

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order by Alderperson Bailey at 6:38 PM.

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
Excused: Bryan Haas, City Engineer

3. Approval of the March 25, 2025 meeting minutes.
Motion by Alderperson Pamela Akers, seconded by Denise Collins to approve the March 25, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizen Commentary
None

5. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code by repealing Ordinance 244 regarding a 4-way stop at the South 35th Street and West Howard Avenue intersection.
Mr. Katz said Ordinance 244 created a 4-way stop at the South 35th Street and West Howard Avenue intersection where a traffic signal is now located.

Motion by Alderperson Pam Akers, seconded by Denise Collins to adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code by repealing Ordinance 244 regarding a 4-way stop at the South 35th Street and West Howard Avenue intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code by repealing Ordinance 2220 regarding Yield signs on South 31st Street at West Holmes Avenue.
Mr. Katz stated that Ordinance 2220 added Yield signs for the northbound and southbound traffic on South 31st Street and West Holmes Avenue. He said part of the design and public involvement process for the road improvement project #2416, South 31st Street and West Holmes Avenue Neighborhood Resurfacing. It has been determined that West Holmes Avenue between South 27th Street and South 35th Street is heavily used as a cut-through for traffic bypassing West Edgerton Avenue. A four-way stop is proposed for the South 31st Street and West Holmes Avenue intersection.

Motion by Denise Collins, seconded by John Graber to adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greefield Municipal Code by repealing Ordinance 2220 regarding Yield signs on South 31st Street and West Holmes Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code adding stop signs at the intersection of West Holmes Avenue and South 31st Street.

Mr. Katz said that part of the design and public involvement process for the road improvement project \$2416, for South 31st Street to West Holmes Avenue neighborhood resurfacing. It has been determined that West Holmes Avenue between South 27th Street and South 35th Street is heavily used as a cut-through for traffic bypassing West Edgerton Avenue. A four-way stop is proposed for the the West Holmes Avenue and South 31st Street intersection.

Motion by John Graber, seconded by Denise Collins to adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code adding stop signs at the intersection of West Holmes Avenue and South 31st Street. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Presentation on the proposed project to dredge the pond in Pondview Park in the fall of 2025.

Mr. Katz presented information on the proposed project to dredge the pond and Pondview Park this winter. He explained that Pondview Park was originally developed to control flooding. He said that cleaning and maintaining the pond is difficult because it is land-locked. The pond needs to be dredged every 10 years because silt and cattails form in the pond because it is shallow. Mr. Katz explained how the City replaced the inlet area so the water flows better to the pond. He said the project will include widening the path and making the pond deeper to prevent future cattails. This project will be bid out at the end of summer and the City will utilize stormwater funds to make the pond improvements.

9. Superintendent of Public Works report

Mr. Esch said Public Works has pruned 950 trees this season. The crews continue to do work at The Turf, planting trees and installing shade shelters. He said "Your Speed" signs and bike route signs have been installed throughout the City. The crew has been converting the winter plow trucks in preparation for summer. He said this is the first time we've had to stockpile salt outside the dome because of the decrease in snow last winter. Sewer crews are out doing work throughout the City. Since February, Public Works has serviced 1125 diggers hotline tickets and 285 service requests.

10. Engineering Report

Mr. Katz provided updates for Bryan, the City Engineer, on the Greenfield construction projects this year.

1. The Cold Spring Rd Concrete Repair project between 51st St and 68th St is planned. There will be spot replacement of concrete in poor condition. The project is split into 2 phases which can't overlap. The 51st St to 60th St and 60th St to 68th St. Cold Spring

Rd will be closed to through traffic with a posted detour utilizing Layton Ave. The schedule is unknown at this time, but may start in early June.

2. Resurfacing of the west half of the neighborhood in the vicinity of 31st St and Holmes Ave has started. Completion is expected in July.

3. The 43rd St project between Cold Spring Rd and Howard Ave includes: a new traffic signal at Cold Spring Rd/43rd St, new concrete pavement, street lighting and a sidewalk on both sides of the road. 43rd St just closed today for the road project to begin. The project will last into the fall.

4. Milwaukee is resurfacing Howard Ave between 43rd St and 60th 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 in June.

5. There will be a storm sewer extension in an easement in the vicinity of Van Beck Ave and 80th St. The contractor may start in May or June and construction should last one week.

6. Sanitary sewer cleaning of sewers in difficult locations or sewers that are large in diameter is continual. The schedule is unknown at this time.

7. Public Works will be upgrading streetlights on 68th St with the labor being done by DPW.

8. The streetlights on Grange Ave between 27th St and 48th St and on Edgerton Ave between Loomis Rd and 76th St. will be upgraded. Due to long lead times for materials, the actual replacements may occur next year.

9. The roof of the Law Enforcement Center and the skylights at City Hall will both be replaced.

10. The Turf Skatepark project is ongoing and will be finished this spring. Grindline is on-site doing work on the skatepark and DPW is doing the landscaping.

Update on other agency projects:

1. The WisDOT, I-894 resurfacing project between 35th St and 84th St will be completed in June. There will be ramp closures to complete their outside shoulder work along the ramps. Full freeway closures during several weekends are expected in June.

2. Noise walls will be constructed on the south side of I-894 in 3 locations. Tree clearing is occurring, but actual construction will be in the second half of this year, sometime in July or after.

3. The WisDOT, I-894 resurfacing project between 84th 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 108th St and 45th St has started with work north of 60th St. The project will be done in phases with lane closures and be completed this year. WisDOT and the contractor are working with businesses regarding their concerns.

5. The WisDOT 27th St resurfacing project between College Ave and Layton Ave has started and will be completed this year. Currently, one lane is closed in each direction.

6. The 43rd St/Howard Ave intersection project update. ATC has been installing a new underground duct bank before our road project begins. It's a major 6' wide duct bank that is very deep at times. They started in March at the Powerline Trail and are working north of the Howard Ave intersection. They anticipate to be done around Memorial Day. The Greenfield/Milwaukee boundary is in this area and ATC obtained a permit from each municipality for the work in their cities. ATC needs to cross the 43rd/Howard intersection and their work is within Milwaukee so Milwaukee's permit applies. There was confusion between Milwaukee, ATC's contractor and the traffic control subcontractor about what was allowed at the intersection. When the traffic control subcontractor set up the traffic control incorrectly, Greenfield's 43rd St road project was blamed for the inconvenience to the traveling public, even though ATC had message boards up one week in advance of the closure. Everyone is now aware that it is not our 43rd St project and Milwaukee has worked with ATC to set up their work in a way to minimize disruptions.

In general, Greenfield and Milwaukee work very well together on road projects and infrastructure that overlaps our cities, such as sanitary sewer, storm sewer, street lighting and water main. Sometimes, in unique situations like this, issues can arise. It's a good reminder to make sure everyone has the correct information before communicating with many people.

11. Other topics for future agendas

None

12. Adjournment

Motion by John Graber, seconded by Denise Collins to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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