



Board of Public Works

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<https://www.deperewi.gov/>

Final Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

7:30 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor James Boyd

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James Boyd	Mayor	Present	
Dan Carpenter	Aldersperson	Remote	
Jonathon Hansen	Aldersperson	Remote	
Shana Defnet Ledvina	Aldersperson	Remote	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Remote	

Others present:

Scott Thoresen, Director of Public Works (Remote)

Eric Rakers, City Engineer

Betty Sellenheim, Recording Secretary

William Niedzwiedz (Remote)

II. Items

1. Approval of the August 10, 2020 Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes

Aldersperson Hansen moved to approve the August 10, 2020 Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes, seconded by Aldersperson Raasch.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
AYES:	Boyd, Carpenter, Hansen, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch

2. Consider Definitely De Pere's Request for Permanent Fish Sculpture Location*

Scott Thoresen, Director of Public Works, introduced a request from Definitely De Pere to permanently install the fish sculpture ("The Papermouth") at its current location at the corner of George Street and Wisconsin Street, where it has been for over a year as part of the Downtown Sculpture Walk. The sculpture was purchased by an anonymous donor who requested it be permanently installed at the current location. Mr. Thoresen stated staff received emails in support and against the permanent installation and they were included in the updated packet. Staff supports the permanent installation of the fish sculpture and would remove it from the temporary base and affix it to the terrace if approved.

Aldersperson Raasch moved to open the meeting for public comment at 7:34 PM, seconded by Aldersperson Carpenter. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Niedzwiedz, De Pere business owner, discussed concrete variations between the intersection corners and potential pedestrian concerns, along with fish placement options and suggestions.

Mayor Boyd moved to return to regular session at 7:39 PM, seconded by Alderperson Raasch. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Alderperson Raasch moved to approve the permanent installation of the fish sculpture at the current location, seconded by Alderperson Ledvina.

Alderperson Hansen expressed concerns regarding placement and suggested following a nautical theme and permanently placing in Voyageur Park or near the Riverwalk. Alderperson Carpenter requested a visual aid to see the concrete changes as discussed by Mr. Niedzwiedz. Alderperson Raasch shared a view from Google Maps. Alderperson Carpenter shared concerns regarding hornets/wasps building nests on the sculpture and requested it be maintained once permanently installed. Alderperson Raasch recognized the interest in keeping with the nautical theme but mentioned that the park and Riverwalk are not part of the streetscape and stated the sculptures add character and interest in the downtown. Mayor Boyd and Alderperson Ledvina agreed with Alderperson Raasch's remarks.

Upon vote, the motion passed 4-1 with Alderperson Hansen voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	James Boyd, Dan Carpenter, Shana Defnet Ledvina, Dean Raasch
NAYS:	Jonathon Hansen

3. Consideration and possible action on award of Contract 20-20 Commerce Drive Utility Extension*

Eric Rakers, City Engineer, explained the plans and limits of the project and future extension work on Commerce Drive. Mr. Rakers stated there was a lot of interest and bids came in good and close. The low responsive bidder for the project was Peters Concrete Co. at \$168,557.15.

Alderperson Hansen questioned the financing of the project. Mr. Rakers explained the funding for the project and future extension. Alderperson Hansen questioned if the plan would be to connect to Rockland Road in the future. Mr. Rakers stated that was the goal.

Mayor Boyd moved to approve the award of Contract 20-20 Commerce Drive Utility Extension to Peters Concrete Co. in the amount of \$168,557.15, seconded by Alderperson Ledvina.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Boyd, Mayor
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Boyd, Carpenter, Hansen, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch

4. Discuss Street Light Inventory Repairs

Scott Thoresen, Director of Public Works, updated the committee on the repair and replacement of the city-owned street lights as necessary throughout the City.

Mayor Boyd stated his appreciation for the update. Alderperson Hansen questioned if the lights are replaced with LED. Mr. Thoresen stated they are. Alderperson Hansen

questioned if the lights that were replaced on Broadway are the same style that will be used for replacements across the City for decorative lights. Mr. Thoresen stated that would be the standard design. Mr. Thoresen updated the committee on the operating cost of changing the decorative lights to operate from dusk until dawn (\$4,500 annually).

No action necessary.

III. Future Agenda Items

None

IV. Adjournment

Mayor Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM, seconded by Alderperson Raasch. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sellenheim