

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Bailey at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Alderperson Bruce Bailey, Alderperson Pam Akers, Alderperson Drzewiecki: Citizen Members: Denise Collins, John Graber

Excused: Bryan Haas, Project Engineer

Also present: Jeff Katz, Director, Neighborhood Services; Randy Esch, Superintendent of Public Works

3. Approval of the August 22, 2023 meeting minutes

Motion by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Pamela Akers to approve the August 22, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Commentary

None

5. Approve the 2024 Special Assessment Rate Schedule.

Mr. Katz stated that each year the city increases the special assessment rate for street reconstruction projects based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR). The State and Local Finance Division has informed us that the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) was certified at 5.4% for the 12 months ending August 31, 2023. The CPI of 5.4% has decreased from 7.7% last year.

Motion by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Pamela Akers to approve the 2024 Special Assessment Rate Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve an amendment to Resolution No. 3317, updating the Stormwater Utility Rate for 2024.

Mr. Katz said Greenfield created a Stormwater Utility in 2009 to provide funding for stormwater management. Fees are collected to pay for the cost of managing both the quantity (volume) and quality (pollution) of stormwater. The current quarterly equivalency charge per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) is \$19.92. The new rate of \$21.00 will be reflected on the first quarter 2023 stormwater / sewer billing. Alderperson Akers stated that she has an issue with raising the fee every year for the Stormwater Utility account, since she is paying more for her sewer bill than her water bill. Alderperson Akers requested that we do a buy this year because property taxes are also going up. Mr. Katz stated that if we do not increase the Stormwater Sewer rate, we will have to get the money from another account or borrow funds to repair the sewers.

Motion by Alderperson Pamela Akers, seconded by Denise Collins to Table Item 6 regarding the approval to amend Resolution No. 3317, updating the Stormwater Utility Rate for 2024, and add this item to the next Board of Public Works Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Adopt an ordinance establishing the 2024 Service Charges for the Collection of Garbage, Refuse, Yard Wastes and Recycling Services.

Mr. Katz stated that the current agreement with Johns Disposal is that on January 1st of each year all rates shall be adjusted by the average annual rate of inflation experienced over the 12 month period ending in August of the prior year, or 2.5%, whichever is greater, but not to exceed 4%. The increase is based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR), State and Local Finance Division has informed us that the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) was certified at 5.4% for the 12 months ending August 31, 2023. Since the CPI for next year is greater than 4%, the increase will not exceed the limit of 4%. The new rate for 20204 will be \$235.95 total.

Motion by Denise Collins, seconded by Alderperson Pamela Akers to approve an ordinance establishing the 2024 Service Charges for the Collection of Garbage, Refuse, Yard Waste and Recycling Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code regarding parking restrictions on West Waterford Avenue.

Mr. Katz reconstructed this year narrow right-of-way spoke with the neighborhood, increased traffic from Waterford Ave narrow street and substandard in width. Traffic flows on Waterford Ave. We need no parking. They said no parking shall be permitted at any time on both sides of West Waterford Avenue from South 88th Street to South 92nd Street.

Motion by Alderperson Pamela Akers, seconded by Denise Collins to approve an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code regarding parking restrictions on West Waterford Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Superintendent of Public Works report

Mr. Esch stated that training continues for his staff. Public Works continues to plant trees in the Honey Creek headwaters area. There are 200 trees total and approximately half of the trees have been planted. Public Works has been wiring street lights and installing street poles and it will continue through November. Mr. Esch said that the second pass through of leaf collection is occurring in the City. Leaves can also be dropped off at DPW in the contained area on the west side of the gas pumps at DPW, behind the library, or they can be mulched. He reported 774 digger hotline tickets and 332 service requests.

10. Engineering Report

Mr. Katz stated that Engineering is finishing up the road projects such as the Waterford Ave road project between 88th and 92nd Streets. Additionally, two paving projects have been completed. The Engineering Department is working on future plans for areas that include 92nd - 88th St, closer to Cold Spring Rd, repaving 55th in the area of Edgerton and Carpenter, Phase 2 of the bike trail, 43rd St. Cold Spring and Howard, and the traffic signal for 43rd and Cold Spring Rd. Alderperson Bailey inquired if the new traffic light on 43rd Street would be expensive. Mr. Katz stated the cost should not be high as we will use grant funding for the pavement and local funds for the traffic signals.

11. Other topics for future agendas

Alderperson Akers discussed permanent no parking signage in areas where cars park up to the end of the curb and drivers cannot see to exit the alley onto S. 51st Street during events. Mr. Katz said he could formulate an ordinance to address this issue and present this at the next meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Pamela Akers, seconded by John Graber to adjourn at 7:04PM. Motion carried unanimously.