

Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

June 4, 2001

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m.

Members Present: Mayor Wysocki, City Engineer Jeff Chase, Alderman Chiovatero, Alderman Schueble, Alderman Ament

Staff Present: Division Engineer Mark Handzlik, Division Engineer John Graber, Division Engineer J.P. Walker, Division Engineer Ron Schildt

ITEM 01-01 Approval of Minutes

May 7, 2001

Motion by Alderman Ament to approve May 7, 2001 minutes. Second by Jeff Chase. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.

ITEM 14-01 Election of Officers -- Chairman and Secretary

Motion by Alderman Ament to appoint Alderman Chiovatero as Chairman of the Board of Public Works. Second by Mayor Wysocki. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to nominate Jeff Chase as Secretary of the Board of Public Works. Second by Alderman Chiovatero. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.

ITEM 15-01 Discussion of Driveway Culvert Permit, Jim & Carol Roemer

- Jeff Chase explains this application is before the board because there is no clear policy on multiple driveways on residential lots. In general our practice is that for each residential lot, 1 driveway access is allowed, unless there is compelling reason(s) to grant two. In some circumstances the impact is negligible; and in others it can be problematic. On a policy basis it could be really problematic because we have some 14,000 residential lots; and giving two or more would make it 28,000. On a policy basis it does add up, it's another culvert pipe or curb cut to maintain, a conflict point for traffic, snow storage etc. On this particular application the impact would be minimal.
- Alderman Ament states he spoke to this resident last week. Ament asks who pays for the second culvert. Chase states the homeowner does. Ament sees no problem other than possibly setting a precedent.
- Alderman Chiovatero asks if the culvert is sized properly for drainage of cul-de-sac. Chase states that it is.

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to grant approval of Driveway Culvert Permit for Jim and Carol Roemer. Second by Alderman Ament. Upon voting motion passes unanimously.

ITEM 17-01 2001 Roadway Maintenance

- Jeff Chase states they are bringing forward their annual list of streets for consideration. It is a very important concept to understand that we apply the right treatment at the right time in the life cycle of our roadways to minimize the overall life cycle costs of those roads while providing an acceptable level of service. The program being brought forward today does not fit within that philosophy. He believes we are recommending the wrong thing--inappropriate treatments to streets, but we have fallen so far behind on some facilities we have no choice any longer. Many streets deserve a higher, better treatment but there are so many, and it is so expensive, that we have to start doing stop gap measures.
- Ron Schildt presents and reviews street pictures taken during 1999 inventory. Every other year all the city streets are inventoried and assigned a PASER rating (Pavement Surface Evaluation rating). He goes over the list of recommended streets for this year's budget, costs involved, and PASER rating of many New Berlin streets. There are approximately 65 miles of streets, citywide that needs something more drastic than coating/sealing. He goes over the spreadsheet listing streets, costs, recommendations, etc. There are additional streets that also need attention that residents have complained about, but the budget doesn't allow for it.
- Mayor Wysocki thinks our transportation infrastructure needs a lot of attention and thinks he will put a much higher priority on streets than they have in the past. He asks Ron Schildt to go through the summary page one more time for clarity purposes.
- Ron Schildt states the sections being looked at are Sunnyslope Rd. from Grange to College, Small Rd. to College, Small Rd. - intersection east of Moorland Rd. up to Beloit, Calhoun Rd. from National south down to Beres Rd., and four surface courses. Mayor asks if we have enough anticipated funds to cover all of these, Ron Schildt affirms yes.
- Alderman Schueble states Grange Ave. is a definite risk and is long overdue for repair. People on Grange have been asking for a long time to pulverize and resurface and wants to somehow get that done this year.
- Jeff Chase states that Grange is one of the streets where we would definitely be applying the wrong treatment at the wrong stage in the facilities lifecycle. Grange Ave. in many parts has completely failed; its cross section is inadequate and does not meet current standards. To put a new pavement course in place would exacerbate that situation and cost a large sum of money. Even after investing the money it would still be failed but just look nicer. This is all part of philosophy he started this presentation out with. These are really the wrong things to be doing but we don't have the time or the money to be doing the right thing, in his opinion. This is part of a much longer and more complex discussion that would be discussed in conjunction with the budget process. Our road maintenance plan is half of the picture. The second component of this program is our capital improvement program. We need to start reconstructing streets because they've failed either functionally or physically. That process is not something that can be done in one year. The maintenance part is usually relatively simple. The reconstruction, which would be put in the capital budget is quite complex and could take up to five years to deliver a project, with different phases -- planning, design, real estate acquisition, utility relocation and construction. Each one of those processes can take up to a year.
- Alderman Schueble still asks to reconsider Grange Ave. and do what the people want, saving the costs of reconstruction.
- Alderman Ament asks if \$120,000 for Grange is just for resurfacing or reconstruction. Schildt says this figure is basically for pulverizing and resurfacing. Ament asks how long repulverizing would last. Chase responds 5-10 years at best, because the base has failed. The real problem is cross section on Grange with 10-12' wide travel lanes, variable width gravel shoulders from 0- 3' wide, and the drainage ditches are right next to edge of shoulders and in some cases and quite deep. Pulverizing and resurfacing would raise profile of roadway and create an even more drastic drop off into ditches. A lot of problems could be expected with this.
- Alderman Chiovatero agrees with Mayor Wysocki that our street infrastructure has gotten worse and worse. He also agrees with the streets identified for improvement. He is concerned about spending money on Calhoun Rd., knowing that it has subsurface problems, heaving, etc.
- Mayor Wysocki stated that the Sunnyslope project is being done primarily because of the new grade school construction. Alderman Ament wants to know what the timeline is on the school completion. He suggests pulling this project out and putting in next years budget to do it right,

