



Board of Public Works

Regular Meeting

Minutes

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Monday, May 12, 2025

7:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Present: Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkaln

Absent: James Boyd

Excused:

Others present:

Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director

Eric Rakers, City Engineer

Tony Fietzer, Street Superintendent

Tom Blohowiak, Maintenance Supervisor

Eric Zygarlicke, Water Department Supervisor

Grace Lahtela, Recording Secretary

Larry Roffers, 222 Pleasant Place

Pat Schrader, 702 N. Washington Street

James Hodgson, 915 Talbot Avenue

Vaughn & Nancy Lenhart, 620 Front Street

Tony Pizzo, 602 Front Street

II. Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Works. §6-3(f) DPMC

None

III. Items

1. Public Hearing to Levy Special Assessments

A. Notice of Public Hearing

Grace Lahtela, Recording Secretary, stated the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Press Times on April 18, 2025.

B. Recommendation from the Board of Public Works

Eric Rakers, City Engineer, stated the Board of Public Works adopted the preliminary resolution to schedule the public hearing for authorizing special assessments at the Board of Public Works meeting on April 7, 2025.

C. Final Resolution Authorizing Levying Special Assessments

Aldersperson Carpenter opened the Public Hearing.

Pat Schrader, 702 N. Washington Street, stated he was disappointed the Mayor and Public Works Director were absent from the meeting. Alderperson Carpenter pointed out that Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director was in attendance. Mr. Schrader added that received the letter with the payment options and asked when the letters would be sent out. Eric Rakers, City Engineer, stated the project is assessed after storm sewer work is completed, generally around September. Mr. Schrader appreciated that it was after the project was completed. Mr. Rakers added that following this meeting, provided the assessments are approved, another notice will be sent to impacted properties stating the assessment amount and payment options, but the invoice will be sent later.

Larry Roffers, 222 Pleasant Place, stated the improvements are great, but expressed concerns over the cost for connecting to the lateral and increased taxes at reassessment. Mr. Rakers stated the reassessment has nothing to do with the project and projects do not drive a reassessment, though the storm lateral is seen as an improvement to the property. Alderperson Carpenter stated that assessments are done annually in the City of De Pere by a contracted company and it is based on home sales in the area from the year prior. Alderperson Ledvina further explained that assessment letters were sent to all properties this spring and not triggered by small improvements, such as sump pump installation, completed at the property.

Mr. Schrader asked if the amount included in the letters he has received is the actual bill amount. Mr. Rakers stated that following the assessments being passed, that amount will not change. Mr. Rakers outlined the policy of establishing the annual assessment rates.

James Hodgson, 915 Talbot Avenue, asked for a timeline for the project to ensure they are in De Pere at the time the water and sewer line are installed. Mr. Rakers stated the contractor is currently scheduled to start at the end of June, depending on weather and the schedule for their other projects. Mr. Rakers added that the water line can be completed without the resident being home, but they would need to be home if participating in the full length lateral replacement via pipe bursting. Mr. Rakers stated that staff can coordinate with the residents to determine where the storm lateral will be installed. Mr. Rakers shared how the contractor determines their schedule based on the work to be completed and past experience of how long it takes their crews to complete that type of work. Mr. Rakers stated that staff will know approximately one to two weeks in advance of when they can anticipate to be at a particular location. Mr. Hodgson asked if the assessment is a single payment or over multiple years on the property taxes. Mr. Rakers outlined the payment options available to property owners. Mr. Hodgson clarified with staff the work being completed including the sewer line and water line. Mr. Rakers stated it would be a sewer lateral relay, water service line, and storm sewer lateral. Mr. Rakers added that the storm sewer lateral is for sump pumps, roof drains, backyard drains and stated that it was the only portion of the project being assessed. Mr. Hodgson shared concerns about the native vegetation in their yard being impacted by construction. Mr. Rakers stated that it would be best to meet with Engineering staff at their property and staff will show where the water and sanitary lines are located and explain options for the work at their property to be completed with the least disturbance.

