

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES**  
**OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Feirer at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza.

**PRESENT:** Mike Feirer, Dave LaFontaine, Tom Buttke, Ed Wagner and Don Krueger

**EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Meyer; Alderman Earll; City Administrator Brehm; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Panzer; Wastewater Superintendent Dickrell; Assistant Finance Director Hanson; Dale Marth – Veolia Solid Waste Midwest, LLC; Gary Gray; Bill Penker; and others.

**Citizen Comments**

Bill Penker, 600 South Sycamore Avenue, asked the Board of Public Works to consider narrowing the window for sidewalk snow clearing on Central Avenue. 48 hours is too long and allows too many property owners to leave sidewalks in a condition that is not customer friendly.

Alderman LaFontaine read the following: Last Saturday, September 12, 2009, four aldermen including myself, were privileged to participate in the Fire Ops 101 course as prescribed by the Intersectional Association of Firefighters. The program was presented by volunteers of the local unions from Marshfield, Merrill, Stevens Point and WI Rapids. I was especially impressed with the cooperation of the firefighters, chiefs, deputy chiefs, and training personnel of the participating departments. During a training exercise, it was impossible to identify one department member from another without looking at their identification gear. All members of the participating departments are to be commended for providing educational tips and a safe environment in which to learn about the challenges our firefighters are faced with in the performance of their duties. I would like also to commend the participants in this first presentation of Fire Ops 101 in the local area. It was great to see Senator Julie Lassa, Representative Amy Sue Vruwink, Mayor Mary Jo Carlson of WI Rapids, my fellow aldermen Tom Buttke, Gordee Earll and Russ Stauber of Marshfield and Mike Wiza of Stevens Point. They put on and wore the bunker gear normally worn by our firefighters. It was a mind opening experience to learn what it is like to wear 70 – 80 lbs. of gear in a warm and sometimes hot environment. It gave me and the other participants a better appreciation of our firefighters. It is much easier now to understand why our firefighters are generally younger men and women and why they need to keep physically fit. Lastly, we the taxpayers of the area, can be proud of the public/private partnership and the volunteers that constructed the training facilities. The cooperation of MSTC, the cities of Marshfield, Stevens Point, WI Rapids and contractors like Marawood Construction, Schreiner's Plumbing, Trierweiler Construction, and others, along with the volunteer labor of the firefighters is much appreciated. This facility is so awesome that nationwide trainers of firefighters are coming to Marshfield soon to observe our facility and participate in firefighter training. Thank you firefighters of Marshfield, Merrill, Stevens Point and WI Rapids for a very educational day. It has made us much more appreciative of you heroes and the challenges you face in your occupation.

Street Superintendent Panzer presented a Street Division construction update to the Board of Public Works. City Engineer Turchi presented an Engineering Division construction update. Director of Public Works Knoeck presented a Fire Station construction update. Bids will be opened on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 1:00 PM in the Council Chambers. The meeting is open to the public.

Street Superintendent Panzer presented the proposed Refuse and Recycling contract with Veolia Solid Waste Midwest, LLC. Questions were raised about disposal of appliances and other ‘white goods’, the length of the contract, and the expected annual cost of the contract per year. Additional information will be presented at the next Board of Public Works meeting.

**PW09-110** Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to recommend holding the Refuse and Recycling Contract with Veolia Solid Waste Midwest, LLC for review until the next Board of Public Works meeting.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried**

**PW09-111** Motion by Wagner, second by LaFontaine to recommend no change to the Wastewater Utility rates for the 2010 budget year.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried**

**PW09-112** Motion by Buttke, second by Krueger to recommend no change to the Machinery & Equipment Rates for the 2010 budget year, including the rates for the Wastewater Utility equipment.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried**

**PW09-113** Motion by Krueger, second by Buttke to recommend installation of ‘No Parking During School Hours’ on the east side of Juno Avenue from Becker Road to Fillmore Street and that upon approval by the Common Council, the recommended change be made to the Administrative Code of Traffic and Parking Regulations.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried**

**Recommended items for future agendas**

Alderman Wagner requested that an item pertaining to sidewalk snow removal on Central Avenue be placed on a future Board of Public Works agenda.

Motion by LaFontaine, second by Krueger that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 PM.

**All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried**

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary  
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