

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010**

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Tom Veale called the City of Port Washington Board of Public meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference room at the City Hall. Members present: Alderman Mike Ehrlich, Alderman Jim Vollmar, and Board Member Kevin Rudser. Also present were: City Administrator Mark Grams, Wastewater Supt. Dan Buehler, and Water Supt./Street Dave Ewig and City Engineer Vanden Noven. Absent and excused: Alderman Paul Neumyer and Board Member Craig Czarnecki.

**Chairman's Business:** There was none.

**MOTION BY MIKE EHRLICH AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RUDSER to approve the minutes from March 9, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comments/Appearances:** There was none.

**New Business:**

**A. CONSIDER BIDS FOR SANITARY SEWER LINING:** City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that on Monday, April 12 bids for approximately 1,500 LF of 8" sanitary sewer lining were opened. The majority will be installed on Division Street, south of Oakland Avenue. While inspecting the sewers in anticipation of the upcoming street improvement project on Division/Chestnut/South Wisconsin Streets, it was discovered that there are several sections of cracked pipe in addition to signs of infiltration and severe mineral deposits at the joints. The other section of pipe requiring lining was discovered last year while televising for the Johnson/Power street improvement project. The pipe that runs adjacent to the timber staircase connecting the Historic Light Station on Johnson Street to Jackson Street at Harborview Lane has multiple defects in addition to severe root intrusions and is at imminent risk of failure without remedial action. The estimated cost for this project is \$60,000. This is a budgeted item for the sewer utility. The environmental impact of this project would eliminate infiltration or pipe failures which reduce the possibility of sewerage overflows during severe storms. Staff received four bids for this project. The lowest bid was from Visu-Sewer, Inc. for \$41,866.40. Staff recommends accepting the bid from Visu-Sewer, Inc. This project is scheduled to be completed by June 15, 2010. **MOTION BY JIM VOLLMAR AND SECONDED BY MIKE EHRLICH to recommend to the Common Council to approve the bid from Visu-Sewer for the Sanitary Sewer Lining Project for a cost of \$41,866.40 as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.**

**B. UPDATE ON DIVISION/CHESTNUT/SOUTH WISCONSIN STREET PROJECT:** City Engineer Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that Gremmer and Associates have completed their preliminary design of improvements to Division/Chestnut/South Wisconsin Streets. This project will be advertised for bids in April with a bid opening in May, construction to begin in June, and completion in late September or early October. City Engineer Vanden Noven reviewed the street reconstruction of South Division Street from Chestnut to Sunset. He also reviewed the resurfacing of South Park Street between Oakland Avenue and Sunset Road. Board members desired the placement of sidewalks along only the Westside of Division Street south of Oakland Avenue. Also discussed was the new design for the intersection of Oakland and Division

Street, the new intersection of South Wisconsin and Chestnut Streets, and the entrance to the Coal Dock. The Board members liked the ideas that were presented. This was Informational Only.

**C. CONSIDER HIRING FULL-TIME TEMPORARY/SEASONAL EMPLOYEES:** Water Super./Street Commissioner Dave Ewig reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that he is requesting to hire Matt Dahm and Evan Guettel for the Street Department, and Dan Cherny for the Water Utility for this summer. Matt Dahm is a returning employee and would be hired at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. Evan Guettel and Dan Cherny are new employees and would be hired at a rate of \$8.00 per hour each. **MOTION BY JIM VOLLMAR AND SECONDED BY MIKE EHRLICH to approve hiring Matt Dahm for \$9.00 per hour, Evan Guettel for \$8.00 per hour and Dan Cherny for \$8.00 per hour as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**D. CONSIDER HIRING FULL-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES:** Wastewater Super. Dan Buehler is requesting to rehire Aaron Braley for summer help for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This will be Aaron Braley second year with the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is a budgeted item and staff would like to rehire Mr. Braley back at a rate of \$8.50 per hour. **MOTION BY MIKE EHRLICH AND SECONDED BY JIM VOLLMAR to approve hiring Aaron Braley for summer help at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$8.50 per hour as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**E. DISCUSS CLOSURE OF WEST ACCESS AROUND WWTP TO BEACH:** Wastewater Super. Dan Buehler reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that over the years the WWTP has experienced property damage due to vandalism, graffiti, and last year the hillside potentially escaped disaster when someone threw paper into the gas flare and started a small fire on the ground. Now that the stairway has been built, there are three ways to access the beach, including the eastern route around the WWTP. By closing the West access there will still be two ways to access the beach, providing much improved security to the WWTP. Staff recommends closing the West access to the beach. The Board Members discussed this item and decided to table this item until the next meeting. **MOTION BY JIM VOLLMAR AND SECONDED BY MIKE EHRLICH to table this item until next meeting to decide whether to close this access to the beach for the season. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Old Business:**

- a. **Review Design Of 2010 Street Improvements:** This was covered in item 5b.

#### **Project Updates:**

- a. **Sunset Road:** City Engineer Vanden Noven stated that this project started on April 12<sup>th</sup> and will be completed around the middle of June.
- b. **Water Tower Painting:** Water Supt. Dave Ewig reported that the Mineral Springs Tower would be down for approximately 3 to 4 weeks while the repainting is being down. This will not affect any Wastewater deliveries to the waste site.

**Forthcoming Events:** City Engineer Vanden Noven stated that the bids for the Division/Chestnut/South Wisconsin Project will be going out on April 29<sup>th</sup>, so we might have to move the Board of Public Works meeting to May 25 in order to review the Bids.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY ALDERMAN MIKE EHRLICH AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RUDSER adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**