Mr. Schrader stated that he has been told by the property owners north of him that there is an easement for their storm water to drain to Ridgeway Boulevard, but he is not aware of any documentation for it. Mr. Schrader asked if the City was aware of the easement and if it would impact his assessment. Mr. Rakers explained that it sounds like a private system and a private agreement that the City would not have record of. Mr. Rakers added that private systems are not seen as long term viable options and explained a few reasons why. Mr. Rakers stated that properties are provided the lateral for a connection to the City system and legal access to connect. Mr. Rakers added that the private system would not have to be disconnected, but the new lateral would be installed and assessed.

Alderperson Carpenter closed the Public Hearing.

- i Consideration and possible action on Resolution BOPW #25-01, Final Resolution Authorizing the Levying of Special Assessments for Storm Sewer Main and/or Laterals

Aldersperson Hansen moved to approve Resolution BOPW #25-01, Final Resolution Authorizing the Levying of Special Assessments for Storm Sewer Main and/or Laterals, seconded by Aldersperson Ledvina. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen
SECONDER:	Shana Ledvina
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkaln
ABSENT:	James Boyd

- 2. Approval of the April 7, 2025 Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes

Aldersperson Ledvina moved to approve the April 7, 2025 Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes, seconded by Aldersperson Eserkaln.

Aldersperson Hansen stated that there was a word missing under the discussion of the Ninth Street Tower Cleaning and Overcoating Project.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
SECONDER:	Mike Eserkaln
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkaln
ABSENT:	James Boyd

- 3. Consideration and Possible Action on 2025 Sidewalk Repair Orders (822 Pine Street and 825 Cedar Street)

Eric Rakers, City Engineer, stated this is a followup from the April meeting where 2025 sidewalk orders were approved. After the approval, two properties were identified as having been missed from the list included with the orders, which were 822 Pine Street and 825 Cedar Street. Mr. Rakers stated that staff notified the property owners on April 29 of the intention to address this item at this meeting and the approximate cost if the City replaced the panels. Mr. Rakers recommended the Board approve the Order of the Board of Public Works for Sidewalk Repair Order Additions. Mr. Rakers added that the orders are usually posted in the newspaper, but alternatively staff can send certified letters and that would be the intent for official notification for these two properties.

Aldersperson Carpenter moved to approve 2025 sidewalk repair orders and special charges for 822 Pine Street and 825 Cedar Street, seconded by Aldersperson Hansen. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Dan Carpenter
SECONDER:	Jonathon Hansen
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkaln
ABSENT:	James Boyd

4. Update on Pond Algae Discussion

Eric Rakers, City Engineer, explained this item is meant to be an update on algae growth in ponds, particularly the pond off Franklin and Front Street, which was built in 2023 and had considerable algae growth in 2024. At the October 7, 2024, Board Meeting, staff presented a memo providing an overview of the City's storm water management permit and discussing maintenance activities. The memo went into some detail on sources of algae growth, impacts of land use, and discussion of the Franklin and Front Street Pond. Mr. Rakers stated a copy of the October 2024 memo was included in the packet. The October memo identified additional steps including a public education campaign and having the City consultant evaluate options to treat algae growth. Staff completed a mailer earlier this year to all properties within the drainage basin. A copy of the mailer is included in the packet. The City consultant, REL, has created a memo providing options for addressing algae growth. This memo is also included in the packet and is the primary intent of the discussion. Mr. Rakers summarized the key points of the REL memo including maintenance and algae growth prevention by using aerators. Mr. Rakers added that staff spoke with the DNR about using aerators and were told that with aerators in ponds, they would need to be shut off each time it rained. Mr. Rakers added that installing aerators would become expensive with electrical installation, meter charges, and equipment purchases. Mr. Rakers stated that the memo from REL also included treatment options, either chemical or biological, and discussed the potential cost of these treatments. Mr. Rakers shared other algae minimizing options that were included in the memo from REL, including native vegetation which can help deter geese, which contribute waste that causes algae growth. Mr. Rakers cautioned taking action on one pond without a policy in place to regulate the action on other ponds when staff receive complaints. Mr. Rakers offered that staff could complete periodic inspections of the pond to remove debris and rake algae and shared the work staff currently completes on and around the ponds. Mr. Rakers stated that however the Board decides to move forward with regard to algae in the ponds, it needs to be considered from a policy standpoint, as the cost of treatment across all the City ponds will get very expensive.

