

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

*February 22, 2010  
6:30 p.m.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Soeldner  
Jason Sladky  
Nick Levendusky  
Jim Brey  
Ray Geigel

**STAFF PRESENT**

Valerie Mellon  
Greg Minikel  
Sonja Birr

**OTHERS**

Michael Check  
Paul Steinbrecher  
Robert Popp  
Terry Fox  
Megan Schmidt  
Sr. Rochelle Kerkhof  
Sr. Daniella

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Approval of the Minutes from 2/08/10**

N. Levendusky made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2010 meeting. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

**Communication (10-064) from SMI requesting that Streets and Sanitation Committee take action on various issues relating to storm water pond maintenance costs**

Mike Check would like to move forward with this issue. At a previous meeting there was a discussion regarding the City maintaining the Developer owned storm water ponds along with the City owned ponds that are currently being built. Tax payers that live within the subdivisions are paying to maintain city owned ponds as well as the one within the subdivisions.

Paul Steinbrecher felt the City will be developing strategies to maintain these ponds, manpower, equipment and expertise, and it would be best if the City maintained all ponds. Also, they pointed out that the pond is really just a point location within a long storm sewer that the City already maintains.

V. Mellon said there are costs that we could estimate in mowing around them on an annual basis with more mowing required if within 200 feet of a residence, however, the worst case is the possibility of a wash out which could be quite costly to repair. When dredging does occur down the road, the material may need to be brought to a landfill, which is another costly item. Hopefully, we can figure out another cheaper disposal method by then.

P. Steinbrecher said that the Subdivision ponds are small. The developer is required to build the pond, lose out on 2 city lots and pay special assessments on the abutting lots.

J. Brey thought that we could find some middle ground. The City Engineering department will bring back at the March 22nd meeting a reasonable estimate of costs for the City to maintain these ponds and charge the developer a fixed fee at the time of taking ownership of the pond. P. Steinbrecher requested this information as he will compile his own numbers to see how they compare.

### **Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study**

G. Minikel explained this will be coming through Council and it needs to be approved.

J. Brey made a motion to approve the study, N. Levendusky seconded. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

### **Snow Plowing Update**

D. Soeldner questioned why there were 2 nights of snow emergencies declared.

V. Mellon explained that due to the timing of the storm that the side streets which were plowed first became a real mess by 7 a.m. and were really packed down by traffic and required cleanup from curb-to-curb the next night and if they weren't plowed, the snow would have frozen and not been able to be removed. The downtown was picked up the 2nd night as well. V. Mellon said that all streets were plowed the first night but the condition varied dramatically depending on if the plows came through after the snow stopped.

R. Geigel questioned who calls the snow emergencies. V. Mellon explained the steps that need to be taken which include a recommendation from Randy Junk and herself to the Mayor who makes the final decision.

J. Sladky wanted to know what type of equipment was used in his subdivision as the plow was unable to maneuver as it should have been.

### **Wilson Bowl - Underground Detention**

V. Mellon updated the Committee about the flooding concerns and plans to install a storm water detention facility under the Wilson Bowl on Waldo Blvd.

V. Mellon explained FEMA funding that could be available. There is a chance to obtain potentially half of the 1.5 million dollar cost if the City can show a 1:1 cost benefit analysis to FEMA.

A FEMA approved survey form must be submitted to affected properties. The Committee recommends door to door interviews with property owners.

The Committee supports the City and recommended a letter to go along with the survey, in which Val will compose and send to D. Soeldner.

We need support from at least ½ of the properties that will be surveyed.

**Summary of Permit Fees for Other Communities**

G. Minikel reported to the Committee our findings for permit fee rates in other communities. The City of Manitowoc's rates are average to other communities.

*N. Levendusky made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m.*



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Valerie Mellon, P.E.  
Director of Public Works  
and City Engineer