

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

March 10, 2025 - 6:33 PM

Community Room

933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

MINUTES

Roll Call

- PRESENT** Chairperson Mayor Mike Wiza, Vice-Chairperson Ald. Keymer, Ald. Kneebone, Ald. Shuda, Ald. Buse, and Ald. Morrow.
- ABSENT** Chris Tiffany
- OTHERS PRESENT** **Directors:** Scott Beduhn - Public Works, Joel Lemke - Public Utilities and Transportation, Jarod Kivela - Community Development and Inspections.
City Staff: C/T Corey Ladick, Finance Manager Marcy Peterson, City Clerk Kari Yenter, Human Resource Manager Sandy Frasch, Tax Specialist Susan Pagel, Police Chief Robert Kussow, Fire Chief Jb Moody, and Fire Lieutenant Ron Heibler.
Alderpersons: Marc Christianson - District 1, Jacqui Guthrie - District 2, Lara Broderick - District 4, Allison Birr - District 5, Dale Steinmetz - District 6, and Sam Lang - District 9.
Others Present: Linda Luebstorff - 1309 Ellis St, Liz McDonald - 1760 Strongs Ave, Scott Soik - Congressman Van Oredens' Office, Andrew Halverson - 501 Wilshire Blvd., William Bushman - 5516 Elmwood Ave, Kris Carne - 617 Michigan Ave, Elaine Cyan - 950 Woodview Dr, Cheyenne Antell - 3925 Doolittle Dr., Dave Eiden - 1000 Matilda St., Keith Kedrowski - 1536 Water St., and David Foemmel - 1501 Maria Dr.

Informational

1. **Director's Report**
 - a. **2024 Streets Improvement Project (Northside)**

Director Beduhn gave a brief update on his report.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Buse **seconded**, to approve the Director's Report and place it on file.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: **All**
Nays: **None**. Motion **Carried**

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Consideration of Voluntary Closure of the Park Street Railroad Crossing.

Mayor Wiza gave a brief update on previous discussions regarding this item.

Director Beduhn stated that we do not have to give a specific yes or no at this point; however, they do need to know whether we are going to pursue this voluntarily or not. And, if we are going to pursue this, what is our plan for moving forward? He pointed out that if we decide to move forward voluntarily, there is a funding opportunity. However, if we decide to do nothing, that will eliminate us from the potential funding, and we may be forced to do it anyway at our own cost.

Mayor Wiza added that it sounds like we may be put into a situation where we are forced to do it anyway, so he suggested that we at least have a public information meeting to get all the stakeholders together to discuss what this could mean.

Ald. Keymer **moved** to continue exploring voluntary closure options, including a public informational meeting and funding sources, Ald. Morrow **seconded**.

Ald. Sam Lang expressed his concern regarding how it will affect businesses and residents. He feels a public informational meeting may be something people will look forward to.

Dave Eiden stated that he would like to see this held off as long as possible for the businesses that will be affected.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: **All**
Nays: **None**; Motion **Carried**

3. To award the Hoover Road Intersection Signalizations Project #25-105 to Bodart Electric Service out of De Pere, WI for an amount not to exceed \$467,880.66.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Buse **seconded**, to award the Hoover Road Intersection Signalizations Project #25-105 to Bodart Electric Service out of De Pere, WI for an amount not to exceed \$467,880.66.

Keith Kedrowski feels that we have way too many useless traffic lights in this town and asked if we could recycle some signal lights from a different location, to which Mayor Wiza replied that we did explore that option. However, the cost would not be effective in

the long run on this particular project.

Dave Eiden concurred with Keith Kedrowski and added that he also thinks we should do a study to better sync the lights throughout the City to save on gas, to which Mayor Wiza stated that we do pay people to do that every so often.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: **All**
Nays: **None**; Motion **Carried**

4. To approve a right-of-way plat and relocation order as part of the north segment of the Business 51 Reconstruction Project.

Director Beduhn reported that this was before the Plan Commission last week; however, there were some corrections made to the tables, so this is the corrected version.

Ald. Keymer asked if the building on the southeast corner at the Fourth Avenue intersection is the only building that needs to be removed for the roundabout, to which Director Beduhn replied yes.

Ald. Morrow **moved**, Ald. Keymer **seconded**, to approve the right-of-way plat and relocation order as part of the north segment of the Business 51 Reconstruction Project.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: **Majority**
Nays: **Minority**; Motion **Passes**

5. To approve a right-of-way plat and relocation order as part of the south segment of the Business 51 Reconstruction Project.

Director Beduhn reported that this was also before the Plan Commission last week and corrections were made, so this is the corrected version. He pointed out that this section is tied to grant funding through the Surface Transportation Program - Urban (STP-U) Program.

Ald. Buse **moved**, Ald. Kneebone **seconded**, to approve the right-of-way plat and relocation order as part of the south segment of the Business 51 Reconstruction Project.

Call for the Vote: Ayes: **Majority**
Nays: **Minority**; Motion **Passes**

Adjourn

Adjourned at **6:55 p.m.**