

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

March 8, 2010
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Nick Levendusky
Jim Brey
Ray Geigel (arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr

OTHERS

Eric Sitkiewitz

MEMBERS ABSENT

Approval of the Minutes from 2/22/10

N. Levendusky made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2010 meeting. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Proposed Public Works Projects for 2011

G. Minikel reviewed the Capital projects along with the proposed installation of sidewalks for the upcoming year. D. Soeldner couldn't commit to new sidewalks and thought this might be pushed back one more year, N. Levendusky and J. Brey both agreed.

As another option, G. Minikel suggested reducing the project to ½ of the previously budgeted amount or \$60,000. That way we would at least get some new sidewalk installed. G. Minikel recommended installing sidewalk on only one side of Expo Drive from Vista Rd. to W. Custer Street, which would create a link for the neighborhood. He also recommended delaying the sidewalks on Hawthorne Court and E. Ivy Lane.

J. Brey requested a city wide assessment (such as the one in DePere) information to be brought back to an upcoming meeting. - Info on Referendum from DePere.

No decisions will be decided at this time. G. Minikel explained upcoming projects (Waldo Blvd viaduct - Woodridge #8 - DOT/Hwy 151 project and Stormwater ponds).

D. Soeldner questioned if the design of these ponds are being designed in-house. G. Minikel explained that S. 10th Street was designed in-house and Allen Boruch has been through training and will be designing the Dewey Street retro-fit pond as well.

V. Mellon said the Farmer's Market parking lot needs to be re-paved. We were asked to re-stripe and replace numbers but it is also in need of significant repairs. DPW crews will patch this year, however, long term plan needs to be milled and resurfaced. J. Brey wondered what

happens to the money that Planning collects for the Farmer's Market. N. Levendusky was unaware and the Committee requested that V. Mellon check if a portion could be regularly set aside for future maintenance repairs.

The Committee recommended Engineering to prioritize the projects and bring back to the first meeting in May. V. Mellon recommended that the main corridors of town should be considered priorities. D. Soeldner requested for this to be the only agenda item for that night.

Update on Progress of the Stormwater Quality Management Program

V. Mellon explained how far we have come towards the required 40 percent Stormwater Mandate. The City will be at approximately 30 percent by summers end.

D. Soeldner explained that the proposed NR151 rule change includes an extension of time given by the DNR to reach the 40 percent.

G. Minikel mentioned that we are examining possibilities which include extending pond sizes to increase the credits received versus buying additional property to build more ponds.

Update on Pollution Prevention Program at DPW

V. Mellon requested approval to build an outside wash bay area for the street sweeper which would also provide winter storage. The area in the DPW garage where the sweeper is currently stored is very tight. We can't wash the sweeper inside the garage because the area is so confined that the splash zone messes up other equipment and the debris blocks the drains. The drainage should go into a sanitary sewer; the sediment should not drain into the storm sewers. The preliminary costs are high, so we are currently looking into other options. V. Mellon explained the sweeper is an expensive piece of equipment and needs to be stored. There is not enough room in the garage and no area for washing. The storage unit proposed would be unheated.

D. Soeldner requested for other options to be reviewed. V. Mellon explained to the Committee several alternatives are being discussed and will be brought back as more information is gathered.

J. Sladky said a pole shed should be sufficient and suggested the DPW crews should be able to build it. D. Soeldner mentioned several alternatives to remove sediment can be purchased and the DNR will not be concerned with the type of building that is provided, their concern is with the sediment that would get into the storm sewers. The Committee recommends researching other options. V. Mellon agreed to bring the issue back to the Committee at a future date.

Composition of Board of Public Works

D. Soeldner requested taking a look at the members of the Board of Public Works. He would like the number of elected officials to outnumber the City Department Heads, as the elected officials should be the ones making political decisions. He researched other cities to find that the elected officials usually outnumber the department heads.

Since the Board of Public Works reviews and authorizes spending significant amounts of money, such as assessments and pay requests, it is his recommendation to request the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance which modifies who serves on the Board of Public Works. Both J. Sladky and J. Brey thought the Committee should be made up of more Aldermen than City Department Heads.

J. Brey made a motion to instruct City Attorney to draft an amendment to the Ordinance to have the Board of Public Works comply with State Statutes which includes City Attorney, City Engineer, City Comptroller and/or Finance Director (and their substitutes allowed per Ordinance). To remove the City Clerk as voting member and replace with one Alderman from the Streets & Sanitation Committee to be selected by the Streets Committee at the first meeting held in May. J. Sladky seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously. V. Mellon will contact the City Attorney to draft a Resolution.

Other Business

V. Mellon explained the R&R Sidewalk Contract should be awarded at next Council. References were checked and approval to award is recommended.

V. Mellon recommended the Resolution for seal coating should also be approved at the next Council Meeting. V. Mellon explained South 11th Street will not be included due to the reconstruction of South 10th Street.

J. Sladky made a Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. N. Levendusky seconded the Motion.



Valerie Mellon, P.E.
Director of Public Works
and City Engineer