

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: May 4, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Lindman, Groat, Jacobson.

Also Present: Wesolowski, Nikolai.

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and received by the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2015 Street Reconstruction Project
2nd Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Elm Street
Clark Street from 2nd Avenue to the cul-de-sac

Lindman explained in accordance with state statutes the Board of Public Works is required to hold a public hearing for proposed projects involving special assessments and take testimony from property owners who are affected. The testimony is forwarded to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee which will meet May 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. and will approve, disapprove or modify the plans or assessments for the project and forward a recommendation to the Common Council. It is anticipated the Common Council will take action at the May 26, 2015 meeting. There were no objections to dispense with the reading of the official hearing notice.

Lindman indicated the assessment rate is \$22.80 per foot for curb and gutter, drive approach replacement is estimated at \$5.00 per square foot, and the sewer lateral is \$500 if replaced.

Wesolowski noted that a construction schedule is not known at this time. It is anticipated that the project will be bid in late May or June with construction to take place from July through October. The street will be closed to through traffic but access will be maintained for the Police and Fire Departments at all times. Residents will be allowed to park in front of their property at night. Garbage collection will be the responsibility of the contractor. Sewer and water laterals are scheduled to be replaced on this project.

Lindman stated staff from the Engineering Department will be available after the public hearing if there are specific questions about individual properties or the work to be done under the project. Lindman asked persons in attendance who wished to speak regarding special assessments to come to the podium and give their name, address and comments.

Arden Emmerich, 453 Grand Avenue, Schofield, stated he is present to inquire about the project and meet with staff. He has been involved with the project for several years as he owns property on both sides of Clark Street and the shopping center that houses Katzenbarkers. There has been a lot of discussion on this project and he has been waiting for plans of the project. He does not object to the cost or the charges per foot. He is only looking for information regarding the improvements and feels this may be premature because he has not seen a comprehensive plan. For six to eight years there has been a plan to take the south lot along Clark Street to use for beautification of the City, but there has been no discussion on the intent. He would like to know the plan before 2nd Avenue is torn up. Emmerich feels he will lose customers and renters if there is no access during the project. He will discuss the plans with staff after the public hearing.

There were no further comments offered and the public hearing was closed.