

# **Board of Public Works**

## **Minutes**

### **Board of Public Works Meeting**

**February 3, 1999**

Board of Public Works members present: Mayor James Gatzke, Alderman Dave Patzer, Alderman Jeff Stuckert, Alderman Ted Wysocki, Hamid R. Hashemizadeh Director of Public Works.

Others present: Jeff Chase City Engineer, Lee Ystad Streets Superintendent and Larry Wilms Utility Superintendent.

Board of Public Works meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

#### **ITEM 01-98 Approval of Minutes**

**December 8, 1998**

Motion by Mayor Gatzke to approve the Minutes of 12/8/98. Second by Alderman Patzer. Upon voting, motion carried unanimously. Alderman Wysocki was not present for December 8, 1998.

#### **ITEM 46-98 Flood Studies**

It was recommended to keep this item on the Board of Public Works and do a report of implementation on the projects going on.

#### **ITEM 02-99 City Wide Trash Pick Up Service**

There was some discussion as to what the solution would be, as far as billing and who would benefit from this service.

Alderman Wysocki states his main belief on the part of the citizens, is that if we went to a contract service, that one of the advantages may be that it be put on the tax bill, and therefore, the cost would may be a potential deduction for those who itemize relative to the property taxes. He states that from a financial perspective (asks Mayor Gatzke), if it was strictly based on a property value, the charge would be based on the value of the home and proportionally would be that way. Alderman Wysocki states that a number of municipalities, however, do have a specific billing and then place it on the tax bill, probably much like we do with the recycling charge. **He doesn't know if that would be a**

**legitimate deduction and has been told that you can not deduct those kinds of Special Assessments and feels they need to talk to Mike (City Treasurer) and the City Assessor, to see whatever mechanisms are being used, if that is a major impetus for this, or if that is truly a tax deduction?**

Mayor Gatzke states that from his understanding, it is not. He mentions that if it is a flat bill charged to every tax payer, it is not in fact deductible.

Alderman Wysocki goes in to the issue with certain types of classifications of properties, i.e., condos, office buildings, property exempt, do we service them and if we do, what certain types of mechanisms are in place for that, is it equal?

**Mayor Gatzke would like to recommend that a request be filed with the City Treasurer and the City Attorney to research the impact of this on those who wish to deduct, (how it can be done, what needs to be done), much like the Capital Charges for the sewer service.**

Alderman Stuckert stated how Alderman Patzer would like to try and privatize more and try to give more government and sees it as a less solution of service. He talks about how the New Berlin residents would be losing their choice of services, as far as, door to door services under this new option. Alderman Stuckert asked if Alderman Wysocki was really supporting this or not? Alderman Wysocki responds that he is just bringing this forward for discussion on behalf of Alderman Bullermann and Alderman Kaminski. Alderman Stuckert suggests taking this issue to the Committee of the Whole and doing a report and get it done with.

Mayor Gatzke asked Hamid or Lee, what does the City spend per year for private trash hauling?

Neither one could respond, due to the Building Maintenance takes care of it.

Mayor Gatzke mentions that if the City of New Berlin were to contract with a garbage hauler, the City's trash hauling could be done for free. He states that it would give him some justification for doing this.

Alderman Stuckert responds that it could be done for free, but states what have you done except transfer funds to individual residents to pay for the City's for free.

Alderman Wysocki states there are a couple of other financial questions that need to be researched, relative to the potential tax benefits or not, which the Mayor also stated. He said the Board has done its work and this issue should be recommended to the Committee of the Whole with the information provided and make a discussion at that time.

**Mayor Gatzke would like research done to find out if the garbage haulers would give us a proposal for bidding.**

Mayor Gatzke mentioned about if the haulers would abide by the City's rules not to service certain areas:

1. Tax exempts can be made to pay for their own freight for their costs.
2. Industrial Park can be provided the opportunity to sign on with our hauler or get their

own hauler, if they have some specific need.

Alderman Patzer also brings up the issue, what if the resident doesn't want it?

