

CITY OF MEQUON
WISCONSIN

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES
January 12, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Alderman Hawkins and Alderman Nerbun present. Alderman Adams was excused.

Staff present was Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen, Engineering Services Manager Keegan and Administrative Secretary Kress. City Attorney Sajdak arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Also present was Jon Wallenkamp from Kueny Architects and three representatives from We Energies.

2. The minutes of the December 8, 2015 Public Works Committee meeting were moved for approval by Ald. Hawkins, seconded by Ald. Nerbun and unanimously approved by the Committee as written.
3. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen reminded the Committee that the local drainage budget has been established for appeals petitioned by property owners. She explained that the owner of 10720 N. Fairway Circle had notified the Engineering Department of a drainage issue in December of 2013 before this process was in place, and Staff had initially recommended the installation of a catch basin and a 170' drain tile at an estimated cost of \$3,500. After reevaluating the drainage issue, Staff has determined that regrading the perpetually flooded, low portion of land by adding topsoil could be a simpler, less expensive solution, at an estimated cost of \$1,000. Ald. Nerbun noted that the low area is primarily in the public right-of-way.

Following discussion, it was moved by Ald. Hawkins, seconded by Ald. Nerbun, and unanimously approved by the Committee on Public Works to authorize up to \$3,500 to remediate the issue, with a preference for the \$1,000 solution if possible.

4. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen informed the Committee that, following direction from the Public Works Committee and Common Council to minimize interference with the Mequon Nature Preserve, We Energies has proposed an alternate route for a major facility upgrade of its gas main infrastructure. The new location will require easements along the property lines on Donges Bay Road. We Energies is negotiating with property owners to acquire the necessary easements, and Staff recommends that the easements along City-owned property lines be granted for the gas main relocation.

Following discussion, it was moved by Ald. Hawkins, seconded by Ald. Nerbun, and unanimously approved by the Committee on Public Works to recommend approval of Resolution 3344, Granting of Easement to We Energies – Donges Bay Road, to the Common Council for approval.

5. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Lundeen updated the Committee regarding the Combined DPW Facility. She noted that bids for the project were higher than anticipated, and she explained the factors that contributed to the increased costs. After reviewing the bid alternates, it was determined that the elimination of a warm storage building and automatic wash bay equipment will save \$1 million in project costs, but the borrowing for all associated project and financing costs is approximately \$9.1 million, or \$400,000 more than the previously authorized cost. This issue will be discussed in more detail at the Committee of the Whole meeting.
6. Staff and the Committee discussed future topics and scheduling, including the upcoming bids for the Combined DPW Facility in February or March and the DPW Equipment Replacement program in February.
7. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 9, 2016 at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m.
8. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:26 p.m.