

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL  
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

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

**Also present:** Jeff Katz, Director, Neighborhood Services; Randy Esch, Superintendent of Public Works; Bryan Haas, City Engineer

**Absent/ Excused :** Citizen Members: Denise Collins, John Graber

3. Approval of the November 26, 2024 meeting minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Pam Akers to approve the November 26, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Commentary

None

5. Approve a contract for the project 2204 Cold Spring Road Concrete Repair Program with State Contractors in the amount of \$ 805,604.63.

Mr. Katz stated that the bids were opened for the Cold Spring Road and 51st St to 68th concrete repair project. This project is shared at 51st and Cold Spring with Milwaukee County. Mr. Haas stated most of the work will be patchwork with the exception of 51st and Cold Spring, which is a total reconstruction.

Motion by Alderperson Pamela Akers, seconded by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki to approve a contract for the project 2204 Cold Spring Road Concrete Repair Program with State Contractors in the amount of \$805,604.63. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve a contract for the project 2416 S. 31st Street – W. Holmes Avenue Neighborhood Resurfacing – Phase 1 with LaLonde Contractors in the amount of \$ 1,298,284.57.

Mr. Haas stated resurfacing will be done north of Edgerton Ave from 27th to 35th St, which is the west half of the neighborhood. He stated there will not be curb and gutter.

Motion by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Pamela Akers to approve a contract for the project 2416 S. 31st Street- W. Holmes Avenue Neighborhood Resurfacing- Phase 1 with LaLonde Contractors in the amount of \$1,298,284.57. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and decision to approve a Project Agreement with Milwaukee County Department of Transportation for an improvement of W Layton Avenue between S 60th Street and S 68th Street.

Mr. Katz stated that the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation has agreed to partner with the City of Greenfield to improve West Layton Ave between S. 60th St and S. 68th St. The City of Greenfield will fund \$3,000,000 with funds remaining from the Meijer TID. Alderperson Bailey inquired why we are partnering with the County to fix Layton Avenue when it is a County road. Mr. Katz said it will benefit Greenfield because this is a high-traffic area by the school and the road is rough shape.

Motion by Alderperson Pamela Akers, seconded by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki to approve a Project Agreement with Milwaukee County Department of Transportation for an improvement of West Layton Ave between South 60th Street and South 68th Streets. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss winter snow removal operations and salt use.

Mr. Katz presented the article provided by Alderperson Bailey from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel regarding the effects of too much salt use on the roads and how it impacts the salt levels in Lake Michigan. The article states that salt levels in Lake Michigan are increasing over time and many municipalities are looking at alternatives to salt.

Mr. Esch presented information on the winter snow removal operations and salt use for the City of Greenfield. He said prior to 2015, the City used a lot more salt and calcium chloride to maintain the roads. In 2015, the City purchased six new plow trucks that utilize hoppers to distribute brine and a de icer mix to help the salt adhere to the roadway. The de-icer sprays into a chute and pre-wets the salt before it is distributed on the roadway. This allows for less salt use and pre-wetting the salt allows it to adhere to the roadway longer. In 2016, the City purchased a brine maker in order to reduce the amount of salt needed on the roadway during a snow storm. Mr. Esch talked about the different types of brine that the City has used and can work in weather that is -48 degrees. The trucks meter how much brine and salt is used and DPW analyzes this data through reports that are generated through the on-board computers. Public Works also works with Wisconsin Salt Wise for educational training.

9. Superintendent of Public Works report

Mr. Esch provided an update on tree work. So far, 70 trees have been removed. The stumps will be removed in spring. Public Works (DPW) has pruned 600 trees. He said DPW staff members attended the Wisconsin Arbor Convention in Green Bay to learn about new techniques and new equipment. DPW has been clearing dead trees and buckthorn at Towering Woods Park to create a wood-chipped walking path. Public Works is also working on new signs for Towering Woods Park and other City parks. DPW is also working on a remodel project at Library to create a new study room. Since November 2024, the Public Works Department has serviced 602 Diggers Hotline requests and 292 service requests.

10. Engineering Report

Mr. Haas provided an update on Greenfield construction projects this year.

1. The Cold Spring Rd Concrete Repair project, between 51<sup>st</sup> St and 68<sup>th</sup> St, will be split into two phases, from 51<sup>st</sup> St to 60<sup>th</sup> St and 60<sup>th</sup> St to 68<sup>th</sup> St. at Cold Spring Rd. The road will be closed to through traffic with a posted detour utilizing Layton Ave and the project will be spot replacement of concrete in poor condition. The schedule is unknown at this time but expected this summer. The contractor is State Contractors.
2. The west half of the neighborhood in the vicinity of 31<sup>st</sup> St and Holmes Ave will be resurfaced and spot replacement of concrete in poor condition. New street lighting will be added and there will be storm water improvements. The schedule is unknown at this time. The contractor is LaLonde Contractors.
3. The area of 43<sup>rd</sup> St between Cold Spring Rd and Howard Ave will include a new traffic signal at Cold Spring Rd/43<sup>rd</sup> St. The project includes new concrete pavement, street lighting, and sidewalks on both sides of the road. The road will be closed for our road project, which will start in May and last through September. There will be minor tree clearing will it will be done in the next couple of weeks. In mid-March, ATC will begin constructing a new underground transmission line, which will close 43<sup>rd</sup> St to through traffic. There will be other utility work this spring, including We Energies gas relocation and We Energies electric work. The contract was awarded to LaLonde Contractors.
4. Milwaukee will be resurfacing Howard Ave between 43<sup>rd</sup> St and 60<sup>th</sup> St as part of their High Impact Paving program. We Energies is replacing the gas main right now and Milwaukee's road work is expected to start in June.
5. There will be a storm sewer extension in an easement in the vicinity of Van Beck Ave and 80<sup>th</sup> St. We've worked with Milwaukee to allow us to connect to their storm sewer. The schedule and contractor for this project is unknown.
6. The sanitary sewers will be cleaned in some areas. Some areas are in difficult locations or the sewers are large in diameter. The schedule and contractor are unknown.
7. The streetlights on 68<sup>th</sup> St will be upgraded with the labor being done by Public Works.
8. The flat roof of the Law Enforcement Center and the skylights at City Hall building will be replaced.
9. The Turf Skatepark is ongoing and will be finished this spring. Currently, no work is being done on-site.

Mr. Haas also provided updates on other agency projects:

1. The WisDOT I-894 resurfacing project between 35<sup>th</sup> St and 84<sup>th</sup> St is in a winter shutdown and will be completed in May or June.

2. The noise walls will be constructed on the south side of I-894 in three locations. Tree clearing will occur this winter, but actual construction will be the second half of this year, sometime in July or thereafter.
  3. The WisDOT I-894 resurfacing project between 84<sup>th</sup> St and Lincoln Ave, including the Hale Interchange, will begin in the second half of this year and carry through to sometime in 2026.
  4. The WisDOT Forest Home Ave resurfacing project between 108<sup>th</sup> St and 45<sup>th</sup> St will last this entire year. The project will be done in phases with lane closures.
  5. The WisDOT 27<sup>th</sup> St resurfacing project between College Ave and Layton Ave will last this entire year. The project will have lane closures. WisDOT is beginning the design of the 92<sup>nd</sup> St freeway bridge replacement scheduled for 2027.
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11. Other topics for future agendas  
None
  12. Adjournment  
Motion by Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Pamela Akers to adjourn at 7:30PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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