

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
February 4, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chairperson Schlicht at 6:01 p.m. Roll call: Members Wiegand, Vandertie, Ireland, Wiesner, Stutting, Fett, Schlicht, and Mayor Birmingham were present.

Moved by Ald. Fett, seconded by Ald. Stutting to adopt the following agenda:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Adoption of agenda.
4. Public comment on non-agenda items.
5. Consideration of: 2014 Street Projects – Recommendation from Parking & Traffic Committee.
6. Consideration of: Maintenance Plan for Michigan Street.
7. Consideration of: Sidewalk Replacement on Maple Street near Lansing.
8. Adjourn.

Carried.

No one spoke during public comment on non-agenda items.

The following people spoke on the 2014 Street Projects – Jim McGowan, 506 S. Oxford Avenue, Corey Treichel, 446 S. Oxford Avenue, Ken Lynch, 1522 Lynch's Bluff Road, and a letter ready by Ald. Vandertie from Jerry & Pat Slavick.

City Engineer Depies addressed the area of the Thorn Street reconstruction and noted that determining the right of way for Thorn Street resulted in conflicting information between the developer and what the City determined.

Moved by Schlicht to approve the Parking & Traffic recommendations re: 2014 projects. Motion died due to lack of second.

Discussion took place regarding Michigan Street and sharrow markings and crosswalks at all three legs of the intersection of Michigan Street at N. 14th Avenue.

Vanderie/Stutting to eliminate the crosswalk from the east side of 14th Avenue and Michigan Street, from the Huehn's property to the school field property but to approve the remaining Parking & Traffic recommendations for the 2014 capital improvement projects. Carried with Schlicht and Wiegand voting no.

Discussion then moved back to Thorn Street reconstruction which included that the current Thorn Street pavement doesn't stay within the right of way if sidewalk is required, if sidewalk is required then curb, gutter, drainage, etc. will have to be engineered, whether the old portion of sidewalk and the new portion of Thorn Street should match, whether the road should be designed with sidewalks in mind even if sidewalks are not put in now and the amount allocated in the 2014 budget for Thorn Street. Community Development Director Olejniczak noted that staff believes that both the old portion and the new portion of Thorn Street should match; therefore, whatever Council decided for the new section should carry through for the old section. Discussion continued on assessing property owners for sidewalk, curb, and gutter.

Schlicht/Fett to postpone action on the Thorn Street issue until after the Common Council discusses and to bring back to the Board of Public Works on February 18, 2014. Carried with Vandertie voting no.

City Engineer Depies reviewed the maintenance plan for Michigan Street. He noted that microsealing Michigan for \$107,000 is in the 2014 budget document. He noted that this approach has been used in other areas of the City and has been used in other municipalities as a maintenance mechanism. Microsealing is estimated to last 8-10, followed by a crack fill after 2 years, and installation of an asphalt overlay in approximately 10 years. This would extend the life of the road surface until the water main requires replacement.

Alternatives to microsealing Michigan Street were then addressed. This discussion included a 2" overlay

option where the 2014 budget amount would fund approximately 8,700 square yards of pavement and the remaining street would be resurfaced in 2015 and/or 2016. Other alternatives such as replacing all asphalt, reconstructing the road, and concrete were also discussed including where funding would come from.

Fett/Schlicht to recommend to bring Michigan Street Maintenance Plan back to the Board of Public Works on February 18, 2014 and to send the Finance/Purchasing & Building Committee to discuss funding options. Carried.

A request from St. Peters Church for payment for 130' of sidewalk replacement was presented for consideration. City Engineer Depies noted that inspection reports from this area show that there were 50' of bad sidewalk and that the standards that are used by the City are different than the standards used by a church/school or other private organization. It was noted that the bill of \$3,250 was submitted after the work was complete and not approved in advance. Ald. Schlicht noted that there are large numbers of people who use this sidewalk each week and that the church's insurance company recommended that the sidewalk be looked at to be replaced. Ireland/Stutting to follow staff recommendation and pay \$250 to St. Peters Church & School for replacement of 50' of sidewalk on Maple Street near Lansing. Carried with Schlicht and Wiegand voting no.

Stutting/Fett to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie L. Reinhardt
City Clerk/Human Resources Director