

Public Works Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2007

The Public Works Committee met on August 28th, 2007 at 5:00 PM at the City Garage.

Present: Wayne Schmidt, Harold Nell, Ken Taylor, Lynn Lawrenz, Paula Wiese, Kelly Koss

Also Present: Gary Paape, Dennis Schneider, Pat Zastrow, Tom Romdenne

Moved by Lawrenz, second by Taylor to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Nell, second by Taylor to approve minutes of 7/26/07 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Lawrenz, second by Nell to approve the bills for the WWTF. Motion carried.

Moved by Lawrenz, second by Nell to approve the bills for the Street Dept. Motion carried.

WWTF Report:

- ▶ Average daily flow was 328,000 gallons/day.
- ▶ Organic loading equal to 1300#/day or 85% capacity.
- ▶ No permit violations regarding dissolved oxygen in August.
- ▶ Regarding the WPDES Permit Renewal – DNR requesting additional testing for chlorides after preliminary review of our renewal application. High chloride results are usually a byproduct of water softening process. Additional tests will allow DNR to determine if chloride testing will be required as part of new 5-year permit.
- ▶ Annual test required by Wisconsin DOC of facility. Backflow preventer valves satisfactory.
- ▶ Scheduling conflicts caused delay in repair/retrofit projects. Work is now tentatively set for week of September 24th.
- ▶ No sewer credit requests.
- ▶ Brian Wyden from Robert E. Lee working to coordinate repair to digester wall.

Street Dept. Report:

- ▶ Seal coating and curb repairs complete. Will sweep extra chips up in next few weeks.
- ▶ Sidewalk repairs on North Third and Stassen St.
- ▶ Work hours change to Monday – Thursday 6:30 – 4:00 and Friday 6:30 – 10:30 as of September 1st, until October 31st.
- ▶ Gary Paape attending DNR workshop September 10th in Green Bay.
- ▶ Starting safety training end of September. Training sessions set through January '08.
- ▶ 54-Frontage road work complete, will be landscaped shortly. Some concerns expressed regarding a stop sign and a name for the frontage road. Paape will be talking to Schinderle Funeral Home regarding street name and will refer matter to Planning Commission.
- ▶ Request for street sign at Summit Beach and No Engine Braking sign on 42 N.
- ▶ Still short one full-time employee since June 28th due to knee injury.
- ▶ Will be trimming vision area on Mill/Perry per police order.
- ▶ County paving alleys budgeted in 2007. Also putting grader patch on Feld St. for winter.
- ▶ Hauled new gravel to WWTF, will regrade and roll parking lot.
- ▶ Working with Safety Consultant on Confined Space entry policy for WWTF.

Moved by Taylor, second by Nell to approve Street Dept. and WWTF report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

2007 Street Projects - Alley between Navarino and State on Buchanan street being redone at no cost to us as it was paved incorrectly.

Fish Waste – Discussion regarding ongoing fish waste concerns. Zastrow indicated fish waste levels are low right now, Sunrise Cove cleaning station still not in use. Lawrenz reiterated that ordinance banning fish waste from sanitary/sewer system is already on the books and city should be enforcing it. He would like to see another letter sent to those (5) stations involved with a copy of the ordinance.

Motion by Lawrenz, second by Taylor to enforce the City of Algoma Municipal Code ordinance 13.08 (in reference to fish waste grinders) as of January 1st, 2008 with the support of the City Council. Roll call 4 Yes/1 No, motion carried.

Other Old Business – Pedestrian signs are glued to street with silicon caulking and will be removed in winter. All pedestrian signs paid for with private donations.

New Business:

Perry St. Project – Meeting held with representatives from the County, Utility, Street Dept., Robert E. Lee and City Administrator to coordinate planning for Perry St. project. County representatives indicated that it was not likely to move forward with the project if no curb & gutter were installed in Cedar Corners area. County to do its own roadwork. Preliminary plans for Cedar Corners will be available at the next PW meeting. Because of difference in engineering firm and fact that he will not be bidding out blacktop for the Perry St. project, Paape will not include the 6th Street project in this bid process. Project coordinators would like to set up a public meeting for residents of Cedar Corners to discuss Perry St. rebuild at next Public Works meeting, September 25th @ 5:00PM at City Hall with discussion and public comment at approximately 6:00 PM. Letters will be sent to all residents informing them of meeting date and time.

2008 Budget – No directives given yet by Finance Council except that total municipal budget cannot exceed a 2% increase over last year's budget. PW Committee will wait for directive from Finance to have further discussion. No action taken.

Other New Business – May need three sewer laterals and water put in on Frank St. north of Washington in 2007 pending sale of additional improved lot on Frank St.. Tom Romdenne indicated that there may be about \$20,000 in borrowed money from 2007 that could be earmarked for Public Works budget. No action taken.

Next meeting date September 25th, 2007, 5:00 PM at City Hall.

Moved by Nell, second by Taylor to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.