

CITY OF MENASHA
Board of Public Works
Third Floor Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha
March 1, 2010
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Taylor at 6:32 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

PRESENT: Alderman Wisneski, Pack, Hendricks, Zelinski, Englebert, Benner, Roush, Taylor
ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, Attorney Jim Godlewski, Lt. Brunn, DPW Radtke, CDD Keil, Engineer Suprv. Montour, Clerk Galeazzi and the Press.

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. [February 15, 2010](#)

Moved by Alderman Zelinski, seconded by Alderman Wisneski to approve minutes.
Motion carried on voice vote.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. [Traffic Engineering Study to Consider the Conversion of Broad Street from One Way to Two Way Traffic \(Ald. Zelinski\)](#)

DPW Radtke explained Engineering staff performed a traffic study to evaluate the conversion of Broad Street from Racine Street to DePere Street from one-way traffic to two-way traffic. The study included comments from residents/property owners directly affected by the possible conversion of Broad Street and the Police Dept. DPW Radtke stated he would support converting to two-way traffic only if Broad Street traffic from both directions is restricted to right turns only at the Racine/Broad Street intersection. A similar study was done in 1996 and the same recommendation was made at that time.

Engineer Suprv. Montour explained the parameters of the engineering study. Excessive speed did not appear to be a major concern. Accident reports were reviewed and the reports show the majority of the accidents occurred at the Racine/Broad Street intersection. It is the recommendation of staff that Broad Street from Racine Street to DePere Street remain one-way to eastbound traffic.

Discussion from the Board members ensued including options for traffic control at the Racine Street intersection, the need to re-educate drivers who have been accustomed to one-way; inconvenience of the current one way traffic pattern, safety vs. inconvenience, and the frequency of traffic violating the one-way system. A majority of residents from the 500 and 600 blocks of Broad Street that responded to the survey favor keeping as one-way, Paris Street residents favor two-way. Consider converting Broad Street from Appleton Street to DePere Street to two-way traffic.

Staff was directed to conduct a traffic engineering study for the conversion of Broad Street to two-way traffic from Appleton Street to DePere Street, including the need for a four-way stop traffic control at the intersection of Broad Street and Appleton Street.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Wisneski, seconded by Alderman Pack to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.
Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by
Deborah A. Galeazzi, WCMC, City Clerk