

**CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012 – 5:30 PM**

The Board of Public Works met in City Hall on Monday, November 12, 2012 at 5:30 PM. Present were Mayor Greg Hoffman, Alderperson George Adrian, Finance Manager Lynne Bauer and Director of Public Works Rick Rubenzer. Absent was Darrin Senn. Also, present at the meeting: Alderperson Jane Lardahl, Dave Sanders and Pat Popple.

1. **Motion** by Bauer, seconded by Adrian to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2012 Board of Public Works Meeting. **All present voting aye. Motion carried.**
2. The Board considered the request of Tom Stary and Terry Durch to place an off premise sign near the intersection of Scheidler Road and County Trunk I. Director of Public Works Rubenzer reviewed the attached excerpts from the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code prohibiting off premise signs in or within 300 feet of a P-1 Public and Institutional Zoning District and allowed in a C-2 General Commercial District. He also stated that Attorney Ferg is determining what the proper jurisdiction is to review off premise sign requests in the public right of way. Until Attorney Fergs opinion is rendered, the Board took no action.

3. The Board considered the attached proposal from S.E.H. to complete the Phase I design of Bridge Street from River Street to Spring Street, including the roundabout and River Street from Bridge Street to Bay Street. Director of Public Works Rubenzer briefly detailed the traffic impact analysis done for the Downtown Riverfront project. He noted S.E.H Professional Traffic Engineer Jim Hanson's recommendation for a roundabout at the location of Bridge Street and River Street citing:

- 1) Efficiency in reducing traffic congestion at an intersection.
- 2) Increase in safety by reduction of fatalities and injury crashes.
- 3) Single lane roundabouts are pedestrian friendly.

The Board discussed revised access to the Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce site. The Board also discussed the timetable to complete the project.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Adrian to approve the attached proposal from S.E.H. to design Phase I of the Downtown Riverfront traffic plan on Bridge Street from River Street to Spring Street, including the roundabout, and River Street from Bridge Street to Bay Street. In addition, that Director of Public Works Rubenzer, Mayor Hoffman and City Clerk Givens be authorized to execute the proposal. **All present voting aye. Motion carried.**

4. Dave Sanders, agent for Northridge Center LLC, appeared to present the attached petition to discontinue Woodhill Avenue from Chippewa Mall Drive to Henry Street. Mr. Sanders stated that he had met with Premium Waters, (owners of the entire frontage along the south side of Woodhill Avenue), and that he believed they would also sign the petition. If that happened, 100% of all the owners of the frontage along Woodhill

Avenue would have signed the petition. Mr. Sanders stated that this was in order to allow room for a future southerly expansion of Micon Theatres. Emergency access was discussed.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Bauer to recommend the Common Council find it in the public interest and to discontinue Woodhill Avenue between Chippewa Mall Drive and Henry Street upon receipt of a petition of 100% of the owners of frontage along Woodhill Avenue and a provision for emergency access to the southern side of the Northridge Center. **All present voting aye. Motion carried.**

5. **Motion** by Adrian, seconded by Bauer to adjourn. **All present voting aye. Motion carried.** The Board of Public Works meeting adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

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