Aldersperson Ledvina asked if REL offers algae treatment. Mr. Rakers stated that REL has a subsidiary that is part of their company called NES that handles pond maintenance. Aldersperson Ledvina asked if the treatment options would affect the native vegetation. Mr. Rakers stated that he was unsure and would have to take a closer look at the chemical and biological options and ensure it would not cause damage to the Fox River. Aldersperson Ledvina asked if staff received complaints about algae at other ponds. Mr. Rakers stated that staff did not receive complaints on other ponds, but noticed the algae in preparation for the discussions at Board. Aldersperson Ledvina asked how many of the other ponds are in close proximity to residential properties, like the Front/Franklin pond. Mr. Rakers stated that in new subdivisions, ponds are installed and they are usually closer to residential properties than the Front/Franklin pond. Mr. Rakers added that ponds in the industrial parks are considerably further away from residential properties and there are also ponds in the parks. Aldersperson Ledvina shared her interest in looking further into treatment options, especially in newer ponds, with hopes that as they establish they clear up naturally. Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, shared that ponds will always have algae but some years are worse than others. Aldersperson Ledvina shared her appreciation that staff has provided options and offered to rake the algae, especially since the Front/Franklin pond is not just near residential properties but also along the Fox River Trail. Mr. Rakers suggested watching it for this summer and staff can rake the algae during inspection times and depending on how that goes, request funding in the 2026 budget for treatment. Mr. Rakers cautioned that a policy will need to be established for treatment, because treating 100 ponds, with treatment upwards of \$2,500 minimum, the budget for installing new treatment ponds and continued maintenance will be eaten up by algae treatment costs. Mr. Thoresen stated that the stormwater utility does not cover all the maintenance that should be completed on the ponds and including treatments will cause the ERU for the stormwater utility to be increased substantially for every property. Mr. Thoresen agreed that a policy needs to be in place that establishes what treatment activities will be completed. Aldersperson Carpenter commented that the Front/Franklin pond is small in size

compared to some of the ponds in the industrial parks. Alderperson Carpenter asked if the smaller size plays into the algae growth. Mr. Rakers stated that staff doesn't receive complaints about other ponds and during inspections, significant algae growth isn't noted. Mr. Rakers added that on the residential ponds, there is more fertilizer application that can run into the pond to increase algae growth as well.

Alderperson Ledvina asked if garbage/debris buildup was common in all ponds. Mr. Rakers stated that it is common and worse in some compared to others. Mr. Rakers added that staff checks every City pond at least once a year and certain ponds with clogging tendencies are checked every time a flood advisory is issued by the National Weather Service. Alderperson Ledvina asked if staff would be sent to clean up specific ponds if staff was made aware of a debris buildup. Mr. Rakers stated that staff would be dispatched to clean up debris if it was reported either via SeeClickFix or email.

Alderperson Carpenter moved to open the meeting for public comment at 8:10 PM, seconded by Alderperson Ledvina. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Lenhart, 620 Front Street, shared that she and her husband and neighbor live right by the pond and see it every day. Ms. Lenhart asked the plan for helping get the native vegetation established. Mr. Rakers stated that staff will not be cutting the vegetation around the edge of the pond this summer and that will help prevent geese and staff will watch to see if cattails get established along the safety shelf in the pond. Ms. Lenhart asked about the stone embankments with a red twiggy plant she has noticed. Mr. Rakers stated that the City does not tend to install rip rap all the way around a pond, only at the outfall and inlets, and added that the pond at Jim Martin Park may have rip rap all the way around but that is no longer done.

