

Our intention is to have in-person meetings going forward. For the time being, we will hold the City Committee Meetings, Plan Commission, Council and most others at the Community Room at 933 Michigan Avenue. This in-person location will meet the legal requirement for our open meetings. We will have a virtual option available, but the technology for the hybrid style meeting may not be reliable all of the time.

CITY OF STEVENS POINT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

February 9, 2026 - 6:30 PM

(or immediately following previously scheduled meeting)

Community Room

933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

OR

Zoom Teleconferencing

Meeting ID: 819 0916 8646 | Passcode: 559857

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By Phone: +1-312-626-6799 (US Chicago)

(A quorum of the City Council may attend this meeting)

AGENDA

Roll Call

Informational

1. Director's Report
 - a. Patch Street Railroad Crossing Alteration.
2. Presentation - Update on the Business 51 Projects.

Discussion and Possible Action

3. Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 9, Section 9.19 to create ATV/UTV Routes.
4. Consideration for the closure of the Park Street Railroad Crossing.

Adjourn

Meeting Rider

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February 4, 2026

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Scott Beduhn

1. Engineering Division - December

- **Country Club Drive:**
 - All work is complete. The contractor will return next spring to address any warranty items.
- **Division and Church Streets Reconstruction Project:**
 - AECOM has responded to all WisDOT comments on the final plans for the far south segment. The project will be advertised this month with a bid opening in March.
 - Real estate acquisition is proceeding very well in the south segment. Only two properties remain to be acquired both will go through the eminent domain process.
 - Staff has reviewed and commented on AECOM's near-final plans for the North Segment. The project design is still on target for late winter/early spring bid opening.
 - Real Estate continues in the North Segment with 32 of the 47 parcels having been acquired. Likely, if there are any delays in bidding and construction, it will be the result of real estate acquisition. AECOM's subconsultant is preparing a worst-case scenario timeline for acquiring the remaining real estate so that a schedule can be finalized
 - WPS has provided a cost estimate for the relocation of overhead utilities throughout the North Segment. This work is expected to occur late this winter and into the spring.
 - Staff submitted an STP-Urban application for the segment of Church Street between Rice Street and Francis Street. Grant award notifications should be sent out early this spring.
 - Staff is working with AECOM to hold an open house this winter to offer the public an opportunity to review the final designs to understand what to expect during construction and what changes to expect after construction is complete, such as intersection changes, access relocations, and removals. The Open House is scheduled from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2026, in the Community Engagement Room at Mid-State Technical College.
 - As a result of recent staff changes at AECOM, City staff will be requesting proposals for the North Segment contract administration from AECOM and an additional firm.
- **2024 Street Improvement Project (Northside):**
 - All work is complete. The contractor will return this spring to address any warranty items.
- **2025 Street Improvement Project (Washington Ave):**
 - All work is complete. The contractor will return this spring to address any warranty items.
- **2025 Street Improvement Project (Madison/Monroe):**
 - All work is complete. The contractor will return this spring to address any warranty items.

- **East Park Commerce Center Badger Avenue Extension:**
 - This project is complete.
- **Forest Creek Subdivision:**
 - Nothing new to report.
- **Curb Gutter and Sidewalk Repair Project:**
 - Nothing new to report.
- **Fall Paving Project:**
 - Green Avenue repaving will occur in the spring due to a lack of contractor availability to complete the work this past fall.
 - A Public Informational Meeting (PIM) will be held this winter for those who may be impacted by the work. The meeting is anticipated to be held in early March and will be open house style meeting.
 - With the work being completed in 2026, staff evaluated adding Green Court to this project using the remaining 2025 and available 2026 capital dollars, and we believe there is adequate funding to complete Green Court, which staff will change order into the Green Avenue contract.
- **Pavement Maintenance Project:**
 - Staff is evaluating streets for this year's project.
- **Downtown Concrete Joint Repair Project:**
 - Staff is working on the next phase of this project, which will consist of Water Street between Clark and Centerpoint. This project should be bid later this winter.
- **West River Drive:**
 - After presenting their findings to the Board last month, AECOM is finalizing their report, which will complete the project.
- **Michigan Avenue Underpass:**
 - The City's consultant is working on the engineering for the project and coordinating the work with Canadian National.
 - Near-final design plans should be available near the middle of February.
 - The bid opening is anticipated to occur in March.
- **Hoover Road Intersections Signalizations:**
 - All work is complete. The contractor will return this spring to address any warranty items.
- **Park Street Railroad Crossing Closure Investigation:**
 - Staff presented a recommendation to the Board last month, but no action was taken.
 - Staff was asked to inquire with OCR about the apportionment of costs in a non-voluntary closure and also to send notices about the likelihood of a vote being taken this month to those who may be directly impacted by the closure.
- **Patch Street Railroad Crossing Alteration:**
 - As directed by the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR), City staff filed a petition with OCR requesting they accept the 2007 alteration of the Patch Street Railroad crossing.
 - OCR responded to the City's petition, and the City filed testimony in the case on January 27, 2026.
 - The proceedings will likely last for several weeks, and a final decision by OCR may take a couple of months.

