Correspondence: Recycling changes for 2016 were received in handout format. It was noted that Gillett and the Town of Brazeau opted out of the program. A new fee schedule will be posted and available to the public.

7. DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a) **Anderson motioned to approve the Invoice form TAPCO in the amount of \$3,272.68 for Blinking Stop Signs. Krueger called second. (4 Ayes)**

These signs will replace McDonald and Brazeau signs which were removed and placed on Pecor Street.

- b) **Approval of Invoices from Compass Minerals for Road Salt in the amount of \$12,640.99 was motioned by Krueger and seconded by Anderson. (4 Ayes)**

c) Road Construction Revenue Generated by Wheel Tax or Local Gas Tax— This continues to be a common new way to generate funds for road construction and maintenance. (Wheel Tax is State collected and returned back to the Municipality.) Note article “Alternative Methods of Paying for Municipal Infrastructure” which lists current cities/counties involved and costs imposed. Wusterbarth will contact the DOT for the number of vehicles registered in Oconto. Other questions include: Do collectors plates show up? What about ownership of multiple vehicles? What is the process?

d) Paserware Update & 5 year Capital Improvement Plan— Listed are the 2015 pavement ratings: DOT mandated every 2 years. Superintendent Wusterbarth explained the list, as well as changes, types, widths, year resurfaced, formula of the DOT, and color code identification. There remains major crack filling to be accomplished in 2016. The present service we have used is honest and cautious, equally used in other area

cities as well, and has done an excellent job with unusual assured guarantee. Note: most Grants are for safety concerns to which our needs do not apply. Much of our City reconstruction is based on utility maintenance. Wusterbarth requested the Board study the road ratings and the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan. He noted that trucking roads need more layers for durability. Road damage that occurred during bypass building was discussed. That DOT payment, for which Wusterbarth made application, was used on the McDonald Street improvement. Both Van Hecke and Washington are in distress for crack filling in 2016, noted Wusterbarth. Our gravel pit on Van Dyke also needs to be addressed. We are out of crushed gravel... which calls for future purchase: presently up 1/3rd its price. (We will call and get ratings for gravel.) Those who place concrete in our gravel pit require a policy: costs demand we deal with public dumping. At present we monitor what is dumped.

e) Anderson issued approval of the invoices from the DOT for Safe Routes to School in the amount of \$9,125.57. Stamsta moved second.

(4 Ayes)

It was noted that the cost for a Grant process has become excessive. And... this may not be the DOT Safe Routes to School's final bill.

Wusterbarth indicated that next year brings us to only 40 thousand dollars (although budgeted 50 thousand) for sidewalks. The Board will need to decide whether we concentrate on repair to roads or sidewalks in 2016.

8. The Board reviewed accounts payable reports from November with a Krueger motion to accept them. Stamsta called second.

(4 Ayes)

Superintendent Wusterbarth feels we stayed within 2015 spending and should come in under budget.

9. Report/approval of attendance of seminars/meetings/conferences— None.

10. Next meeting date and time: Wednesday, January 20 @ 5:30 p.m.

11. Anderson called the motion for adjournment; Stamsta supported the motion with a second @ 6:00 p.m.

(M/C)

Minutes submitted by
Susan K. Seidl