

**Minutes of the Public Hearing and Committee of the Whole meeting held on
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 pursuant to notice duly given.**

Minutes of the Public Hearing on Special Assessments for Public Improvements in the City of Oconto:

Mayor Heier called the public hearing to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present at the public hearing were: Mayor Heier, Roger Reed, Al Schreiber, Dean Reed, Jean Feldt, Robert Le Breck, Police Chief Bernie Faith, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, Sara Perrizo, Administrator and as recording secretary and other interested parties

Jay Brzinski, PO Box 457, Marinette, stated that when the curb and gutter were put into his property, he lost his driveway access from Charles Street. Wusterbarth will look into this. Brzinski asked who is responsible for plowing the sidewalk and Wusterbarth confirmed that it is the responsibility of the property owner. Brzinski questioned if an arrangement could be made with the City to take care of his portion of the sidewalk and he will contact Wusterbarth to discuss.

Mayor Heier asked three times for further input and none was received.

Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Feldt to close the public hearing at 5:48 p.m.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

5 ayes

Meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

1. Meeting called to order at 5:49 p.m. by Mayor Heier.
2. Roll call: Mayor Heier, Kim Bronikowski (arrived at 5:55 p.m.), Al Schreiber, Dean Reed, Bob Le Breck, Roger Reed, Jean Feldt, Attorney Calvert (arrived at 5:54 p.m.)
Also present: Police Chief Bernie Faith, Building Inspector Joe Last, Superintendent of Public Works Jeremy Wusterbarth, Administrator Sara Perrizo as recording secretary and other interested parties.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Feldt, seconded by Schreiber to approve the agenda.

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

5 ayes

4. Correspondence/Public Appearances

Mayor Heier read aloud a statement regarding confidentiality of ongoing investigations and juvenile matters.

Victoria Bostedt, 224 Third Street, hopes that something will eventually be done to change the status of police protection in the City. Bostedt specifically requested the removal of the current police chief. She has filed a formal complaint against the Chief with the Police & Fire Commission. Bostedt also stated that she had visitors to her home recently and twice during the night a motorcycle stopped in front of

her house and loudly revved the engine, waking everyone up. She won't call the Police Department because she feels as though they won't do anything.

Mayor Heier informed that the Technology Committee has authorized Perrizo to get quotes for security cameras to be placed around the City. He is in favor of this.

D. Reed wants the Police Department and everyone else to know that he has faith in the department and feels that they are doing a fine job. Bronikowski agreed, stating she has had visitors who have stated only positive things about the City. It is all about what information they are given. Le Breck has had people contact him who are afraid to report because of the fear of retaliation from the offenders. He tells these people to contact him and he will file the complaint.

Wusterbarth informed that Jeff Ernst will be retiring at the end of the year and he is getting the ball rolling on replacing him.

5. Discussion/Recommendation on:

- a. Appointment of Ronney Daul and Greg Benesh to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Feldt to approve the appointment of Ronney Daul and Greg Benesh to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.

6 ayes

- b. Appointment of Ronney Daul to the Building Inspection Ad-Hoc Committee

Moved by Feldt, seconded by R. Reed to approve the appointment of Ronney Daul to the Building Inspection Ad-Hoc Committee.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.

6 ayes

- c. Alcohol Beverage License Applications, Applications for Temporary Class B Retailer's License, Applications for License to Serve Fermented Beverages and/or Intoxicating Liquor and Appointment of Agents (see attached list)

Mayor Heier read the list of applications aloud and Chief Faith stated that he had no objections.

Moved by Schreiber, seconded by D. Reed to approve the Applications to Temporary Class B Retailer's License and Applications for License to Server Fermented Beverages and/or Intoxicating Liquor.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.

6 ayes

- d. Building Inspection Report

Last informed that 39 permits were issued in August, bringing the year-to-date total to 231.

Approximately \$24,000 in revenue has been earned and total project value is estimated at \$4.3

million. In addition, a raze/repair order has been issued to Joel Schmidt for his warehouse on Main Street. Schmidt came into City Hall with a contractor and was given a permit, with the limitation that all work be completed by December 31. Joel Portmann was also issued raze/repair orders for all of his properties located in the City. Portmann will have 45 days to respond and if he fails to do so, there will be a court date set.

Chief Faith stated that there were 23 new ordinance violation contacts in August. At the request of Mayor Heier, Chief Faith will also begin reporting the number of violations that are resolved each month.

Calvert informed that the dilapidated garage on Fifth Street has been torn down as well as the home located at 171 Van Dyke.

Wusterbarth stated that he has worked with Last to clean up garbage on numerous properties. At one time there was a discussion regarding possibly enacting a stricter ordinance for garbage as right now the property owners are given up to 8 days to clean it up. This item will be placed on the Building Inspection Ad-Hoc agenda.

- e. Financial Reports as Presented (August Accounts Payable and Payroll to be Presented at October meeting)

Moved by D. Reed, seconded by Feldt to approve the financial reports as presented.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.

6 ayes

- f. Final Resolution Authorizing Special Assessments Against Benefitted Property Owners in the City of Oconto – Charles Street

Moved by Feldt, seconded by Le Breck to approve the Final Resolution Authorizing Special Assessments Against Benefitted Property Owners in the City of Oconto.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote.

6 ayes

- g. 2018 Compensation for Non-Represented Employees

Perrizo stated that in the past several years, a 2% increase has been given across-the-board. She suggested a 2.5% increase for 2018 to remain competitive. Schreiber feels that 2% would be fair and also stated that he would prefer to see pay increases based on performance evaluation versus an across-the-board increase.

Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Feldt to approve a 2% across the board increase in wages for 2018.

Bronikowski is in favor of merit-based increases. Wusterbarth indicated that all members of the Board of Public Works were also in favor of this.

Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Feldt to amend the motion to approve a 2% increase by department for 2081.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote. 6 ayes

Moved by Feldt, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the motion as amended.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote. 6 ayes

- h. Approval of Bid From Sommers Construction in the Amount of \$61,948 for Charles Street Sidewalk Project

Moved by D. Reed, seconded by R. Reed to approve the bid from Sommers Construction in the amount of \$61,948 for Charles Street sidewalk project.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote. 6 ayes

- i. Approval of Bid from Advance Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$77,090 for Concrete & Asphalt Crushing

Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the bid from Advance Construction in the amount of \$77,090 for concrete and asphalt crushing.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote. 6 ayes

- j. Approval of Certified Survey Map for Barribeau/Fulton Properties Located in the City of Oconto

Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Bronikowski to approve the certified survey map for Barribeau/Fulton properties located in the City of Oconto.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote. 6 ayes

- k. Approval of Certified Survey Map for LeTourneau Plastics, Inc. Property Located in the City of Oconto

Moved by Schreiber, seconded by D. Reed to approve the certified survey map for LeTourneau Plastics, Inc. property located in the City of Oconto.

Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote. 6 ayes

- 6. **Moved by Le Breck, seconded by D. Reed to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.**

Motion carried upon verbal voice vote.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Sara J. Perrizo
Administrator