- **SS4A Grant:**
 - The draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is available for review and will be brought before the participating municipalities in January and February. For the City, the plan was discussed at the Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission meeting on January 21, 2026, and the Plan Commission on January 26th.
 - The preliminary draft Safety Action Plan is currently being reviewed by staff. The Safety Action Plan is intended to be a comprehensive plan designed to eliminate roadway deaths and serious injuries throughout Portage County. After staffs review has been completed, the draft plan will be made available for public comment.
 - A high-level ADA accessibility assessment of key roads and intersections across Portage County was completed, and the first draft document has been presented to staff for review. The accessibility assessment will serve as a section of the Safety Action Plan.
 - Overall, the project is in the final stages of documentation and should wrap up later this year.

- **Additional Miscellaneous Projects:**
 - Engineering Staff continues working on proposed 2026 and 2027 roadway projects, including gathering survey data, researching right of way, and preparing bidding documents.
 - Engineering staff have been working with university staff on several fronts to improve the University environment. These include:
 - Discussions in conjunction with Community Development on the future of the old Maytag lot.
 - Discussions regarding the reconstruction of Fourth Avenue through campus, which is tentatively scheduled for reconstruction in 2027.
 - Staff continue to work with the Utility Department on various water, sanitary, stormwater, and fiber projects.
 - Staff continue to work with the Community Development Department on various projects. These projects include:
 - Shopko redevelopment.
 - Convent redevelopment.
 - Garbage and Recycling ordinance revisions. These include:
 - Ordinance changes required to comply with recent revisions to the State recycling rules found in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR500, 502, 520, 532, and 544.
 - While there are specific ordinance changes to be made, staff is taking the opportunity to also review the entirety of the City's ordinance language pertaining to Chapter 7 of the Revised Municipal Code, Section 7.06 Solid Waste Disposal, Yard Waste, and City of Stevens Point Drop-off.
 - The State's deadline for adoption of the new ordinance language is April 30, 2026. The Board should see both the State-required and staff-proposed changes this winter.

STREETS SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Chris Johnson

2. Streets Division - December

- **Continued Operations:**
 - Garbage and Recycling
 - Street Sign Compliance and replacement
 - Street Light Maintenance
 - Street Patching/Trumbull
 - Drop off Site Operations

- **Staffing:**
 - We are pleased to report that the Streets Department remains fully staffed.
- **Winter Crews/Work:**
 - **Plowing:** Crews responded to two notable snow and ice events in January.
 - **Snow Picking:** With January's below-average temperatures, crews were able to pick and haul snow from intersections, parking areas, and snow storage locations to improve visibility and make room for future snowfall.
 - **Salt Sand Screening:** The City uses a salt-sand mixture on secondary roads for winter traction. With sand prices now at \$7 per ton, the City rented a screener in December to screen our own stockpiled sand. Screening did not happen in January due to cold temperatures. A potential screener purchase is on the February Finance Committee agenda.
 - **Patching:** Temperature swings in January led to an increase in pothole activity, particularly on older main roads scheduled for future reconstruction. Crews are utilizing all available patching methods, including the infrared heater, hot patcher, Trumbull machine, and cold/perma patch materials, to stay ahead of developing potholes.
 - **Salt Shed:** In late November and December, the fabric salt shed developed a tear along a seam that continued to expand. A temporary cover is in place. The repair is covered under a prorated warranty, with a portion of the cost paid by the City. Funding was approved by the Finance Committee last month, and the fabric cover replacement is expected to occur this spring when temperatures allow.
 - Unrelated to the tear, the building's roll-up garage door failed. After reviewing replacement costs and DNR requirements , the department has determined the door will not be replaced at this time.
 - **Library:** The City owns the Portage County Library – Stevens Point Branch building. County staff reported several maintenance concerns, the most significant being water intrusion into the basement. During inspection, City staff also identified a potential structural concern along the Main Street wall.
 - A structural engineer has evaluated the building and provided recommendations. Quotes have been obtained for replacement of the main entrance doors, and staff are working to obtain quotes for window replacement along Third Street. These windows present challenges due to their age and the need to maintain the building's historic appearance. The City and County continue to work together under the terms of the lease agreement to address these issues. Additional smaller maintenance items are also being addressed.
 - **Equipment maintenance/Garage :** Most equipment included in the 2026 capital budget has been ordered. In January, two police vehicles were ordered along with Parks capital equipment, including two mowers, a Harley rake, and a three-wheeler for ball field maintenance.
 - January mechanic work orders were primarily related to plow truck repairs due to ongoing winter operations.

