

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Public Works met in City Hall on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Greg Hoffman, Darrin Senn and Director of Public Works Rick Rubenzer. Absent were Finance Manager Lynne Bauer and Council President Susan Zukowski. Also attending were Assistant City Engineer Rob Krejci, Alderperson Jane Lardahl and Peter Pohl of #803 Veronica Street.

1. **Motion** by Rubenzer, seconded by Senn, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2010 Board of Public Works meeting. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

2. The Board of Public Works considered the 2010 Concrete Patch bids. Four Bids were received (see attached summary) and the budgeted amount for this project is \$15,000. **Motion** by Senn, seconded by Rubenzer, to recommend that the Common Council approve the low bid of \$14,813.75 received from Jaenke Concrete & Excavating of Eau Claire, Wisconsin for the 2010 Concrete Patch Contract and award the said project contract to Jaenke Concrete and Excavating. In addition, that Mayor Hoffman be authorized to execute the contract. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

3. Assistant City Engineer Rob Krejci appeared and presented the 2010 Storm Water Annual Report. Mr. Krejci highlighted the report and noted that the City was in compliance with all storm water permit requirements at this point in time. **Motion** by Senn, seconded by Rubenzer, to recommend that the Common Council approve the 2010 Storm Water Annual Report. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

4. Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer presented the attached Amendment No. 1 to the Owner/Engineer agreement for professional services with Short, Elliott, Hendrickson, Inc. (S.E.H.) for Construction Engineering Services for the Bay Street Lift Station Upgrade. Rubenzer noted that this was a continuation of the Bidding and Design Service Agreement with S.E.H.. He continued that the City Engineering Department would provide construction engineering services for the River Street part of the project. The amount budgeted for engineering services for the Bay Street Lift Station and River Street Project was \$339,609. Thus far, engineering contracts include \$8,000 for Grant Administration, \$8,400 for Traffic Signals, \$39,600 for Design and Bidding Services and \$50,300 for Construction Engineering Services, for a total of \$106,300. **Motion** by Rubenzer, seconded by Hoffman, to recommend that the Common Council approve the attached Amendment No. 1 to Owner/Engineer agreement for professional services with S.E.H. for Construction Engineering Services for the Bay Street Lift Station Upgrade. In addition, that the Director of Public Works be authorized to execute the contract for a not to exceed amount of \$50,300. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

5. The Board of Public Works considered the attached petition concerning the Garden Street connection to Chippewa Crossing Boulevard. The Board and Mr. Pohl discussed the following points about the Garden Street connection and the petition: 1) The petition was misleading in that STH #29 traffic would NOT be traversing through the

neighborhood as claimed on the petition, 2) The Garden Street connection would benefit ONLY the neighborhood and be utilized by neighborhood traffic from North of Garden Street and West of Chippewa Crossing Boulevard thereby reducing traffic volumes and congestion along South Avenue, 3) 165 homes were sent notices for the February 17, 2010 Public Informational Meeting, 4) The Engineering Department received no comments opposing the Garden Street connection at the Public Informational Meeting (attended by about twenty (20) neighborhood residents) on February 17, 2010, 5) About 87 “households” signed the petition, 6) After factoring out non-owners, about 61 households were represented, 7) The dirt BMX bike track on City property near the Garden Street-Chippewa Crossing Boulevard intersection will be eliminated as part of the project, 8) The cost of the intersection was included in the awarded contract and about \$20,000 would not be spent if the intersection were not put in. If not put in now, the Garden Street connection to Chippewa Crossing Boulevard, would not be constructed at a later date as it would be a considerably higher cost at that time. After continued discussion, there was a **motion** by Senn and a second by Rubenzer, to recommend that the awarded project contract for Chippewa Crossing Boulevard proceed as originally written with the Garden Street connection to Chippewa Crossing Boulevard INCLUDED. Voting aye: Senn and Rubenzer. Recusing himself from the vote was Mayor Hoffman.

6. Assistant City Engineer Rob Krejci presented options for a shared use path along Park Avenue between Peterson Lane and Seymour Cray Boulevard. The existing shared use trail from STH #124 to Peterson Lane is presently off-street along Park Avenue and also is off-street from Park Avenue to County “S” along Seymour Cray Senior Boulevard (STH #178). The Park Avenue budget and preliminary plan includes the off-street shared use path but costs could be reduced by about \$50,000 (\$40,000 State share/\$10,000 City share) if the path was placed on Park Avenue. The Board discussed having bike traffic on the street along with 35 mph traffic. Speed limits could be reduced but less traffic would be moved in that case. Any on-street path would require bicycle traffic crossing of 35 mph minor arterial (Park Avenue). **Motion** by Hoffman, seconded by Rubenzer, to continue to plan for the shared use path along Park Avenue between Peterson Lane and Seymour Cray Senior Boulevard (STH #178) to be constructed on the North boulevard. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

7. **Motion** by Senn, seconded by Rubenzer, to adjourn. All present voting aye. Motion carried. The Board of Public Works meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Richard J. Rubenzer, P.E., Secretary
Board of Public Works