

CITY OF MENASHA  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
100 MAIN STREET, MENASHA  
OCTOBER 16, 2023  
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sevenich at 7:15 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ald. Nichols, Eisenach, Sevenich, Hammond, Lewis, Tom Grade, Ted Grade, Ropella

ALSO PRESENT: CDD Schroeder, DPW Jungwirth, DDE Gordon, FD Sassman, PHD Hutter, CA Struve, Mayor Merkes, Clerk Neuman

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(five (5) minute time limit for each person)

Chris Evenson, 523 Broad Street, Menasha; commented on the large “clunking” sound which is continuous and is both ways of traffic. Excessive lighting regarding the north roundabout Riverway’s issues seem addressed, but not so much on the south end of the Broad Street roundabout.

Sanda Dabill-Taylor, 545 Broad Street, Menasha; list of items on the Racine Street Bridge and Broad Street roundabout, turn lane affecting residents, proposed public art piece, and recommended regulating hours for the Racine Street Bridge.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Board of Public Works, 10/16/23

Moved by Ald. Ropella seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to approve the Board of Public Works meeting minutes from 10/16/23, with slight correction made mention by Ald. Nichols.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. DISCUSSION

1. Blue-Green Algae and Water Quality Concerns in Menasha, WI

General discussion ensued on:

- WI-DNR and closure of the areas to not have adequate waterflow
- Prior locations of factories
- Recommendation to incorporate a waterflow spillway to keep water moving
- Bigger issue than just on Tayco Street/Water Street; conditions are extremely different due to the heat and drought; addressing other canal waterways with aerators
- State approvals require a lengthy process – cannot happen overnight (chemicals, monitoring, aerators)
- Stave off the phosphorus in the waterways
- Recommendations on how to educate the public and to assist
- Health staff were directed to provide insight on what not to do in contact with it (or pets); if disturb the algae cells to make them airborne and immediately wash to prevent any health problems from occurring

2. Racine Street Bridge

General discussion ensued on:

- Bridge amenities

- Light pollution due to roundabout light poles, as higher than before – brings and spills light potentially (WI-DoT was designed by them)
- Public art installation
- Bridge ownership

#### F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Payment – Donald Hietpas & Son Construction, Inc; MCM 09-22-00335; 2023 Sanitary Sewer & Water Main Reconstruction; \$171,632.50 (Payment No. 6)  
Moved by Ald. Ropella seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to recommend to Common Council the payment for Donald Hietpas & Son Construction, Inc.; MCM 09-22-00335; 2023 Sanitary Sewer & Water Main Reconstruction in the cost of \$171,632.50, which is payment number 6.  
Motion carried on roll call 7-0.
2. Payment – Northeast Asphalt, Inc; 2023-05; Street Construction & Rehabilitation – Third Street and Community Way; \$150,817.75 (Payment No. 3)  
Moved by Ald. Ropella seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to recommend to Common Council the payment to Northeast Asphalt, Inc; 2023-05; Street Construction & Rehabilitation of Third Street and Community Way of \$150,817.75, that is Payment No. 3.  
Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

#### G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ald. Ropella seconded by Ald. Ted Grade to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.  
Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Valerie Neuman, City Clerk