Alderman Kaminski asked if some residents would not want this on their tax bill and decide to use their own, would it create a problem?

The Board states yes.

Bill Bowers, City Clerk, said he would like to keep things the way they are.

**Motion by Alderman Wysocki recommends to move this item to the Committee of the Whole without recommendation. Seconded by Mayor Gatzke. Upon voting, motion carried.**

#### **ITEM 03-99 City Design & As-Built Plan Standards**

There was some discussion by Hamid that he would like to make clear the goals for all clients.

Jeff discusses about how this coincides with the Storm Water Management Master Plan.

There was some discussion by the Board to make sure the wording of the standards is appropriate.

**Motion by Alderman Patzer for the Adoption of the attached Infrastructure and Site Design Standards and As-Built Plan Standards for Sanitary Sewers, Watermain, and Storm Sewers by the Board of Public Works. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki. Upon voting, motion carried.**

#### **ITEM 04-99 Martin Road Bridge Rehabilitation**

Jeff Chase mentions that this project has been bid twice. He discusses that the first bids came back a little higher than expected, so then they went back and rebid. He says it was determined that they would have to go with these bids to get this project completed.

**Motion by Alderman Stuckert to recommend to the Common Council the award of Contract R-3-98 Martin Road Bridge Rehabilitation in the amount of \$44,616.00 to the apparent low bidder Lunda Construction Company, including 15% Engineering & Contingencies of \$6,692.00 and the source of funds coming from the 1998 Roadway Maintenance Account 511-820.01 \$16,151.76 and the 1999 Roadway Maintenance Account 511-820.01 \$35,156.64, totaling \$51,308.40. Seconded by Alderman Wysocki. Upon voting, motion carried unanimously.**

#### **ITEM 05-99 Purchase 4 - Wheel Drive Vehicles**

The Director of Public Works, Hamid Hashemizadeh goes in to discussion as to why we need these four (4) new vehicles. He states this is for safety reasons during major storms.

Alderman Wysocki would like this item to wait until the 2000 budget comes around.

Mayor Gatzke brings up that this issue has been discussed due to the last major snow storm that occurred at the first of the year.

Alderman Patzer asked about what type of vehicles would be purchase and how many?

Hamid says that we would get the least expensive vehicles, for instance, Jeeps (Sport Utility type) and would purchase four (4).

**Motion by Alderman Stuckert to recommend to the Common Council the purchase of 4 Wheel Drive Vehicles for Department of Public Works/Streets Division to include Streets Division Supervisors, Superintendent and the Director of Public Works. Seconded by Alderman Patzer. Upon voting, motion carried, with Alderman Wysocki opposed.**

#### **ITEM 06-99 Direct Debit Payment of Utilities**

The Director of Public Works, Hamid gives a brief overview of the program.

There was some discussion about how the figure of \$42.50 came about and if the residents had to use Bank One to consider this option?

Utility Superintendent, Larry Wilms, expresses that the \$42.50 is figured out by the \$35.00 every quarter and the \$.15 for every transaction (this is based off of 50 residents signing up). He also stated that the Direct Debit is available to anyone, regardless of the bank they use.

Alderman Patzer brings up the issue of doing a trial period of a year or two years, to determine if it would be profitable for the City or not.

Alderman Stuckert comments that this is only a customer service and not a cost savings. He states it would cost the City about \$41,000 a year.

There was some discussion if there would be a cost to customers for signing up or using the special direct debit?

Larry Wilms, states it would not cost a resident to use this privilege.

Mayor Gatzke brought up the issue that maybe we could come up with some sort of service charge.

Alderman Stuckert brings up the issue about the possibility of charging people that pay here at City Hall, or go to every four (4) months instead of every quarter.

**Motion by Alderman Wysocki to table this issue until the next Board of Public Works meeting. Seconded by Alderman Stuckert. Upon voting, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to adjourn and seconded by Alderman Patzer. Upon voting, motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hamid R. Hashemizadeh  
Secretary

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