

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

ROLL CALL: Chairman Jason Wittek called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 7:04 pm in the Common Council Chamber at the City Hall. Members present: Alderman John Sigwart, Alderman Mike Gasper, Phill Bruno, and Jim Haley. Also, present were City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven. On the phone was City Administrator Tony Brown. Present in the audience was: Alderman Dan Benning and Alderman Paul Neumyer arrived at 7:21 pm. Absent and excused: Alderman Pat Tearney, Jon Crain, JD Hoile, Dan Buehler, and Leo Duffrin,

Chairman's Business: Chairman Jason Wittek wanted to state that the lights on the lighthouse look okay. Aldermen Sigwart and Gasper stated that they were not lit the other day.

Approval of Minutes for June 8, 2021: MOTION BY JIM HALEY AND SECONDED BY PHILL BRUNO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments/Appearances: There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

A. CONSIDER ADDITIONAL COSTS TO REPAIR SANITARY SEWER IN THE CITY PARKING LOT EAST OF DULUTH TRADING: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that he has reviewed all of the charges involved in the cost overrun which coincides with the work that took place earlier this year. He is satisfied that the documentation is satisfactory, and he recommends approval to pay the additional charges as presented. In September 2020, the city entered into an agreement with Michels Corp to grout and line the clay 8" sanitary sewer main and manholes running through the City Parking Lot located just east of Duluth Trading. This work was necessary because of severe infiltration (approximately 40,000 gpd) caused by high lake levels and overall poor pipe condition. Shortly after work began in January 2021, there was a complete pipe failure during the grouting operations. The cost to repair the failure which was located under the roofline of the breezeway between the lift station and the restrooms required round the clock pumping and other extraordinary methods to keep the sewer operational. Prior to construction, staff reached out to Port Washington State Bank to get information on possible sewer back-ups at the Dockside Deli building. They indicated that has not been an issue. Also prior to construction. Port Washington Main Street was informed of the schedule for construction. Mr. Gaven Kobes, project manager for Michels Pipe Services, reviewed this project with the Board Members. Alderman John Sigwart questioned Mr. Kobes regarding this project. A few other Board Members voiced these questions and concerns. **MOTION BY ALDERMAN JOHN SIGWART AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MIKE GASPER to approve the additional cost to repair the sanitary sewer in the city parking lot east of Duluth Trading as presented. Motion carried (4 Ayes; 1 Nay (Bruno)).**

B. CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER FOR LAKE STREET DESIGN: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that after Amendment 1 was executed, Gremmer was asked to incorporate design of improvements to Jackson Street to accommodate

proposed townhomes development, there were alternate intersection drawings prepared, there were additional design alternatives proposed to control flooding in Veterans Park, research into soil contamination, and permeable pavers alternatives. These items, as well as a few others, are included in Amendment No. 2. Recommend approval of Amendment 2 with Gremmer and Associates. The Board Members discussed this item with the City Engineering. **MOTION BY JIM HALEY AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MIKE GASPER to approve Amendment No. 2 for \$5,367.50 as presented. Motion carried (4 Ayes; 1 Nay (Bruno)).**

C. CONSIDER GREMMER PROPOSAL FOR 2022 STREET DESIGN: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that Gremmer and Associates has provided design services for nearly all of the City's annual street, water, and sewer improvements, providing a high level of service with very reasonable fees. Staff recommend award of the design of the 2022 street, water, and sewer improvements to Gremmer and Associates. The following improvements have been selected to be scheduled for 2022: Water, sanitary sewer (lining/replacement), storm water, and street improvements (total reconstruction) to the following streets: North Park Street from West Grand Avenue to North Moore Road; Pierre lane from North Sauk Drive to Orchard Lane; Orchard Lane from Pierre Lane to North Holden Street; Sauk Drive from Pierre Lane to Barnich Road; Barnich Road; North Lake Street from East Washington Street to East Jackson Street; and East Jackson Street from North Lake Street to Harborview Lane. Mill and resurfacing the following streets: Sauk Drive from Barnich Road to cul de sac; West Beutel Road from North Grant Street to North Holden Street; Frances Street from West Norport Drive to West Beutel Road; North Grant Street from West Norport Drive to Dead End; and Merry Court. The proposal includes lump sum payments for design of streets to be reconstructed and resurfaced. The line item for Lake Street is time and material because the scope has not been finalized. There are still questions regarding whether Jackson Street will extend beyond the bike trail, what impact soil contamination will have, how we will incorporate permeable pavers into the design vs traditional pavement and drainage, as well as the potential shift in the Lake/Jackson intersection. **MOTION BY JIM HALEY AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHN SIGWART to recommend to the Common Council to approve the proposal of \$126,918 for Gremmer and Associates to design the 2022 Street Designs as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Project Updates:

- a. **2021 Street Improvements:** City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven stated that there are a few punch list items to complete such as mailboxes and curb stops. The pavement is in, and the restoration is in.
- b. **Hales Trail and Crestview Sidewalks:** City Engineer Vanden Noven stated that this just wrapped up after the last meeting. The restoration is complete, and the city crew did a good job. The city crew will be putting up a split rail fence down by the culvert on the south side of the road.
- c. **2021 Sidewalk Improvements:** City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven stated that this project is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete. The contractor continues to work west of Spring Street. Staff has had contact with a few residents. There have not been many complaints. Alderman Gasper asked about replacing sidewalks at the end of August and beginning of September when school is starting. City Engineering Vanden Noven stated that staff will check into dates before setting the schedule.
- d. **Spinnaker West Pond Improvements:** City Engineer Vanden Noven stated that they are still working on the wall. The grading is mostly done. Staff has had a few issues with utilities moving poles. Project is a little behind, but the completion date is in November. Staff stated that after this part of the project is complete, staff will start working on the two box culverts at Spring and Garfield for 2022.

- e. **Breakwater Improvements (Section A through C):** City Engineer Vanden Noven reviewed with the Board Members. He stated that surface work is completed. Grouting holes is left to do and a few punch list items. This project should be opened by this Friday with decent weather.
- f. **Update Of Heart Of The Harbor:** City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven updated the Board on this project. This project is a little behind schedule, but it has gone well. Utilities should be in by now. The paver work has been completed by the Street Department. The Fire sculpture for the fire feature is installed. The gas line is in, but not turned on yet. The landscape and furniture will be completed next week. The sunshade will be delivered in October. The Street crew did a great job on this project.

Forthcoming Events: Discuss Board Of Public Works Meeting Time For October: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven said that he thanked the Board Members for being flexible while he was being a soccer coach. The October Board of Public Works meeting will be at 5:30 pm for the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY JIM HALEY AND SECONDED BY PHILL BRUNO to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.