

# Minutes

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

February 4, 2002

New Berlin City Hall Common Council Chambers, 3805 S. Casper Drive.

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

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

Staff Present: Ronald Schildt, Division Engineer

Others Present: Bob Anderson, WisDOT

### ITEM 01-02 Approval of Minutes

Motion by City Engineer, JP Walker to approve the December 3, 2001 minutes. Second by Mayor Wysocki. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.

### ITEM 39-01 Reallocation of \$700,000 from the 2001 CIP budget to move these Monies to the resurfacing/reconstruction design of Grange Avenue (requested by Alderman Scheuble)

Motion by Alderman Scheuble to recommend to Common Council to reallocate \$700,000 from 2001 CIP fund for Coffee Road extension to an account for phased design of Grange Avenue improvements from 124<sup>th</sup> Street to Moorland Road and right of way purchase, if necessary. All left over money to be used for CIP debt reduction. Preliminary conceptual plans will be subject to local resident review and recommendation. Second by JP Walker.

- Minutes from the last Board meeting, stated we will consider the reallocation of funds after the Engineering Department conducts an in-house study and comes forward with recommendations. PASER information will be presented/handed out by Ron Schildt, Division Engineer. (JP Walker)
- Information was handed out to the Board members regarding PASER update. The information goes over the rating pavement surface condition. Each road/street is rated upon their condition as far as repairs go. Surface rating goes from 10 to 1 scale. Ten as being excellent and 1 as being failed. Grange Avenue is between 2 & 3, which is considered poor. Looking at 2 different alternatives of urban cross-section or rural cross-section. Rural cross section would be a cheaper way according to the figures even though it is only an estimate. (Ron Schildt)
- Back in 1996, there was a study of different engineering constructions of the road? (Mayor Wysocki)
- There was a number of different ones done, but the one that was found, was for urban cross-section. (Ron Schildt)
- When analysis was done with urban cross-section, could there be bike lanes or lane, whichever one would fit appropriately? (Mayor Wysocki)
- Study did call for some type of bike lane, but not sure how many. (Ron Schildt)
- Has there been any discussion with the Storm Water engineer about his issues about the urban conditions? (Mayor Wysocki)
- No, there have been no formal discussions. (Ron Schildt)
- Does this help us determine which streets need major attention as far as repairs go? (Alderman Chiovatero)

- PASER rating system is only one small portion, which determines what needs to be done. It gives us an idea as to where to start looking. (Ron Schildt)
- Discussion amongst the Board members regarding the spending of the \$700,000 for Grange Avenue. Issue of waiting for another six weeks for more discussion due to this item will be brought up at the CIP budget.
- The study that was done in 1996, should it be upgraded and if so, what would the cost be and could it be done by the time we look at the CIP? (Alderman Ament)
- Yes the 1996 study will need to be upgraded. Three people between our departments were not working here back in 1996 and would have to start over, and it will not be done in the next six weeks. Have to look at all guidelines and estimates by the WisDOT. (JP Walker)
- New Berlin Resident, Michael Lynch, 12895 W. Grange Avenue voices his opinion to the Board members regarding the Grange Avenue issue. Wants to make sure the decisions that are made, that they are safe ones for everyone referring to this road.
- Engineering design standards for the road will not be compromised. Need 12-foot width driving lanes and with bike lanes that are 35-feet from back of curb to back of curb. (JP Walker)
- Money can be spent wisely by getting preliminary plans, look at the safety issues and get this project going. (Alderman Scheuble)
- Direct Engineering to look into the costs of doing this project. (Alderman Chiovatero)
- Motion passes with Mayor Wysocki voting opposed.

#### **ITEM 02-02 Right of Way Vacation/Forest Point at Westridge**

4701 S. Hunter Lane (approximate)

Motion by JP Walker to recommend to Common Council to approve that Hunter Court, which is no longer needed for public purposes, be vacated and deeded to the Condominium Association for open space.

- John Graber gives a brief over view of this project. By the time Forest Point was developed, there was anticipation there would be access out to Moorland Road, as a secondary access. There is no need for City to maintain the ROW and the City can vacate it and deed it back to the Condo Association.
- Are there any easements in there for utilities? (Mayor Wysock)
- Watermain that was installed as part of the initial construction. (John Graber)
- Has the Association been notified of this situation? (Mayor Wysocki)
- Recommendation came from Plan Commission and does not know if Condo Association has been notified. (John Graber)
- Friendly Amendment by Mayor Wysocki to include the Condo Associations name, Forest Point and add after open space, if they choose to accept. Second by Alderman Chiovatero.
- How do people get from Target to these Condo, what is the pathway? (Alderman Scheuble)
- Access point off of Forest Point Boulevard. There are 2 driveways. (John Graber)
- Upon voting, Motion and Friendly Amendment passes unanimously.