before school is done. Jeff Chase believes they could apply that strategy to any one of the streets on the list but the project would take probably two years to complete.

- **Motion by Mayor Wysocki to recommend that the engineering staff be directed to go forward with the recommended roadway projects or rehabilitation as listed. Second by Alderman Ament. Upon voting motion passes with Alderman Chiovatero voting no.**

ITEM 18-01 Developer's Agreement Contents (Discussion only)

- Alderman Chiovatero states he brought this before the board based on conversations with Alderman Wilkens and Alderman Ament, and in order to hold developers to agreements regarding grading, and provide guidelines for homeowners once developers sell property. A lengthy conversation ensues regarding potential improvements that could be incorporated into our standard Development Agreement. The City Engineer will compile recommendations for the next Board of Public Works meeting.

ITEM 19-01 124th Street Reconstruction

- Alderman Chiovatero states he brought this issue before the board for recognition purposes. This is a joint project between New Berlin and West Allis and should be done next year. Certain areas of 124th St. have been patched repeatedly and these are the areas causing the problems. He would like to see the really bad areas, 2 or 3, -- 50 foot sections.
- Mayor Wysocki states he will be meeting with the Mayor of West Allis soon and will discuss this. He confirms Alderman Chiovatero's concerns that something be done temporarily to get us through the winter and the start of this reconstruction project.
- Jeff Chase recommends we ask our street maintenance people to look at doing a larger patch job. Chiovatero reiterates there are only two or three 50 foot sections that need attention.

ITEM 20-01 Coldspring Road Rehabilitation

- Alderman Chiovatero states a petition is circulating and approximately 75% of residents want this road reconstructed so he wants to see if it can have a higher priority. He brought this up just for conversation so the public understands what has to be done on this road.
- Mayor Wysocki states this road *may* justify itself more to an urban cross section, than rural. The paved shoulder could then become part of the bike path. This would increase the initial cost but in the longer run would achieve safety issues and maintenance issues. Further conversation ensues regarding the immediate need to improve Coldspring. Engineering will prepare a proposal for the 2002 CIP budget.

ITEM 16-01 Adoption by the Board of the Developer Handbook

- Jeff Chase states this is the compilation of work in progress for 2-3 years. Chapter 17 & 18 were updated along with many other items. He hopes this will be a guide on how to implement a successful development in the City. It is a large document with a lot of information in it and many of the documents are already in use.
- Mayor Wysocki suggests putting this item on the next agenda, after the City Engineer has had a chance to consider the aldermen's comments. Alderman Ament stated he took a thorough look at the handbook and overall it looks pretty good.
- Aldermen are to forward any comments they may have to Engineering at their earliest convenience.

Motion by Alderman Chiovatero to defer this item to next month's meeting. Second by Jeff Chase. Upon voting motion passes unanimously.

ITEM 21-01 Status of Drainage Improvements-145th & Oklahoma Ave.

- Mark Handzlik reported that in January a memo was sent out to request the streets department to take care of this situation, which is a two step process 1) To fix the inlet at the southeast corner of 145th & Oklahoma. Mark spoke to Lee Ystad who stated he would upsize the culvert from 21" to 24" and knock off wing walls. He expects to have that done this week. 2) The second part would be ditching along Oklahoma Ave. and letters need to be sent out to residents to coordinate with them.

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to adjourn. Second by Alderman Chiovatero. Upon voting motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.