

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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 Andrew Drzewiecki, Alderperson Pam Akers, Citizen Members: Denise Collins, John Graber, Jeff Katz, Director, Neighborhood Services; Randy Esch, Superintendent of Public Works, Jeff Tamblyn, Senior Project Manager

Excused: Bryan Haas, Project Engineer

3. Approval of the October 24, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Pamela Akers to approve the October 24, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Commentary

None

5. Approve an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation accepting a grant for energy saving LED street lights on Edgerton Avenue and Grange Avenue.

Jeff Katz stated that Greenfield has been awarded a Federal grant for \$477,028 for replacing existing inefficient street lights with new energy-saving LED street lights. The lights will be installed on W. Grange Ave (27th to 48th St), S. 31st St (at Grange), and W. Edgerton Ave (Loomis Rd to 76th St) The new lights will reduce the city's energy cost. The lights will reduce the energy costs for the City, they are brighter, and have a uniform light distribution. The lights will be on black-colored poles. Mr Katz also stated that there is another grant that Engineering will be applying for this month for additional lights. Alderperson Bailey inquired why those areas were chosen. Mr. Katz said those streets were chosen because they have the most inefficient, older lights.

Motion by Alderperson Pamela Akers, seconded by Denise Collins to approve an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation accepting a grant for energy-saving LED street lights on Edgerton Avenue and Grange Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Katz stated that 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. These expenses increase annually and Mr. Katz provided information from the Finance Department illustrating how the City utilizes these funds to prevent and maintain stormwater issues. Mr. Katz noted that storm water management is one of the biggest responsibilities of the Engineering Department. Mr.

Tamblyn and Mr. Katz presented information on flooding issues at various locations within the City and identified how Engineering addresses these issues utilizing stormwater funding.

Aldersperson Akers recommended putting a cap on the increase in the stormwater utility rate because her storm/sewer bill is higher than her water bill and residents should not have to pay a higher storm/sewer bill each year. Mr. Katz explained that the Stormwater Utility Rate is adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index and the Board can discuss the stormwater rate. Aldersperson Drzewiecki asked how the City would fund storm sewer projects if the Board did not elect to update the rate. Mr. Katz stated the City would likely need to borrow the funds if work is needed to cover the expenses without the increase. The Board discussed the percentage increase from the recommended 5.4% to a cap of 5% and to discuss at the next Board of Public Works meeting whether to enact a capped percentage for the future.

Motion by Aldersperson Pamela Akers, seconded by John Graber to approve an amendment to Resolution No. 3317, updating the Stormwater Utility Rate at a set rate of 5% for 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Superintendent of Public Works report

Mr. Esch stated that Public Works is completing their eighth week of leaf collection and should be finished the week of December 8th. He said they will still have a satellite crew if more leaf pickup is needed after the week of December 8th. Residents can still bring their leaves to the Public Works leaf collection bin on the south side of the Public Works building. Public Works has completed the restoration of two culverts and the trail at the Whitnall School Forest which was washed away and created a safety hazard. Mr. Esch said the Whitnall School Forest committee provided the materials and Public Works provided the labor and equipment. The trails are utilized by the school district and Public Works needs access to the storm and sanitary sewer lines underground. Public Works has completed the warming shelter for the ice rink. Mr. Esch stated that the department serviced 260 Diggers Hotline tickets and 133 service requests.

8. Engineering Report

Mr. Katz stated that next week sanitary sewer lining will take place in the Shirley Crest neighborhood.

9. Other topics for future agendas

Aldersperson Pamela Akers recommends a cap on the amount charged each year for the storm sewer bill and would like to discuss this at the next meeting. She would also like to discuss signage in the Shirley Crest neighborhood at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Aldersperson Pamela Akers, seconded by Denise Collins to adjourn at 7:55PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes transcribed by Stefanie Richter, Administrative Assistant, Engineering

Minutes are not official until formally approved by the Board of Public Works at the next scheduled meeting.