

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING December 12, 2022 - 7:13 PM Community Room 933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

MINUTES

Roll Call

PRESENT Chairperson Mayor Wiza, Fred Hopfensperger, Ald. Mary Kneebone, Ald. David Plaisance, Ald. Shaun Morrow, Ald. Ginger Keymer and Ald. Dean Shuda

OTHERS PRESENT **Directors:** Scott Beduhn, Joel Lemke, Dan Kremer and Ryan Kernosky.
Alderspersons: Keely Fishler, Mykeerah Zarazua, Marc Christianson, Polly Dalton and David Shorr.
City Staff: Human Resource Manager Sandy Frasch, Deputy C/T and Finance Manager Carrie Freeberg, Fire Chief Jb Moody and City Clerk Kari Yenter.
Others Present: Jan Nelson - 2021 Sleepy Hollow Rd. Jct City, Jennifer Barden - 6809 Sixth St., Bill Bushman - 5516 Elmwood Ave., Neil Prendergast - 1924 Plover St., Renee Simono - 1247 Rocky Run Rd. Linwood, and Liam Nielsen,

Informational

1. Director's Report

Director Beduhn pointed out that there is a Public Informational Meeting for the 2023 Streets Improvement Project scheduled this Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Police Department. Letters were mailed out to adjacent property owners on Tuesday, November 29th inviting them to the meeting.

No need for a motion on this item.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Transportation utility fee design and draft ordinance language.

Ald. Kneebone stated that she would rather see a referendum in order to have people

vote for a property tax increase and pay for it once rather than enact a transportation utility that will more then likely not go away.

Mayor Wiza added that we have the option to put a transportation utility in a referendum and let the public decide which one they feel is more equitable.

No need for a motion on this item at this time.

3. To approve the Ordinance Amendment in Chapter 9, Section 9.19 Establishing ATV/UTV Routes.

Ald. Shuda **moved**, Fred Hopfensperger seconded, to approve the ordinance amendment as written.

Mayor Wiza pointed out that the map for the west side is inaccurate and does not match the wording of the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is the version this group looked at in the past and there was speculation in regards to safety.

Ald. Plaisance stated that he is for this ordinance in order to bring the routes together.

Ald. Keymer stated that she voted in favor of this last time and then against it when it came to Council because of safety concerns with the Hwy 66/Stanley Street route.

Ald. Kneebone stated that she did not support this last time and will not support it again because she doesn't feel these are made for city streets or highways, along with a list of other reasons.

Mayor Wiza added that Katrina Shanklin wanted to be here tonight to vote in favor of this; however, she was feeling under the weather.

Fred Hopfensperger stated that he is all for this and, in fact, has purchased one himself and feels that they are very safe.

Ald. Morrow agreed with Ald. Keymer on taking Hwy 66/Stanley Street route off the map.

Bill Bushman, 5516 Elmwood Drive spoke about his opposition to the Old Hwy 18 route as it is more of a residential area.

Renee Simono, Town of Linwood would like to see this pass as well as expand the routes on the west side.

Jennifer Barden, 6809 Sixth Street stated that she is a certified ATV/UTV Instructor for Portage County. She answered a lot of the questions and educated on concerns that were brought up.

Ald. Morrow **moved** to amend the motion to accept the ordinance amendment excluding Hwy 66/Stanley Street from the map, or (9.19 (1) (iii)) ; Ald. Keymer seconded.

Call for the vote: ayes, minority; nays, majority; motion carried to reject the ordinance amendment excluding Hwy 66/Stanley Street from the map.

Chairperson Wiza called upon a vote for the original ordinance amendment, to approve this amendment as written.

Ayes majority; nays minority; motion carried.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:59 p.m.