

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 11th, 2023 5:30 p.m., Parkview Room**

1. Roll call.

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Mr. Schindler (via Zoom)

Present: Mr. Schindler, Mr. Koleski, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Harley (via Zoom), Ms. Schneider, Mr. Zwirlein and Mr. Euell

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Harrigan, Mr. Paul and Mr. Gesch from Ruekert-Mielke

2. Review and act on minutes for November 13th, 2023 Meeting.

Mr. Shepherd moved to approve the November 13th, 2023 minutes as written. Mr. Zwirlein seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

3: Update on Highland Pathway

Mr. Harrigan informed the committee that the 30% plans included in the packet will be used in preparation of the Public Information Meeting and committee members should provide comment as necessary. Comments provided by the Committee and residents at the Public Information meeting will be considered for incorporation as revisions to the plans. Mr. Harrigan explained that while conducting field verifications for the pathway, it was determined that a large stormwater culvert just north of the CP railway is in poor condition and will need to be replaced as a separate project. The culvert replacement will need to be designed and constructed prior to the pathway installation in 2024. Ruckert & Mielke has indicated there are efficiencies gained in designing the culvert replacement as there will need to be coordination between the culvert design and the pathway plans at this specific location. Mr. Peter Gesch of Ruckert-Mielke was present to discuss some details of the 30% plan set in preparation for our meeting.

During the discussion Mr. Gesch answered questions and noted feedback from the committee. He will be working on incorporating these suggestions and any other notes that come out of the Public Information Meeting scheduled for 12/13/23.

4: Update on Municipal Water

Mr. Paul informed the committee that the installation of water main has wrapped up for the season and the streets have been patched to allow for normal traffic patterns and winter maintenance activities. The construction detour and traffic control has been completely removed. Restoration activity continues in Wauwatosa, however these are rapidly coming to an end for 2023. The water main contractor, DF Tomasini, anticipates water main and water lateral installation resuming in early spring of 2024.

5: Update on PP I/I

Mr. Paul shared the following update from Ruckert-Mielke regarding the PP I/I project that wrapped up last week Friday (12/8/23).

The construction of the sanitary lateral replacement project has been completed. Mid City Corporation replaced 16 laterals, approximately of 1,500 LF of sanitary laterals. 15 laterals were replaced by pipe bursting with HDPE pipe, while 1 lateral was replaced by open cut with PVC pipe.

All asphalt restoration has been completed, and Mid City will return in Spring 2024 to complete lawn restoration work.

The updated construction cost is \$475,100, \$23,800 below contract price.

Mr. Harrigan added that after follow up with Mid City, it was confirmed that the break out cost of the additional insured requirement was split \$50 cost for the coverage and \$50 for administrative costs.

6 Update from Sustainability Committee

Mr. Schindler invited Ms. Deb Basemann to provide an update on the activities of the Sustainability Committee.

Ms. Basemann informed the committee that the Textile Recycling Bins have been very successful with the Village Hall location outperforming the Recycle Center due to its accessibility. There will be discussion on the possibility of moving the Recycle Center bin to another location if another location is reasonable. Total collection totaled about 1,698 pounds of material and yielded about \$170.

The plastic bag collection has also been successful and the committee has already earned a free bench through the program for its first 500 pounds of material collected. Locations include Ace Hardware, Village Hall and Tonawanda.

Other activities include outreach on education in recycling, Earth Day and Arbor Day events and a Recycle Day Event that will help collect items at a one stop location similar to Recycle Day in the Bay that Whitefish Bay hosts and has been very popular.

The committee is also looking to perform another trash audit in the new year.

7: Update on Public Works Projects

Mr. Paul informed the committee that the new SCADA installation and upgrades are just about completed. The system is expected to be up and running the week of 12/18/23.

8: Other Business

Mr. Paul informed the committee that he did speak with a project manager at Stark Pavement to inquire into bidding efficiencies. He was told they are happy to take bids at any time, but a majority of the competition is at the beginning of the new year and there is typically more competition. Sometimes midsummer is advantageous as well as contractors have a sense of where they are at with weather and projects that they already have in queue and may have interest in adding some more to the docket for the year.

9: Adjourn

Mr. Shepherd motioned and Ms. Schneider seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully. Submitted
Richard Paul, Jr.
Public Works Director