

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 18, 2016

Members Present: Jim Zajkowski, Craig Kittel and Ron Volkert

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeremiah Wendt, Eric Thompson, Michael Mroz, Ray Rivard and Jeanne Bergman

Craig Kittel moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

Ron Volkert moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2015 meeting, seconded by Craig Kittel and carried.

Urban Non-Point Source Planning Project: Eric Thompson, from MSA Professional Services, gave a presentation on the Urban Non-Point Source Planning Project. The City is nearing the 10,000 population mark where they will be required to have a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit in order to discharge runoff from the storm sewer system. Recommendations for future management of storm water may include building new or retrofitting old ponds along with increasing the schedule of street sweeping. This plan will be implemented as opportunities arise with future road improvement projects and used as a tool for future development. Ordinances will also need to be updated to provide consistency between the City, County and surrounding townships. Mr. Thompson reported that overall the City is pretty well situated. There will be no expense to the City for this project as it will be funded by a Dept. of Natural Resources grant and matching Hwy. 64 Corridor Coalition funds.

Safe Routes to School: City staff, in cooperation with the New Richmond School District and West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, received funding and prepared, a *Safe Routes to School Plan* for the City. The committee reviewed and prioritized the implementation of the recommendations. Craig Kittel moved to recommend adoption of the plan, with changes as discussed, seconded by Jim Zajkowski and carried.

Sidewalk Repair/Replacement: In light of recent updates to the City's sidewalk ordinance and the allocation of funds for sidewalk repair/replacement in the 2016 budget, staff has developed a sidewalk repair/replacement plan for 2016. The focus of the 2016 plan will be on improving accessibility by eliminating spot hazards throughout the City. Discussion followed on the location of the spot hazards, sidewalk areas that need to be improved or removed and working with the townships on shared costs and grant writing. Craig Kittel moved to make the sidewalk improvements as presented, with the comment that they have already been budgeted for, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

Snow Dumps on City Property: Past practice of the City has been to allow private snow haulers, who clear snow from properties in the City, to deposit the snow on City property near the intersection of 140th Street and CTH GG. Discussion followed on liability issues and if a fee should be implemented. Ron Volkert moved to keep the practice the same, seconded by Jim Zajkowski and carried.

Communication and Miscellaneous: None

Craig Kittel moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Zajkowski and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Bergman