

**CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012 – 5:30 PM**

The Board of Public Works met in City Hall on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 5:30 PM. Present were Mayor Greg Hoffman, Director of Public Works Rick Rubenzer and Darrin Senn. Absent were Finance Manager Lynne Bauer and Alderperson George Adrian. Also, present at the meeting: Alderperson Jane Lardahl, Sean Bohan, Bill Albright, Jim Rooney, Cathy Woodcock, William Woodcock, Paul Eby, Arlen Bohlmann, Robert Griffin, Roger Kressin, Robert Nielsen and James Kucera.

1. **Motion** by Senn, seconded by Rubenzer to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 Board of Public Works Meeting. **All present voting aye. MOTION CARRIED.**
  
2. Director of Public Works Rubenzer reported that he had corresponded with Anna Davey, WisDOT Railroad Coordinator concerning establishing quiet zones for railroad crossings. There are ten railroad crossings of streets located in the City of Chippewa Falls. One quiet zone can be established for multiple crossings within a one mile distance. If there are safety concerns at existing crossings, Ms. Davey suggested petitioning the Railroad Commissioner for upgrades prior to requesting a quiet zone in order to reduce crossing upgrade costs, (railroad would pay for upgrading in some cases). The local municipality is responsible for costs associated with crossing upgrades and establishing quiet zones. She recommended contacting Tammy Wagner of the Federal Railroad Administration for assistance. A number of citizens in attendance spoke passionately about the loud volume and increase in train engine “horn blowing” over the past few years. Discussion centered on the Pumphouse Road crossing which presently has cross buck signs, flashing lights and bells. Emergency access to residents in the area while a train was crossing was a big concern. The horns all night long also were a concern. There was a question if bells would still be required after installation of cross arms. Roger Kressin said he spoke with a representative from EOG who had indicated a willingness to participate in quiet zone costs.  
**Motion** by Hoffman, seconded by Senn to direct Director of Public Works Rubenzer to gather additional information about quiet zones from the Federal Railroad Administration and then report back to the Board of Public Works at its first meeting in October. **All present voting aye. MOTION CARRIED.**
  
3. Jim Rooney appeared and presented the attached Development Agreement for Phase II of the Willow Creek Subdivision. Rubenzer stated that the Phase I development had went very well and that the Phase II Development Agreement was very similar to the Phase I agreement. He did, however, state that a wage rate determination would be required in the document. The Board discussed the agreement as a whole.  
**Motion** by Hoffman, seconded by Rubenzer that the Common Council approve the Development Agreement for Phase II of the Willow Creek Subdivision after inclusion

of a wage rate requirement and review and approval by City Attorney Ferg. **All present voting aye. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Director of Public Works Rubenzer presented the attached engineering agreement for additional analysis of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Flood Wall Levee. The additional study will determine whether existing mature trees on the levee embankment can be cut flush with the embankment surface with root balls left in place. This could result in savings of \$100,000 to \$200,000 if rip rap is not required along the 500 foot long levee.  
Discussion followed on the merits of keeping the levee accredited. Rubenzer noted that natural disaster aid from FEMA would not be available for non-accredited levees. **Motion** by Senn, seconded by Hoffman to recommend the Common Council approve additional engineering investigation and report from Ayres Associates at the Chippewa Falls Waste Water Treatment Plant Flood Wall Levee. This additional work is for keeping the flood wall/levee accredited with FEMA. In addition that Utility Manager Rubenzer be authorized to execute the agreement for an amount not to exceed \$6,500. **All present voting aye. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **Motion** by Senn, seconded by Rubenzer to adjourn. **All present voting aye. MOTION CARRIED.** The Board of Public Works meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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