

CITY OF BAYFIELD
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
July 11, 2014

Meeting called to order by Bryan at 9 a.m. at Fire Hall. Present: Don Albrecht, Mel Whiteside, and Jim Bryan; City employees Tom Kovachevich and Mayor Larry MacDonald; David Eades. M/Albrecht S/Whiteside to approve agenda. Approved. Minutes from June 6, 2014, meeting approved on a motion by Whiteside S/Albrecht. No public input was offered on the agenda.

1. Old Business

a. *PBSD Collection Charge System*: The City-approved agreement is in the hands of the Pikes Bay Sanitary District.

b. *Project Updates*:

-- 2014 Water Main replacement -- a failure to bring the proper equipment to make the curbs has delayed that process; it is now due to be completed July 14 and 15. First coat paving is expected to be done on First Street the following Friday; First Street will follow after that.

-- Sidewalk Special Assessments -- letters of notice to affected property owners for specific sidewalk improvements will be sent Monday; no one has voluntarily requested concrete work when the contractor is in town.

2. Public Works Director & Utility Operator Report

Staff are trying to get caught up on ditch work, but understaffing is affecting completion. Crosswalks will be painted when the weather is conducive. "Construction fatigue" may be affecting this summer's work and there was some discussion of what lessons the City has learned in dealing with next year's Historic Streets Project. This concern is on the City staff radar.

Nick is out ill but Tom reported that he is busy replacing meters; he also attended a meeting in Plover with the Public Service Commission who heard a lot about last winter's problems due to weather. There is an indication there may be good news about state and federal assistance in dealing with the effects of frozen water and sewer pipes throughout Wisconsin last winter.

3. 2015 Capital Projects

a. *South First Street Reconstruction*: On the question of completing a full reconstruction of South First Street, Kovachevich reported that as a general fund item, the cost would climb from the projected \$70,000 to as much as \$100-120,000. It is no longer possible to do a full reconstruction this year, and to delay it until 2015 would add a good deal more frustration with the process. We will know better in August what the trench patch looks like.

b. *Rittenhouse Avenue Flag Pole*: There is a lack of clarity about who installed the flag pole near the pavilion, but it was damaged in the 2006 Art Fair storm and needs replacement with a sturdier pole. There was general agreement that a new pole, professionally installed, is a good idea, that the cost to replace it be raised by interested community parties, and that it could be lit with a solar-powered light. Bryan will bring some options next month.

4. Point to LaPointe Swim

A letter requesting the City's help for the Point to LaPointe Swim on August 2 was met with a motion/Albrecht S/Whiteside to ask the Department to work with the Bayfield Recreation Center on its requests. Motion approved.

5. Set next meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting set for 9 a.m. Friday, August 8 at the Fire Hall.

Adjournment: M/Whiteside S/Albrecht. Motion approved at 10:00 a.m.