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January 26, 2026

To: Board of Public Works
From: Scott Beduhn, Director of Public Works
Re: Ordinance Amendments

The ordinance amendment of Sections 9.19(1)vi and 9.19(1)vii, creating ATV/UTV Routes, is the result of a Mayoral request.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,



CARRIE FROST DR.

CARRIE FROST

Proposing to create "ATV/UTV ROUTES"

BRILOWSKI RD.
COUNTY ROAD R

DR.

COUNTY ROAD HH

VETTER DR.

Controlled Intersection
0.030655



**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF STEVENS
POINT, WISCONSIN**

The Common Council of the City of Stevens Point do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: That subsection vi of Section 9.19(1) of the Revised Municipal Code, **ATV/UTV Routes** is hereby **created** to read as follows:

9.19(1) vi. Carrie Frost Drive from Brilowski Road (County Road R) to Vetter Drive.

SECTION II: That subsection vii of Section 9.19(1) of the Revised Municipal Code, **ATV/UTV Routes** is hereby **created** to read as follows:

9.19(1) vii. Vetter Drive from Carrie Frost Drive to County Road HH.

SECTION III: These Ordinance changes shall take effect upon passage and publication.

APPROVED: _____
Mike Wiza, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Susan Pagel, City Clerk

Dated: January 26, 2026
Approved: February 16, 2026
Published: February 26, 2026

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February 4, 2026

To: Board of Public Works

From: Scott Beduhn, Director of Public Works 

Re: Consideration of Voluntary Closure
Park Street Railroad Crossing
Crossing No. 692750U

Last month, staff presented their recommendation to the Board regarding a voluntary closure of the Park Street railroad crossing. While certainly an inconvenience, staff feels that truck traffic can be adequately rerouted and other traffic dispersed on surrounding streets without a detrimental impact to either residents or businesses.

Mayor Wiza asked at last month's meeting if OCR would share the apportionment for an ordered (nonvoluntary) closure. According to OCR staff, the apportionment under an OCR order to close is anticipated to be very similar to the anticipated costs of a voluntary closure, with the incentive payment being the most significant difference. Therefore, it is in the City's best interest to negotiate an incentive payment with Canadian National (CN) that the City feels is acceptable. Currently, CN has offered \$10,000. Through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) railroad crossing closure incentive program that incentive payment can be matched, thereby making the \$10,000 incentive a total of \$20,000.

If the City is agreeable to consider a voluntary closure, staff will continue negotiating with CN on the incentive payment. To date, CN has made an offer; however, staff has not fully negotiated the incentive payment, waiting for the Board's direction as to the willingness to consider the voluntary closure. In anticipation, staff has been working to gather information regarding historical OCR ordered apportionments and WisDOT incentive payments to establish a better foundation from which to negotiate. Staff will also research the WisDOT incentive program to understand the process to ensure the City can capitalize on the program. In addition, staff will further evaluate the rerouting of truck traffic to select a new truck route.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF THE PARK STREET RAILROAD CROSSING

TRUCK ROUTE ALTERNATIVES

PROPOSED RR CROSSING CLOSURE

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| EXISTING TRUCK ROUTE | |
| ALTERNATIVE TRUCK ROUTE 1 | |
| ALTERNATIVE TRUCK ROUTE 1A | |
| ALTERNATIVE TRUCK ROUTE 2 | |
| ALTERNATIVE TRUCK ROUTE 3 | |
| ALTERNATIVE TRUCK ROUTE 4 | |

