

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Alderperson Bruce Bailey, Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki, Alderperson Pam Akers

Citizen Members: Denise Collins, John Graber

Also present: Jeff Katz, Director, Neighborhood Services; Randy Esch, Superintendent of Public Works; Bryan Haas, City Engineer. Maxine Young, Greenfield resident

3. Approval of the September 24, 2024, meeting minutes.

Motion by Denise Collins, seconded by Alderperson Pamela Akers to approve the September 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Commentary

None

5. Discussion and decision on approving the installation of cross walk signals at the intersection of Grange Avenue and Honey Creek Drive.

Mr. Katz stated that Maxine Young, of 5632 S. 41st St, contacted Alderperson Sayran regarding crossing Grange Avenue at Honey Creek Drive to take her children to Elmdale Elementary School. She's concerned that it is difficult to cross the street, especially at the start and end of the school day. The intersection becomes very busy and congested with cars and busses during the short, but critical drop off and pickup times. Maxine Young stated that the school is unable to provide a crossing guard because it's not declared a crossing school zone. She also stated that people sometimes do not observe yield signs.

Mr. Katz, the Alderpersons, Committee Members, and Maxine Young all discussed the following options: School Zone signage, Yield signs with LED, which will only flash during school times, or push button activated Rapid Flash Beacons. A proposed solution is to add Rapid Flash Beacons. The beacons are operated by push buttons and alert drivers of pedestrians in the cross walk.

Motion by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki, seconded by Denise Collins to approve two LED Rapid Flash Beacons on West side of Grange Ave and Honey Creek Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve a two-year agreement with ShurClean LLC for Custodial Services.

Mr. Katz stated that ShurClean cleans City Hall, DPW, and the Library. The company is requesting a 2-year agreement and a rate increase, since they have not increased their rates over the past year. Mr. Katz said the increased rate would 4.5% each year, for the 2-year agreement, 2025 and 2026, with the option to terminate the contract

for any reason with a 30-day notice.

Motion by Alderperson Pamela Akers, seconded by Denise Collins to approve a two-year agreement with ShurClean LLC for Custodial Services with a 4.5% rate increase for 2025 and 2026 with the contract as provided. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Superintendent of Public Works report

Mr. Esch provided an update on leaf collection. DPW is in the 8th week of collecting leaves with planned completion in 1-2 weeks. Residents are encouraged to drop off leaves at DPW yard after final pick up. Crews have replaced storm culverts at Konkell Park and removed Buckthorn trees. DPW crews have also landscaped around the new pavilion at Konkell Park and added storm sewer basins at The Turf. Mr. Esch said the warming shelter at Konkell Park is being built for the ice rink. DPW is also preparing for tree removal and prepping trucks for winter weather. Public Works serviced 867 Diggers Hotline request and 208 Service Requests.

8. Engineering Report

Mr. Haas provided an update on Greenfield construction projects. Most projects have been completed for the 2024 construction year. The sanitary sewer lining project will be complete by end of this year. The Turf Skatepark is on-going and will be finished next spring. The cold weather is arriving, putting a stop to work for the year.

Mr. Haas provided an update of Greenfield's construction projects for 2025:

1. 43rd St between Cold Spring Rd and Howard Ave. New sidewalks on both sides of the road and traffic signal at 43rd St/Cold Spring Rd intersection.
2. Spot replacement of concrete on Cold Spring Rd between 51st St and 68th St.
3. Resurfacing half of the neighborhood in the area of 31st St/Holmes Ave. The second half of this neighborhood will be in 2026.
4. New street lighting replacements on Edgerton Ave, Grange Ave and 68th St and funded by grants.
5. Sidewalk improvements in various locations
6. Storm water drainage improvement on Van Beck Ave and Norwich Ave, between 80th St and 83rd St.
7. Relaying sanitary sewer on Cold Spring Rd under the Root River.
8. Milwaukee is resurfacing Howard Ave between 43rd St and 60th St. It will be a mill and overlay project.

Mr. Haas also provided an update on other agency projects:

1. WisDOT I-894 resurfacing project is on-going. There will be a winter shutdown with completion next spring.
2. Next year WisDOT has several projects tentatively planned for construction

including:

1. Resurfacing Forest Home Ave throughout the City
 2. Resurfacing a stretch of 27th St between College and Layton Ave
 3. Resurfacing I-894 from 84th St to Lincoln Ave and new noise walls along I-894. This winter there will be tree clearing in preparation for the noise wall.
9. Other topics for future agendas
- Alderperson Bailey mentioned an article he read in a municipal magazine about how other municipalities have used alternatives to salt in order to keep their roads safe. The article talked about environmental issues with salt and how it impacts the trees, grass, and storm runoff. He would like to discuss ideas at the next Board of Public Works meeting of how Greenfield can reduce it's use of salt on the roadways during winter.
10. Adjournment
- Motion by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki, seconded by John Graber to adjourn at 7:33PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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