Tony Pizzo, 602 Front Street, asked if staff has installed ponds in established neighborhoods in the past and stated that should play into any policy that gets created for treatment. Mr. Pizzo shared that he likely would not have purchased his house if the pond was there and in the shape it was last July. Mr. Rakers shared that Optimist Park is a retrofit pond and that City plans to install another off Honey Court next year. Mr. Raker stated that a retrofit pond is a pond that is installed after the development is completed. Mr. Rakers stated that retrofit ponds could be a consideration when it comes to writing a policy. Mr. Pizzo agreed that the pond needs to settle and suggested using a surface aerator as compared to the fountain type. Mr. Pizzo added that something needs to be done; and added that last year the algae was so thick it looked like it could be walked across and it smelled and made it unpleasant to live near by and enjoy the park and trail abutting the pond. Mr. Pizzo concluded that if a policy needs to be written in order to keep the resources of the City in great shape, then one should be written.

Alderperson Carpenter moved to return to regular session at 8:18 PM, seconded by Alderperson Hansen. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Alderperson Carpenter verified that the vegetation was inadvertently cut down in 2024 and staff believes it should all grow back for this season. Mr. Rakers stated that was all correct and added that 2025 will be a good year to watch the pond and see if raking and taller vegetation helps mitigate some of the algae growth. Alderperson Carpenter stated that the DNR suggests taller vegetation around the ponds. Mr. Rakers stated that is correct and added that geese love manicured lawns near ponds, where they can escape predators, and taller vegetation hides the predators and the geese are less likely to use the pond. Alderperson Carpenter recapped this discussion could continue at the budget process if a treatment policy is in place.

Discussion only. No action necessary.

5. Consideration and Possible Action on Merrill Reservoir and Scheuring Reservoir Inspections

Project*

Eric Zygarlicke, Water Department Supervisor, explained that there are two DNR inspections due in 2025, at Merrill Street and Scheuring Road reservoirs. Mr. Zygarlicke explained that following proposal review, staff called references for the low bidder and received unfavorable replies and recommends awarding the project to USG Water Solutions.

Alderson Carpenter moved to approve the proposal from USG Water Solutions for the Merrill Street reservoir and Scheuring Road reservoir inspections for \$3,000, seconded by Alderson Ledvina. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Dan Carpenter
SECONDER:	Shana Ledvina
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkalm
ABSENT:	James Boyd

6. Consideration and Possible Action of the Ninth Street Tower Cleaning and Coating Repair Project*

Eric Zygarlicke, Water Department Supervisor, explained this is the revised proposal that had been rejected at the April meeting. Mr. Zygarlicke explained the revisions were to reduce the full tank overcoat to spot repairs to remain under budget. Mr. Zygarlicke stated that Slack Painting was the low bidder and added that they have performed work in the past on the City tanks and had favorable references. Staff recommends approving the proposal from Slack Painting, LLC. for the Ninth Street Tower Cleaning and Coating Repair.

Alderson Hansen moved to approve the proposal from Slack Painting, LLC. for the Ninth Street Tower Cleaning and Coating Repair project for \$23,500, seconded by Alderson Ledvina. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen
SECONDER:	Shana Ledvina
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkalm
ABSENT:	James Boyd

7. Consideration and possible action on contracted services for rugs and towels for Police Department, City Hall, and Municipal Service Center*

Tom Blohowiak, Maintenance Supervisor, stated that Bay Towel requested to have their contract renewed for rugs and towels at City Hall and Police Department. Mr. Blohowiak stated that staff wished to add services to the Municipal Service Center. As part of that process, staff was instructed to get new quotes for services at all locations. Mr. Blohowiak explained that the quotes were difficult to compare as the services offered were not equal. Mr. Blohowiak stated that staff did their best to provide as close of a comparison as possible based on the information provided by the providers. Staff recommends renewing the two contracts with Bay Towel for the Police Department and City Hall and adding the rug and towel service with Cintas at the MSC for 3 years as a trial. Mr. Blohowiak added the MSC currently uses Cintas for uniforms and have had positive experience but the Fire Department had unfavorable experiences using Cintas for contracted services at their location.

