

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order by Bruce Bailey at 6:32pm.
2. Roll Call
Present: Alderperson Bruce Bailey, 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
Excused: Alderperson Andrew Drzewiecki
3. Approval of the September 23, 2025 meeting minutes
Motion by Denise Collins, seconded by John Graber to approve the September 23, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Citizen Commentary
None
5. Adopt an ordinance establishing the 2026 Service Charges for the Collection of Garbage, Refuse, Yard Waste and Recycling Services.
Mr. Katz said per the proposed 2026-30 agreement with Johns Disposal, on January 1st of each year all rates shall be adjusted by the change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) from the previous August or 2.5%, whichever is greater, not to exceed 4%. John's Disposal has proposed an increase of 3.0% as a starting point for the new contract for next year, which is greater than the lower limit of 2.5%, but less than the upper limit of 4%. For reference, in 2025 the increase was 3.2%. The current rate for 2025 is \$243.50. The rate for 2026 would be \$250.81.

Motion by Denise Collins, seconded by John Graber to adopt an ordinance establishing the 2026 Service Charges for the Collection of Garbage, Refuse, Yard Waste and Recycling Services. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussion and decision to renew an agreement with Johns Disposal Service for Refuse, Recycling, and Yard Waste Disposal.
Mr., Katz said the City of Greenfield currently has a contract with Johns Disposal Service to provide refuse, recycling, and yard waste disposal service. The existing 5-year contract expires at the end of 2025. The City has been satisfied with the service provided, which, for qualified residential properties, includes curbside pickup of trash, recyclables, and yard waste; four special pickups per year of large items; and operation of the Drop-Off Center. Johns Disposal has proposed extending their contract through 2030 with only minor changes. There will be no changes to how the annual rate increase is calculated. The starting rate for 2026 will increase by 3.0% as compared to 2025. The requirement for a performance bond has been eliminated.

Aldersperson Akers asked about damaged totes. Mr. Nate Austin said the garbage totes can be replaced if they are severely damaged. The replacement totes are managed by Johns Disposal. There are two types of carts used in Greenfield, Toter Brand and Rehrig Pacific. The Toter brand has been used since Johns started garbage service in Greenfield 10 years ago. The Toter brand has a 12-year warranty. Over the last 5 years, Johns Disposal transitioned to using Rehrig Pacific because they are produced in Pleasant Prairie, WI. Mr. Austin talked about yard waste brush/bundles. He said each piece should be no longer than 4 ft in length with the cut side to the curb. Branches should be tied with twine and be less than 60 lbs per bundle.

Motion by Aldersperson Pam Akers, seconded by John Graber to renew an agreement with Johns Disposal Service for Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Disposal. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Superintendent of Public Works report

Mr. Esch said staff continues training that includes cut off saw training and bucket safety training through CIVMIC. DPW installed two culverts to improve water drainage, one on 37th and Bridge Street and one on 104th St. DPW continues to do storm cleanup. Leaf collection has started and will continue. Residents are encouraged to drop off leaves in the DPW bin or to mulch their leaves. The Public Works EXPO was very successful and had the largest attendance to date. DPW is prepping the trucks for winter. There were 550 Diggers Hotline tickets and 196 service requests since the last meeting. Aldersperson Bailey asked if Public Works makes any money on the EXPO. Mr. Esch said there is some profit, which is used towards safety and training programs for the staff. Mr. Katz also said it brings a lot of goodwill with all the surrounding communities.

8. Engineering Report

Update on Greenfield construction projects this year:

1. 43rd St between Cold Spring Rd and Howard Ave has re-opened. The traffic signal at the 43rd St and Cold Spring Rd intersection will be turned on this week. The new streetlights will be installed in the next 1–2 weeks.

2. Upgrading streetlights on Grange Ave between 27th St and 48th St and on Edgerton Ave between Loomis Rd and 76th St. Due to long lead times for materials, the actual replacements will occur next spring. This work is being partially funded by a grant.

3. Replacing the flat roof on the Law Enforcement Center and part of the Library and replacing the skylights at City Hall.

4. Dredging and reshaping of the storm water pond at Pondview Park is underway. The work is expected to be completed in late November or December. The path

repaving around the pond will occur next spring. Pondview Park is closed during construction, and we ask that you please stay out for everyone's safety.

5. The sanitary sewer extension between 92nd St and the intersection of 99th St and Cold Spring Rd has begun. Cold Spring Rd is currently closed at 99th St. It's expected to re-open in about a month, weather dependent. Work will continue through winter with completion expected next spring.

6. Storm repair from the August floods is ongoing with contractors.

Update on other agency projects:

1. The WisDOT I-894 resurfacing project between 84th St and Lincoln Ave, including the Hale Interchange is ongoing. There are currently some long-term ramp closures within the Hale Interchange.

2. Noise walls are being constructed on the south side of I-894 in 3 locations. Work is ongoing and will continue into next spring.

3. The WisDOT Forest Home Ave resurfacing project between 108th St and 45th St is ongoing. That work may extend into next year. The WisDOT and the contractor are working with businesses regarding their concerns.

4. The WisDOT 27th St resurfacing project between College Ave and Layton Ave is nearly complete with some final touch-up items being completed this week.

5. The WisDOT Mitchell Interchange resurfacing project is ongoing with nightly lane closures and is expected to be completed next year.

9. Other topics for future agendas

None

10. Adjournment

Motion by Denise Collins, seconded by Alderperson Pam Akers to adjourn at 7:05pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

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