

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
November 3, 2003
New Berlin City Hall Common Council Chambers
3805 S Casper Drive

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Public Works at their next regular scheduled meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 A.M.

Members Present: City Engineer J.P. Walker, Alderman Chiovatero, Alderman Harenda, Alderman Ament and Mayor Wysocki

Staff Present: Ron Schildt, Division Engineer

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 01-03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to approve the October 6, 2003 and October 24, 2003 minutes. Seconded by JP Walker. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.

ITEM 24-03 RESOLUTION ON WAUKESHA COUNTY STREET & HIGHWAY WIDTH (TABLED ON 10/06/03)

Motion for approval (Alderman Chiovatero); The motion was seconded by JP Walker.

The County has already approved this so do we really have any say, what we are doing doesn't mean anything; I don't know why it's even here. (Alderman Ament)

The last sentence under rationale explains why it's here. (JP Walker)

When developments occur along those roadways, we can establish what the set-backs for buildings and parking should be, for us to have something to work with we have to have something established by Council. (Ron Schildt)

We can't make any changes to this, correct? The County has already adopted it. (Alderman Ament)

They have already adopted it for this round but there will be subsequent changes and they will be reviewed in the future. (Ron Schildt)

The public would have been interested in knowing about, the Johnson Road extension. A lot of people worked with the County on getting that removed from the map on the County's end. Basically we can only approve it, but we can't make any changes in the map. I won't support it. (Alderman Ament)

Several concerns, Moorland Road because of the 6-lane proposal by the County, and also concerned about Cleveland Avenue proposal of 4 lanes, need intersection improvements specifically at Sunny Slope. Also would not approve it. (Mayor Wysocki)

By rejecting this will the County look at this again or do they have a time frame to have this done? (Alderman Chiovatero)

Not until the next round, not sure when that is, because they don't do it annually. There will be another round where they will look at proposed changes throughout the County (Ron Schildt)

Did the County come to the City to get input from you? (Alderman Harenda)

The County did send us a preliminary copy of the map back in the beginning of this year. (Ron Schildt)

Do we have any input, or does the County just tell us that is what the County is doing? (Alderman Harenda)

The County gave it to us and said check it over see if there's any discrepancies, we looked back at the information that we had from 1997 as to what was passed. (Ron Schildt)

Some concerns also, we control local roads right? Can we draft some kind of resolution controlling our own? (Alderman Harenda)

We could pass a resolution regarding the items we would like to see the County address. (Ron Schildt)

New Berlin Citizen, Mr. Vernon Bently-3450 So. Johnson Road, spoke about previous plans for Barker Road, Johnson Road, Lincoln Avenue and Coffee Road.

There are a number of issues that we want stated for the records, either in the minutes or whether it's in our resolution. If there are any concerns, give them to me so we can make sure they can get in a draft resolution and be presented to the Board for the next meeting. (JP Walker)

Make sure any concerns are given to JP, regarding any roads that we have a concern about. (Alderman Chiovatero)

Does this make it appropriate to table this? (JP Walker)

Should we table this or just reject it? (Alderman Chiovatero)

We should vote on motion in front of us now. Will there still be time to vote on this at our next meeting? (Mayor Wysocki)

They wanted us to approve it ASAP, but we can wait till December (Ron Schildt)

Alderman Chiovatero withdrew his motion; JP Walker had no objections.

Motion made by Mayor Wysocki to table and direct Staff to draw up the resolution with the input that was discussed here. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ament, upon voting the motion passed unanimously

ITEM 25-03

Motion made by JP Walker to Reconsider the Motion of October 6, 2003 to approval allocation of LRIP Grant Funds as Revenue to the 2003 Roadway Maintenance Account. The motion was seconded by Mayor Wysocki, upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to request the Common Council to amend the 2003 Capital Projects budget to recognize the Grant Fund. The motion was seconded by JP Walker. Upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

This project was originally a Utility project. (Alderman Ament)

The portion of where the utilities were installed was the Utility project, but working with the Director of Utilities we had determined that a portion of the funding should be covered by the matching grants and that's why we brought it forth. (JP Walker)

Can't this be done by putting this back into the roadway maintenance? (Alderman Ament)

That's what the previous motion was, we were told after the fact that we cannot do that. State law requires that it be held as revenue and an expense account established to take care of spending the funds. (JP Walker)

Could this be established in some other way? I have a problem with this going to the Utility when this was Utility driven. The money is going back and forth, this is supposed to come back to roadway maintenance. I can't support this. (Alderman Ament)

This is really just a difference of where the money is coming from. We need to set up an account to put the grant money into. We are still paying the same amount. It will come out of the new account that we set up. Just going into a different account and coming back out of there. Not paying more to the Utilities. (Ron Schildt)

Instead of roadway maintenance paying for this, Utilities are going to be cutting the check? (Alderman Ament)

Yes, that's correct. (Ron Schildt)

We are just transferring money from one account to another. (Alderman Harenda)

Thank you to the Staff for making these applications. (Mayor Wysocki)

How is this going to affect applying for future grants down the road for Calhoun Road? Do we have to do something similar in the future? (Alderman Harenda)

Calhoun Road will be completely administered by the WisDOT. They will bill us for our portion of the project. (Ron Schildt)

Upon voting, motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 27-03 LRIP Grant Application for Sunny Slope Road (Beloit to Grange)

Motion made by JP Walker to recommend to the Common Council to authorize the Department of Community Development to Apply for LRIP grant from WisDOT for next funding cycle for Sunny Slope Road from Beloit Road to Grange Avenue. If the LRIP grant is awarded to this project, authorize acceptance of the grant. Enter a State-Municipal Agreement for the project. Motion was seconded by Alderman Chiovero.

Will this fit into our planning? (Alderman Chiovero)

CIP project for Grange Avenue was actually pushed back 1 year from 2005 to 2006. We are planning to do this portion of Sunny Slope Road in 2006. (Ron Schildt).

Upon voting, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 28-03 – LRIP-D Grant Application for Cold Spring Road (Sunny Slope to 124th)

Motion made by JP Walker to recommend to the Common Council to authorize the Department of Community Development to apply for a LRIP-D (Local Road Improvement Program – Discretionary) grant from WisDOT for the next funding cycle (2004-2005) for Cold Spring Road from Sunny Slope Road to 124th Street. If the LRIP grant is awarded to this project, authorize acceptance of the grant. Enter a State-Municipal Agreement for the project. Motion was seconded by Alderman Chiovero.

What is meant by discretionary? (Alderman Chiovero)

Communities are fighting over funds with all the other communities in the State. WisDOT will have discretion to make their decisions as to whom will be recipients of the grant funds. (Ron Schildt)

As I understand it, approximately 6 grants were applied for last year, therefore giving us a better chance of receiving the grant. This may be an opportunity where maybe there will be some funds available to help us out. (JP Walker)

Actually, 8 were granted throughout the State. (Ron Schildt)

How would this affect the CIP Budget? (Alderman Chiovatero)

We would ask Finance not to fund the portion of the project that will be covered by the grant funds received. (Ron Schildt)

What is the timetable for this project? (Alderman Harenda)

We are looking at Spring of next year for starting construction. (Ron Schildt)

Upon voting motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Chiovatero; Seconded by Mayor Wysock; passed unanimously

Adjourned at 8:32