#### **ITEM 03-02 Intergovernmental Agreement with West Allis**

Design & Reconstruction of 124<sup>th</sup> Street

From National Avenue to Morgan Avenue

- Motion by Alderman Chiovatero to recommend to Common Council for approval for New Berlin to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement subject to review as to form by the City Attorney with West Allis for the Design & Reconstruction of 124<sup>th</sup> Street from National Avenue to Morgan Avenue in West Allis. Second by Mayor Wysocki.
- There have been a number of discussions with the City Attorney about this issue. Engineering was given an example of a resolution and an example of an agreement by West Allis that would not be approved as to form by the City Attorney. Engineering has been working with the City of West Allis to come up with an agreement that would be approved by our City Attorney. There are time concerns, in order to get this done, West Allis is doing the design and New Berlin is reviewing the design (making sure all our standards and concerns are met). Project is strictly between National Avenue and Morgan Avenue, which is in West Allis about a half mile. Want to reconstruct entire stretch. Per City of West Allis, we can have this constructed this year, but need agreement to them by March 1, 2002.
- Motion to amend by Mayor Wysocki to recommend to Common Council to approve that the City of New Berlin enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement subject to reviews as to form by the City Attorney with West Allis for the design and reconstruction of 124<sup>th</sup> Street of National Avenue to Morgan Avenue in West Allis and that City Attorney be directed to draw up the appropriate resolution. Second by Alderman Chiovatero.
- Side-paths, what are/is City really discussing here? (Alderman Ament)
- Side-paths from National Avenue to Euclid (school there) and go right along Krause Funeral Home and would tie into a side-path already on Euclid. (JP Walker)
- Maintenance (snow removal), who is responsible? (Alderman Ament)
- Believe City, but that would have to be decided. (JP Walker)
- There will be an informational meeting scheduled this month (February). Once the design is done, we will review and discuss any changes with City of West Allis. (JP Walker)
- Motion on Amendment, passes unanimously.

#### **ITEM 04-02 Greenfield Avenue – Cost Sharing Agreement**

Motion by JP Walker to support the City initiating discussion with the other area communities to develop an agreement as to what the cost sharing breakdown will be for each community for the reconstruction of Greenfield Avenue from Calhoun Road to STH 164. Second by Mayor Wysocki.

- Alderman Ament expressed his concern about this issue. Is opposed to this whole idea, feels it should go back to the State and have them rethink this whole Greenfield Avenue issue.
- A representative from the State WisDOT is present, Bob Anderson and he addresses the Board. Project started about 10-15 years ago and it was initiated originally by City of New Berlin and City of Brookfield. These projects are approved by and pushed through and scheduled legislatively. There was cost sharing for the first phase of this project between New Berlin and Brookfield. If the State finds that if the traffic is greater than 40% through that community, then they request a 25% Cost Sharing Agreement between the Cities. State recommends that City of New Berlin be considered the lead agency, due to the fact that traffic runs through the City daily. It will give New Berlin a chance to take control of the matters as the way they see fit and there will be an agreement between the communities affected.
- City of New Berlin will make sure the agreement that is prepared will take into consideration that all communities are responsible for their fare share of the costs. Per the handout in the Boards binders, the Cost Sharing could be split into three different ways: 1) % of Local Traffic 2) % of Frontage or 3) 50% Frontage/50% Local Traffic. Per the meeting that was held on January 31, the majority were in favor of the 50/50 share. (JP Walker)
- This project should be taken back to Madison or State and have them re-look at the issue

- and scale it way down to cut the cost down for everyone. (Alderman Ament)
- All five communities passed resolutions to proceed with the Greenfield Avenue project. Widening these lanes will decrease the traffic problems already associated on this road. Costs will be there, but in the long run, it will be a good improvement for the road. (JP Walker)
  - Looking at safety purposes as for the future. What is the status of Brookfield Road? (Mayor Wysocki)
  - Exact location has not been decided. Brookfield Road will be part of the Greenfield project. (Bob Anderson, WisDOT)
  - New Berlin residents don't want this money for the reconstruction of Greenfield Avenue. State should rethink this and tone it down and let the City use their own money for our infrastructure. (Alderman Ament)
  - Alderman Scheuble does not agree with this project.
  - Friendly amendment motion by JP Walker to add WisDOT to negotiate a Lead Agency Agreement. Second by Alderman Chiovatero.
  - New Berlin resident, Vern Bently, 3450 S. Johnson Road. Residents are not given any input.
  - New Berlin resident, Al Toth, 18810 W. Greenfield Avenue. Spoke with Roger Cupps, with the WisDOT and asked about Brookfield Road going through his house. He was told it is about 90% true at this time.
  - Motion by Alderman to amend cost sharing breakdown will be the design/reconstruction of Greenfield Avenue from Calhoun Road to STH 164. Also the preliminary conceptual plans subject to local resident review/recommendation.
  - New Berlin resident, Mary Ann Reed, 19101 W. Pinecrest Lane. Asked Mayor Wysocki if he could write the governor regarding the Greenfield Avenue project stating we only want a little tweeking not any major work.
  - As the lead agency, as the lead community on this project, with this motion it does give us the opportunity to do it. (Mayor Wysocki)
  - Alderman Scheuble would like to make another friendly motion to make sure that we can get this input into the governor.
  - Motion can not be supported. All the way through this, there will be meetings and information is presented in the proper way. Being a lead agency, does give City of New Berlin more leeway then the other communities with the WisDOT. (JP Walker)
  - All this discussion would entail is for us (the City) is to be a lead agency and has nothing to do with design/reconstruction at this time. (Alderman Chiovatero)
  - Due to a lack of a second, Alderman Scheuble's amendments dies.
  - Upon voting on original motion and JP's amendment, it passes, with Alderman Scheuble voting opposed.

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to adjourn. Second by JP Walker. Upon voting, motion passes.

Adjourned at 10:07 a.m.