Alderson Hansen moved to approve renewing the two contracts with Bay Towel for the Police Department and City Hall and adding the rug and towel service with Cintas at the MSC for 3 years as a trial, seconded by Alderson Carpenter.

Alderson Hansen asked if staff believed Cintas would submit a quote for work at City Hall and the Police Station in the future if deemed to have provided sufficient service at the MSC. Mr. Blohowiak stated that they would but staff had only received information for the MSC as the other two locations had already been auto-renewed by Bay Towel as of January 1. Mr. Blohowiak added that the direction from Legal is to have a three year contract with two year extension option. Alderson Carpenter asked if the prices were weekly. Mr. Blohowiak stated it was every other week.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkalm
ABSENT:	James Boyd

8. Discuss Snowplow Operations

Tony Fietzer, Street Superintendent, stated that multiple reports were included in the packet including the event log, material usage, and other reports from the last snow season. Mr. Fietzer stated that thankfully the past five years have been relatively mild. Mr. Fietzer explained why some values were blank on the report and stated the other values are derived from the AVL (GPS) system on the truck. Mr. Fietzer explained that two staff members attended the National Snow Conference in Grand Rapids and brought back valuable information. Mr. Fietzer concluded that the memo is intended to be a summary of the services provided unless the Board chooses to change the policy used for addressing snow events.

Alderson Hansen shared his appreciation of staff bringing this information forward on an annual basis for review. Alderson Hansen verified that staff has the discretion per event based on other weather circumstances. Mr. Fietzer stated that many factors help staff determine the level of service provided during each event.

9. Consider and Possible Action Regarding SEH’s Proposal for MSC Expansion for Additional Design and Construction Engineering Services*

Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, explained the City is under contract with SEH for the MSC expansion which includes equipment space, office space, and meeting ADA requirements. Mr. Thoresen stated staff has been working to determine the needs for the next 15-20 years to be included in the expansion design. Mr. Thoresen stated that during that time, it was determined that another mechanic bay should be added to the shop. Speaking with the architect, it was determined to be of best use of the space to relocate the water department storage area and use that space to increase the mechanic area. Mr. Thoresen explained that the water department storage and work space would be added along with an expanded building maintenance space in an area that had previously been designed as a drive tunnel between buildings. Mr. Thoresen added that the design also shows expanded equipment storage space and office area for personnel with offices and larger meeting spaces including conference rooms and lunch room. The cost for the additional design and construction engineering services is \$102,650. Mr. Thoresen added that staff had SEH design these additional spaces and estimate the cost for the entire project. Mr. Thorsen stated that based on the estimate from SEH, it is projected to still be within budget.

Alderson Ledvina asked about the green colored areas near the wood shop and sign shop. Mr.

Thoresen explained that the larger area is the current water storage and work space area and the smaller area will be converted to include a high lift for larger trucks, which requires the roof to be re-structured.

Alderson Hansen moved to approve SEH’s Proposal for MSC Expansion for Additional Design and Construction Engineering Services in the amount of \$102,650, seconded by Alderson Ledvina. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen
SECONDER:	Shana Ledvina
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkaln
ABSENT:	James Boyd

- 10. Consideration and possible action on Proposed Easement – Project 25-01 (823 N. Broadway Street)*

Alderson Carpenter moved to approve the proposed easement at 823 N. Broadway Street, seconded by Alderson Hansen. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Dan Carpenter
SECONDER:	Jonathon Hansen
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkaln
ABSENT:	James Boyd

- 11. Consideration and possible action on award of Contract 25-07 Curb Repair and Street Resurfacing*

Alderson Ledvina moved to approve award of Contract 25-07 Curb Repair and Street Resurfacing to Northeast Asphalt Inc in the amount of \$747,520.60, seconded by Alderson Hansen.

