

**CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 – 5:30 PM**

The Board of Public Works met in City Hall on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 5:30 PM. Present were Mayor Greg Hoffman, Director of Public Works Rick Rubenzer, Council President CW King and Darrin Senn. Absent was Finance Manager Lynne Bauer. Also, present at the meeting: Assistant City Engineer Robbie Krejci, Alderperson Jane Lardahl, Rod Chittendon, Doug Bjork, Lorraine Bjork, Cory Schindler and Rick Casper.

1. **Motion** by King, seconded by Senn to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2012 Board of Public Works Meeting. **All present voting aye. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Director of Public Works Rubenzer presented five options for Badger Street reconstruction between Grand Avenue and Front Street. The problem is the existing narrow street surface and sidewalk (west side), are outside the 20' wide platted street right-of-way. The encroachment varies between 0-10'. Five adjacent property owners are directly impacted. The five options are:
 1. City uses adverse possession to claim the right-of-way where the existing pavement lies. This method could be perceived as negative to the five adjacent property owners. It could involve extensive court time and could take 12 to 18 months to complete. Depending on legal representation costs, this method could be one of the least expensive alternatives. Two-way traffic could be maintained using this method.
 2. City uses eminent domain and makes offer to the adjacent property owners. This method also allows two-way traffic to be maintained and takes less time (2-8 months), to complete. It is more "friendly" to adjacent property owners but may be more expensive depending on appraisal costs.
 3. Construct a one-way street in existing right-of-way. This method does not allow two-way traffic and would not involve court or appraisal costs.
 4. Remove the sidewalk along the west side of the street and construct a "narrower" two-way traffic street.
 5. Do nothing and close the street as soon as it has deteriorated to rubble.

All options would require temporary construction easements. Mr. Bjork emphasized the importance of keeping a sidewalk along the west side of Badger Street. Concerns listed by property owners were draining water from a low area near Marshall Street, dealing with a garage near Grand Avenue and possibly making the street a dead end.

After additional discussion, **motion** by Hoffman, seconded by Rubenzer to use eminent domain to acquire the right-of-way necessary to maintain two-way traffic on as close to the existing pavement width as possible for the segment of Badger Street between Grand Avenue and Front Street. It was noted that since the existing pavement width varied, there would be places where the reconstructed street would be wider than the existing street. In addition, that a sidewalk be maintained along the west side of Badger Street and curb and gutter be installed as part of the project. **Voting aye were Hoffman, Rubenzer and Senn. Voting nay was King. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Cory Schindler and Rick Casper appeared on behalf of Midelfort Clinic to request off-premise signs as shown on the attached details. Rubenzer stated that there is an optimal size height for placement on a pole and that the requested existing poles already had three signs on them. There was more discussion and then **motion** by Senn, seconded by Rubenzer to recommend the Common Council allow placement of off-premise directional signs for Midelfort Clinic as shown on the attached details. The city will mount the signs on the city street light and sign posts.

Voting aye were Senn, Rubenzer and Hoffman. Voting nay was King. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Motion** by King, seconded by Senn to adjourn. **All present voting aye. MOTION CARRIED.** The Board of Public Works meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Richard J. Rubenzer, PE
Secretary, Board of Public Works