

# **Board of Public Works**

## **Minutes**

### **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING**

**New Berlin City Hall Common Council Chambers, 3805 S. Casper Drive  
December 4, 2000**

Meeting was called to order at 8:08 am.

Members Present: City Engineer Jeff Chase, Alderman Wysocki, Alderman Chiovatero, Mayor Gatzke and Alderman Patzer

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **ITEM 01-00 Approval of minutes**

**November 6, 2000**

**Motion by Alderman Wysocki to approve the minutes for November 6, 2000. Second by Jeff Chase. Alderman Patzer and Mayor Gatzke voted present. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

##### **ITEM 83-00 Reduction of Special Assessments**

###### **For Greenfield Avenue Watermain**

- City Engineer Jeff Chase gave a brief overview regarding the above issue. The City made a mistake when assessing the properties of Mr. Blasczyk and Mr. Turtenwald for the Greenfield Avenue Watermain. When the City was doing the assessment for these property owners they were charged for double the amount, when in fact they should have only been charged single. The purpose of this issue is to reduce the assessment to only charge the residents for one commercial parcel.

**Motion by Jeff Chase to recommend to Common Council that the Special Assessments for Tax Key Numbers 1154.086 & 1154.087 and 1154.084 & 1154.085, the watermain installed on Greenfield Avenue be reduced to \$9,351 and if a separate use is ever established on any of the individual parcels, the full initial assessment will become due and payable. Second by Mayor Gatzke. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

##### **ITEM 84-00 Greenfield Avenue Maintenance Agreement**

- Jeff Chase explained to the Board members that back in 1994 the City of New Berlin

entered into an agreement with WISDOT for the reconstruction of Greenfield Avenue between 124<sup>th</sup> Street and Calhoun Road. Because Greenfield Avenue is the boundary between the City of New Berlin and the City of Brookfield, a Maintenance Agreement is required to divide maintenance responsibilities. In general, the City of New Berlin will be responsible for the East half of the subject road segment and Brookfield the West half. Since the reconstruction of the roadway is now underway, we need to get the signed agreement between the two parties.

- Alderman Patzer asked if our City will be reimbursed from the State?
- City Engineer stated we receive Connecting Highway Aids from the State. Jeff also expressed that although we have not conducted a formal study, it is believed that the aid received will not cover all of our costs in the long run.

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to recommend to Common Council to approve the Greenfield Avenue Maintenance Agreement between the City of New Berlin and the City of Brookfield for the shared Maintenance of Greenfield Avenue between 124<sup>th</sup> Street and Georges Avenue (approximately 700 west of Calhoun). Second by Alderman Wysocki. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **ITEM 85-00 Greenfield Avenue Traffic Signal**

##### **Operation and Maintenance**

- A brief overview regarding the above stated issue was given by Jeff Chase, City Engineer. He explained that the City will be responsible for traffic signals at Greenfield & Elm Grove Road and at Greenfield and Sunny Slope Road. Daily operations and maintenance of the signals will be New Berlin's responsibility.
- Alderman Wysocki asked if the City of Brookfield does their own maintenance or outsources?
- Jeff responds that the City of Brookfield outsources the work.
- Alderman Patzer asked how does the City get involved in taking care of the intersection at Moorland and Greenfield Avenue.
- City Engineer states that the City of Brookfield will take responsibility for that particular intersection and also Greenfield & Calhoun Road.

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to recommend to Common Council to approve the Traffic Signal Operation and Maintenance Agreement between the City of New Berlin and WISDOT for the City to assume the responsibility for operation and maintenance of the signals at the following locations:**

- **STH 59 (Greenfield Ave.) & Elm Grove Road**
- **STH 59 (Greenfield Ave.) & Sunny Slope Road**

**Second by Jeff Chase. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **ITEM 82-00 Dredging Fountain Square Detention Pond**

**(Requested by Alderman Wysocki – Discussion and possible action)**

- Above stated issue was brought forth by Alderman Wysocki. He states that he believed the City has a responsibility for the dredging of this pond that is located on private property. There was a specific request to go ahead and get bids for the appropriate dredging of this pond and have the City reimburse them.
- City Engineer responds that he has a concern with the City getting involved with private

property work. The development agreement for Fountain Square clearly stated that the property owners are responsible for maintaining the Pond. He states that the City needs to be very careful as to why we should get involved with an issue like this. Jeff expressed that staff analyzed the pond and does not believe that it provides any regional benefits more could it be modified to provide regional benefits.

- Mayor Gatzke explained that the City needs to be consistent with its stated policies.

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to defer item 82-00 and to make sure the Fountain Square Association is aware of the discussion. Second by Alderman Wysocki. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

ITEM 74-00 Moorland Commons Improvements

- Jeff Chase updated the board members, that all lanes of traffic are now open. There is some small work left to do in this area. Common Council voted back in October to amend the developer's agreement.

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to adjourn. Second by Jeff Chase. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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