Alderson Hansen asked if the cost share for O’Keefe Road was 50/50 for the City and Town of Ledgeview. Eric Rakers, City Engineer, stated it was close but specifically determined by the curb and gutter and repairs on their side of the roadway. Alderson Hansen asked about repairs only being done to Red Wing Trail rather than to Jordan Road. Mr. Rakers stated that repairs end at Red Wing Trail because that last block is newer pavement. Alderson Hansen asked if water or sewer were being replaced with this project. Mr. Rakers stated that there some fire hydrants are being replaced on Good Hope Road. Alderson Carpenter asked staff to break down the portion of work being funded by the Water Utility. Mr. Rakers stated that the water utility will be funding the water specific work items, which are shown on the bid tab plus a small contingency.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
SECONDER:	Jonathon Hansen
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkaln
ABSENT:	James Boyd

- 12. Consideration and possible action on Award of Contract 25-08 Internal Sewer Spot Repairs*

Aldersperson Hansen moved to approve award of Contract 25-08 Internal Sewer Spot Repairs to Aqualis in the amount of \$74,850.05, seconded by Aldersperson Carpenter. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkalm
ABSENT:	James Boyd

13. Consideration and possible action on election of Vice Chairperson

Aldersperson Carpenter opened for nominations. Aldersperson Ledvina nominated Aldersperson Carpenter for vice chairperson. Aldersperson Carpenter asked for other nominations. No other nominations. Aldersperson Carpenter closed nominations.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Jonathon Hansen, Shana Ledvina, Mike Eserkalm
ABSENT:	James Boyd

14. Discuss GV-15 Retaining Wall Aesthetics

Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, stated that at the last Board meeting it was requested to get an update regarding the GV-15 retaining wall aesthetics. Staff reached out to Brown County and their response is included in the packet. Mr. Thoresen added that the design currently hinges on the railroad bridge, which is not yet determined.

Aldersperson Carpenter asked if it would be fair to say that the County will take the City preferences into consideration but will ultimately make the final decision. Mr. Thoresen stated that is correct.

Discussion only. No action necessary.

15. Discuss GV-16 Bridge Aesthetics

Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, stated that at the last Board meeting it was requested to get an update regarding the GV-16 bridge aesthetics. Staff reached out to Brown County and their response is included in the packet. Mr. Thoresen elaborated that the top part of the bridge (super structure) is moving forward as recommended by Board and Council. Mr. Thoresen explained that a value engineering study was completed for the bridge for potential cost savings for the piers/columns that go into the water/bedrock (substructure). Mr. Thoresen explained the alternative being considered and how it differs from the Claude Allouez bridge. Mr. Thoresen stated that the substructure design may come back to Board for consideration.

Aldersperson Hansen asked if the response about the drilled shaft option not allowing for aesthetic treatment included the staining and stamping discussed by Board. Mr. Thoresen stated that is correct. Aldersperson Carpenter clarified that the alternative substructure would have a form on top of columns. Mr. Thoresen stated that was correct and illustrated using a pen to demonstrate one of multiple bridge columns in the water that would have a beam on top tying them together. Aldersperson Ledvina asked if that was more cost-effective. Mr. Thoresen stated that upon initial review it was a cost savings of about

one million dollars, but there are a limited number of contractors who can complete this type of work in a river, which could increase the cost by needing to pull contractors from outside the state. Mr. Thoresen stated they continue to evaluate this option. Mr. Thoresen added that any grant funds from the bridge that are unused can be used for GV-15, so due diligence is being done to see if those cost savings are viable using the alternative method for the substructure.

Discussion only. No action necessary.

IV. Future Agenda Items

None

V. Adjournment

Aldersperson Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM, seconded by Aldersperson Hansen. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Marovich