

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

**ROLL CALL:** Vice-Chairman Mike Gasper called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 5:35 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at the City Hall. Members present: Alderman Patrick Tearney, James Haley, and Alderman John Sigwart. Also, present were: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, Street Commissioner James Hoile, City Administrator Mark Grams, Mayor Marty Becker, Water Supt. Dave Kleckner, and Wastewater Supt. Dan Buehler. Absent and excused: Parks and Forestry Supt. Jon Crain, and Phil Bruno. Chairman Jason Wittek arrived at 5:37 pm.

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

**Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2018: MOTION BY PATRICK TEARNEY AND SECONDED BY JAMES HALEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2018 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comments/Apearances:** Letters were received from Barbara Bittkus of 415 North Lake Street #705 and Narda Kramer and they were attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Karen Oleski of 415 North Lake Street #803 (Lighthouse Condos) stated that the elevator was not working, the underground garages were flooded. She stated that tree stumps were coming down the creek and blocking the culvert. The City needs a plan for this to not happen again. She stated that 123,000 gallons of water were in the basement garage. Stop the debris from getting into the culvert. Need to look at a long-term plan.

Barrett Genson of 1822 New Port Vista Drive stated he use to work at 117 North Milwaukee Street with Paul Ehrlich and back in 1996 there was flooding. 117 North Milwaukee Street was damaged, and it cost \$15,000 to repair it. The problem is still in the City today with Larabee Street and North Spring Street. The City needs to listen and find a solution.

Brad Bertler of 415 North Lake Street #704 stated that he owes a duplex on Larabee Street and he is a resident of the City. He stated that the property values are going down because of this flooding problem. As a developer and a resident, the City needs to find a solution.

Wendy Mueller of 235 North Spring Street stated that three times in that last 32 years her house has been flooded. There was 7 feet of sludge and junk. Her next-door neighbor, Greg Williams, almost lost his life. This has got to be fixed. It could happen again next week. She stated that they cannot get flood insurance. They need assistance to fix their house. The City needs to fix this problem.

Jonathan Plietner of 1890 Aster Street stated he was an Alderman and was sorry these things have happened, and he stated the City should listen to Stantec and revisit this plan. The City should find a way so that this does not happen again.

Greg Williams 223 North Spring Street stated that this has happened in 1986, 1996, and 2018. He almost died in this flood. He was trapped in his basement where he was sleeping. He stated he spoke at the Common Council meeting. He is a Vietnam Veteran and has never asked for anything. He is asking for help now. He was one of the landowners that stated that did not want a culvert built the last time

there was a flood. He as one of three landowners that turned it down. He did thank the City for the excellent clean up. He stated that he cannot sell his house because it is worth nothing. The City needs to find a solution to this flooding problem.

Dave Ross 240-242 North Spring Street stated that this is his rental property and there was 7 feet of water in the basement of both duplexes. There is structural damage, and he lost some of his land. One tenant has moved out. He was for the plan that was made after the 1996 flood. What happened? What is Plan B?

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:**

**A. REVIEW FLOOD DAMAGE FROM AUGUST 26 – 27, 2018 RAIN EVENT:** City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that the event of August 26 – 27, 2018 was a very intense storm event that caused flood damage in several areas of the City including North Lake Street, North Spring Street, South Webster Street, East Norport Drive, Hales Trail, the Ozaukee Interurban Bike Trail and other places in the City. Reports of sanitary sewer back-ups were received from North Webster Street/West Jefferson Street, West Walters Street/North Grant Street, North Holden Street/West Norport Drive, Parkway and various other streets in the City. The two most intensely affected areas were the underground parking area of the Highrise Condos on North Lake Street and the neighborhood adjacent Larabee Street including North Garfield Avenue and North Spring Street. In 2011, improvements made to North Lake Street were intended to reduce the flooding potential in that area and in 2015, a report was created detailing recommended improvements to the Larabee drainage basin. No action was taken after the report was completed because key property owners were not willing to provide the required easements. The 2011 North Lake Street design and the 2015 study were both performed by Stantec Engineering (fka Boonestroo). Rich Klein from their Mequon office provided information on these reports. The Board Members discussed this item. Members discussed the varies areas of damage, what could be done about, and what steps should the City take next. City Engineer Vanden Noven will work with Stantec and bring back more information at the October meeting. No action taken.

**B. POWERS STREET AT EAST DODGE STREET STORM SEWER REPAIR:** City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that the August 26-27 rain event overwhelmed the storm sewer catch basins on North Powers Street immediately north of East Dodge Street and washed out the storm sewer on the hillside leading down to Valley Creek adjacent to the bike path. The existing corrugated metal pipe is deteriorated and should be replaced with HDP (plastic) pipe. Similar projects in the past have been performed with the assistance of Jim's Excavating, Inc., and we anticipate working with him on a time and material basis to replace 97 LF of 18" storm sewer on the hillside. After meeting with Jim from Jim's excavating it was determined that it was a much bigger project that first thought and staff has contacted Kip Gulseth for a quote on this project. No action taken.

**C. REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE OF SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW:** Supt. Dan Buehler reviewed his press release for the September 5, 2018 sanitary sewer overflow that occurred at the City of Port Washington Wastewater Treatment Plant at approximately 4:15 am until approximately 5:00 pm on that date. This press release was placed in the Ozaukee Press, City of Port Washington Website and City of Port Washington Facebook page. No action taken.

**Project Updates:**

- a. 2018 Street Improvement Project: City Engineer Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the members. He stated that Noridge and Hales Trail had the first layer of asphalt down on the road. The surface will be going down next. All road work should be done by Thursday and the landscaping starts on Friday with JJ Winnemuller.
- b. Utility Extension For Prairie's Edge: City Engineer Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the members. He stated that this project will start on Thursday, all material is in. The water extension will cross the field from Sunset and Division. Everything will be private in Prairie's Edge, it will not have City brush pick up, no garbage pick-up and no snow plowing.

**Forthcoming Events:** There was nothing.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY JOHN SIGWART AND SECONDED BY PATRICK TEARNEY to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**