

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

ROLL CALL: Chairman Jason Wittek called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Lower Level Conference room at the City Hall. Members present: Alderman Mike Gasper, Alderman Pat Tearney, Jim Haley, and Alderman John Sigwart. Also, present were: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, City Administrator Mark Grams, Water Supt. Leo Duffrin, and Street Commissioner JD Hoile. Absent and excused: Phill Bruno, Forestry Supervisor Jon Crain and Wastewater Supt. Dan Buehler. Mayor Marty Becker, Alderwoman Deb Postl, Alderman Paul Neumyer, Alderman Jonathan Pleitner, and Alderman Dan Benning were present in the audience.

Chairman's Business: There was none.

Approval of Minutes for February 11, 2020: MOTION BY MIKE GASPER AND SECONDED BY JIM HALEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments/Appearances: Mayor Marty Becker, 669 W. Pierre La read an email from a resident regarding the need for more maintenance to be performed on existing sidewalk.

Ken Jensen, 915 Hales Trail said he speaks for all the residents in his neighborhood, and almost everyone doesn't want sidewalk and wants to maintain the rural nature. Cost is an issue. Coronavirus has affected the economy. There is no sidewalk in the park, and no intent to put sidewalk in the park. There is no sidewalk in Antoine Park. This is not a cookie cutter subdivision. Let the people up there decide. Do we want sidewalks in every neighborhood? Fire Dept. safety is more important. People feel less empowered, like with the sale of land downtown. Don't tell us what to do.

Megan Hoffman – 408 Sunrise Dr. Did not want sidewalks when they were looking for a house, and they like the mature trees. They bought their house from Erwin Antoine and believes he intentionally did not put sidewalks in. They don't want to lose trees.

Robert Vickner 909 Hales Trail. Agrees with Ken Jensen. Is a rule a rule? He has never felt unsafe on Hales Trail and doesn't understand the safety concern. Will trees be lost? Money is better spent elsewhere.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

A. Discussion Of City Sidewalk Policy: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. Rob Vanden Noven provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City's sidewalk policy, its origins in the municipal code, the comprehensive plan, and the Complete Streets resolution. He also discussed walkability, safety, and the need to provide handicap accessible pedestrian travel. The PowerPoint also showed an 8-hour time lapse video of Hales Trail from March 8, 2020.

John Sigwart led the discussion after the PowerPoint, suggesting that the City identify all locations in the City without sidewalks and prioritize future sidewalk installation. He also emphasized the need to

better maintain existing sidewalks. He suggested a 10' wide pedestrian path on the west side of Hales Trail and moving the west side curb to the east. Engineer Vanden Noven responded that if the curb is moved, we would need to pave at least 10' of asphalt in the road, which would likely lead to a full road reconstruction and watermain replacement. No action was taken. **This was discussion only.**

B. Consider Water Utility Master Plan: Water Utility Supt. Leo Duffrin reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that Tom Nennig from City Water was at the meeting and presented the proposal from City Water/SEH to provide the Water Utility with a condition assessment of the Water Filtration Plant. This assessment will evaluate the entire plant and all its needs, focusing on DNR deficiencies listed in the annual sanitary survey. General discussion followed. **MOTION BY MIKE GASPER AND SECONDED BY JIM HALEY to recommend to the Common Council to approve the Water Utility Master Plan for a cost of \$45,743 as presented.**

Project Updates: Eng. Vanden Noven informed the Board that the bids for the 2020 street project have been opened, and the project has been awarded to PTS contractors (Green Bay). The work is scheduled to begin in April and be completed by the end of August.

Forthcoming Events: There were none

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY JOHN SIGWART AND SECONDED BY PAT TEARNEY to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.