

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

**MONDAY, January 16th, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

1. Chairman Anderson called the January 2023 meeting to order.
2. Roll Call: Darrell Anderson, Ron Daul, John Wittkopf, Jean Young, and Steve Stock

Excused: Superintendent Jeremy Wusterbarth

Also Present : Mayor J. Panetti, and 2 observers

3. **Daul motioned for approval of agenda; Young called second. (5 Ayes)**

4. **Approval of the December 5th, 2022 meeting minutes were issued by Daul with a Stock call for second. (5 Ayes)**

5. Public Input: None.

6. Correspondence:

- a. *Update on Transfer Station Compactor* reveals that the rams will be back in place by the end of this week @ a maximum savings: by the end of the week also the compactor should be running. Thereafter our trucks will not be transporting back and forth to G. B., saving money. It has been affirmed that our motors are performing well.

- b. *Garbage and Recycling updates*– The latter has been currently @ \$49 per ton. Wusterbarth is checking in on continuing the cart service for 2024 with Waste Management: this will depend on service costs and Committee decision. Committee members want to know if we get the return of the charge into the Public Works budget.

- c. *Street project updates*– Superintendent Wusterbarth received a bid from the WI D.O.T. for the Arbutus St. project @ \$404, 350.22 with \$316,160.18 from the federal grant: including D.O.T. engineering and Mead & Hunt engineering estimated @ \$36,000. Wusterbarth awaits the State project release to begin work: on or before Copperfest weekend. The Committee wanted to know why we must pay for a private 2nd engineer.

3. *Pedestrian art crosswalk article*– incorporated with the Committee packet. Superintendent Wusterbarth requested the Committee review the project and discuss its potential @ our middle school entrance (in front of 1st American Lutheran Church). (Why didn't the crosswalks on Main St. last?) Discussion led to observation of Anderson in Shawano. Concern is durability... paint cost.... Will it survive our winter salt? Shawano could be investigated for its response to the project longevity and time maintenance.

e. *Other Public Works concerns from the committee*– Wittkopf observed that not all driveways have an apron. Why are we concerned now? Why are new homeowners so quickly approached with the issue when other homes have been apron-barren for years. Why are we NOW including recreational facilities? His conclusion: the ordinance needs to be rescinded. Anderson doesn't feel that anyone is being targeted and that the ordinance is for City safety and uniformity, to which Young agreed. Daul recalled the Committee's original approach of the project via Wusterbarth, to which we were given a list of resident homes and anticipated target dates: @ that time the Committee agreed to both contacts and cost, added Anderson. It was questioned as to who (Council member or Mayor) brought the issue to the Committee. Was this a new or existing ordinance? Stock questioned if a Committee needs to look @ said ordinances: Does Council look at these? Concrete vs blacktopped aprons were placed into question. Anderson **TABLED** the issue stating that no changes are done by one person but rather include Superintendent Wusterbarth, the Board of Public Works, and Council.

7. Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:

a) *Discussion on fencing around garbage and recycling dumpsters*, recommended by Chairperson Anderson, fell into lengthy discussion. **Stock called motion that in our ordinance it state that a fence be permanently placed around all dumpsters, including recyclables. Daul called second. (4 Ayes; Wittkopf nay)**

b) *Discussion on clean-up progress and ordinance violations at 1010 Pecor St.--*

This is not the only property in violation: it was concluded that the City of Oconto property clean-up has gotten extensive and unchanging. Although Wusterbarth approaches issues, others violators are fined and then ignored. It needs to be addressed: fire and police or what officials? It was agreed that fine increase is necessary... to the point of a given residential date and then a new fine DAILY. Anderson felt the City Attorney needs to look into this code

enforcement: the issue requires attention. Council also needs to follow through to charge and enforce an issue that is excessive.

c) Building inspection updates.

Stock informed the Committee that a Building Inspector has been hired by Council for new construction only. Permits (which carry no monetary sum) can be acquired on line or with inspector contact, the inspector will send them individually.

8. Review of Accounts Payable Reports for November 30, 2022 through January 10, 2023 in the amount of \$40,498.28; 5,413.00 was found acceptable by Daul with a second of Young. (M/C)

9. Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines from 2022 were viewed and seen as acceptable.

10. Next Meeting Date and Time: **Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**

11. Daul summoned adjournment @ 7:18 p.m. Wittkopf witnessed second. (M/C)

Minutes submitted

by Susan K. Seidl