

# **Board of Public Works**

## **Minutes**

### **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING**

**May 3, 2000**

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Members Present: Mayor James Gatzke, City Engineer Jeff Chase, Alderman Patzer, Alderman Wysocki and Alderman Chiovatero

Staff present: Division Engineer Jim Haggerty

#### **ITEM 01-00 Minutes**

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to accept approval of the April 5, 2000 Minutes. Second by Alderman Chiovatero. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **ITEM 3-00 Sidewalk Ordinance**

- This is the second time the ordinance has been brought to the Board as it was referred from Council for the board's review for snow and ice removal. (Jeff Chase)
- Modifications that were recommended was exempting residents properties that were adjacent to them, if sidewalk is not in front or their driveway does not cross the walk. (Jeff Chase)
- Paul Reilly made the necessary modifications to the Ordinance per the Board members. (Jeff Chase)

**Motion by Alderman Patzer to recommend to Council approval of the Sidewalk Ordinance. Second by Mayor Gatzke. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **ITEM 24-00 Enclosed Storm Drainage Projects**

- The above policy was referred to Council by the Policy Sub Committee and then referred to the Board. (Jeff Chase)
- This policy was brought forth to the Board because of the drainage issues. Also that all appropriate policies that were in action by Council or the Mayor, would be brought into one area (Alderman Wysocki)
- Ditch development was put together 3 ½ years ago and has been working very successfully and would recommend making no modifications to the current policy. (Jeff Chase)
- Hydraulic Capacity, if it met the storm water guidelines. (Alderman Wysocki)

- Hydraulic Capacity does meet the criteria of the storm water guidelines. (Jeff Chase)

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to recommend to Council the Enclosed Storm Drainage Projects and to include with the other existing policies. Second by Alderman Chiovatero. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

**ITEM 25-00 Engineering Grading Guidelines**

- In the early 90's, this policy above was created and it is generally more of a policy limiting as to what the City's involvement is going to be as far as grading and drainage issues on private properties. (Jeff Chase)
- There are two different issues that this policy addresses: 1. New construction or 2. Existing development for property changes to topographics. (Jeff Chase)
- City will also not get involved with private grading or drainage disputes. (Jeff Chase)
- Concern with in-fill development relative to development approvals that we leave the end responsibility to the private owner's drainage. (Alderman Wysocki)
- If City were to start doing investigations on drainage complaints by neighbors, the City would need more manpower. (Jeff Chase)
- Developer's responsibility when they receive approved plans (about elevation) – does the responsibility end when the individual lot is sold to a builder or owner? (Alderman Wysocki)
- Response is yes. (Mayor Gatzke)
- When someone purchases a lot from a developer, is there some form or document that the purchaser is aware of specific grading requirements. (Alderman Wysocki)
- The building permits itself lays out what the ultimate grade should be. (Mayor Gatzke)
- In the developer's agreement, is there some kind of language if it became necessary, the City could go back to the developer if promised work was not complied with? (Alderman Patzer)
- Occurrences like those; City does have a policy and practice where it catches the majority of bad situations. Consists of certain language in the developer's agreement and follow-up by staff in field and office. (Jeff Chase)

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to recommend to Council the Engineering Grading Guidelines and to include balance with other existing policies. Second by Alderman Chiovatero. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

**ITEM 26-00 CTH ES/ CTH Y**

- Widening of National Avenue and reconstruction of Racine Avenue (it would go under National Avenue) is the proposed project from Waukesha County. (Jim Haggerty)
- Relocation of the New Berlin Fire Department located in that area. (Alderman Wysocki) Waiting to see what the County plans to propose before any decisions are made. (Mayor Gatzke)

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to adjourn. Second by Jeff Chase. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.**

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