

# CITY OF STEVENS POINT

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING January 12, 2026 - 6:07 PM Community Room 933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

### MINUTES

#### Roll Call

**PRESENT** Chairperson Mayor Wiza, Vice-Chairperson Alder Keymer, Alder Kneebone, Alder Shuda, Alder Morrow.

**EXCUSED** Alder Buse.

**OTHERS PRESENT** **Alderspersons:** Marc Christianson - District 1, Jacqui Guthrie - District 2, Lara Broderick - District 4, and Allison Birr - District 5.  
**Directors:** Scott Beduhn - Public Works, Dan Kremer - Parks and Recreation Facilities, and Jarod Kivela - Community Development & Inspections.  
**City Staff:** Marcy Peterson - Finance Manager, Corey Ladick - Comptroller/Treasurer, and Jb Moody - Fire Chief.  
**Others Present:** Andrea Olson - 410 Franklin Street, and Lee Gibbs - AECOM.

#### Informational

1. **Director's Report**
  - a. **Division and Church Street Reconstruction Project**
  - b. **SS4A Grant**

Director Beduhn gave a brief update on the highlighted items in his Director's Report.

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

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

2. **Presentation by AECOM regarding the West River Drive Traffic Study Project.**

Please watch the video on our website for the presentation given by Lee Gibbs with AECOM.

This was a presentation only; there was no need for a motion on this item.

### **Discussion and Possible Action**

#### **3. Consideration for a closure of the Park Street Railroad Crossing.**

Director Beduhn elaborated on what he had in his memo in the packet and asked if there were any questions he could try to answer from his discussions with OCR.

Mayor Wiza pointed out that the "voluntary closure" is really not of our own free will. He stated that he feels the wording should be "consideration of a closure of the Park Street Railroad Crossing." Please note that the wording was changed to reflect that in the Minutes.

Chris Tiffany asked if the risk that we would be taking just the \$30,000 matching grant, or would there also be an additional amount that the railroad would contribute if we did not take voluntary action, to which Director Beduhn replied that he thought that was correct; however, he was unsure of what the amount would be if we end up having to close it under an order from the railroad. Mayor Wiza asked if we could find out what that cost would be, to which Director Beduhn replied that he was unsure if they would tell us that, but Director Beduhn will try to find out.

Alder Keymer stated that out of the four routes outlined in the map, and looking at all the pros and cons of them, she feels it makes the most sense to go with alternative truck route 1 due to its deviation in length and having the least impact on the fewest number of people. She also added that she would rather see us pay the lower cost and do it voluntarily, vs. the \$95,000 possibility that seems likely. Chris Tiffany and Alder Morrow both agreed with Alder Keymer on the alternative truck route 1 over any of the other routes.

Mayor Wiza also agreed that if we are going to have to do it anyway, we may as well get the railroad to pay as much as they're willing to pay with us going forward voluntarily. He asked if the property owners were informed about this meeting to which Director Beduhn stated that we were unable to get something out in time.

Alder Keymer asked if we knew what the process or timeline would be once a decision is reported to OCR and/or WisDOT to which Director Beduhn stated that he does not have a good handle on the process.

Since no action was taken on this item, we will get a letter out to all the possible affected property owners for the February meeting.

**4. To award the 1039 Ellis Street Demolition Project #25-801 to Robinson Brothers Environmental, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$344,885.00.**

Director Kivela emphasized that this was a very favorable quote, and it meets the timeline we were hoping for. He also added that there were two mandatory walk-throughs for all bidding contractors at the location.

Alder Shuda **moved**, Alder Morrow **seconded** to award the 1039 Ellis Street Demolition Project #25-801 to Robinson Brothers Environmental, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$344,885.00.

Alder Kneebone asked if it is routine for demolition contractors to scavenge and recycle items that can be, to which Mayor Wiza replied that everything that can be reused, recycled, or repurposed should be included in the bid.

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

**Adjourn**

Adjourned at 6:47 p.m.