

**I. Call to order.**

**Chairman Ziegler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

In attendance were Jon Ziegler, Greg Falkowski, Mark Porlier, and John Jensen. Karen Schmutzler was excused. Ex-Officio member present was Zach Martin. Also present were Administrator Dean Zuleger, John Jacobs, Fred Schuster, Loren White, Sharon Jaeger, Barbara Ermeling, Mark Maloney, Hooshang Zeyghami, Jim Esker, Mike Walters, and Donna Van Swol. DPW Keith Donner was excused.

**II. Consideration of Minutes for Meeting of July 19, 2010.**

***\*M/S/P Falkowski/Porlier: to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 19, 2010 as recorded.***

**III. Visitors. None.**

**IV. DPW's report.**

**A. Projects Update.**

- 1. STH 29 and Birch Street Pedestrian Bridge.** Zuleger reported we are finalizing the easement language with Putnam. The Hintz family property has been settled. Zuleger thanked Glenn Speich for his work on the easement agreements. Zuleger added there may be a possibility we can get the overhead wires taken underground and get some of the approach work done yet this year. The majority of the work will be completed next year. It looks like we will not have to do any borrowing this year.
- 2. Ross Avenue Resurfacing Project Status.** Zuleger reported the final layer of asphalt was placed last Friday, striping should be completed by midweek, and the street reopened by the end of the week weather permitting.
- 3. Schofield Avenue Reconstruction.**
  - a) Task Order Amendment No. 1 with CWE, Inc., for R.O.W. Plat.** Zuleger reported in Donner's memo he recommended approval for additional work to obtain temporary easements around the proposed storm sewer inlets. The task order amendment with CWE is in the amount of \$11,750 for the development of a Right-of-Way plat.

***\*M/S/P Porlier/Jensen: to approve Task Order Amendment No. 1 with Central Wisconsin Engineers for the development of a Right-of-Way plat in the amount of \$11,750.***
- 4. Stormwater Utility Rate Strategy (from Finance Committee).** Jim Esker, 10506 Heeren Street, spoke to the committee and stated he did not feel the stormwater charges were fair for residents in the country. Esker did not think the Stormwater

Utility did anything for rural residents. He thought his property tax bill should cover ditch mowing.

Mike Walters (Double Diamond Ranch), 8307 Heeren Street, spoke to the committee and stated he did not feel stormwater charges were fair to rural residents. Walters stated he spoke with the Department of Revenue and they explained to him they questioned the legality of the charges because the charges need to have a value or a use to the property owner. Walters was not sure this was an equitable charge and did not want to be "stuck" with these charges for rural residents.

Zuleger responded he was surprised that the Department of Revenue would say that a Stormwater Utility is not valid because there are many Stormwater Utilities in the State of Wisconsin. Zuleger explained the ditches in the rural community are a conveyance system for stormwater and are mowed by the village to allow this to take place. Zuleger further explained if a property had a swamp, wetlands, or a pond the property may qualify for some stormwater credit for providing a stormwater holding facility for the village. Zuleger added there is a Uniformity Clause that will not allow the village to tier a tax rate or utility rate on the basis of the property being urban or residential.

Zuleger reported the Stormwater Utility will not have raised the rates for eight years by 2012. After 2015 the borrowing of the Stormwater Utility drops down and allows the Utility borrowing to level out. We are looking at an interfund loan from the Sewer Utility of about \$100,000 to be paid back over 10 years with an interest rate of 2%. In the third quarter of 2011 we will review adjusting the ERU rate from \$48/year to \$68/year starting January 1, 2012. Zuleger stated the village will also look into maintaining the \$48/year charge for regular maintenance, go back to general obligation borrowing for major projects, or implementing an impact fee for new development. Zuleger stated no action is necessary this is what the Finance Committee is recommending to the Village Board.

Zuleger added if we did not have a Stormwater Utility the village tax payers would be picking up the stormwater runoff cost of the non-profits i.e. schools, YMCA, churches, Saint Clare's Hospital, etc.

5. **MPO STP Urban Projects.** Zuleger reported in Donner's memo the DOT in Madison "found" an additional \$1,178,188 of STP Urban funds for the Wausau urban area. Wausau modified their application to include work on County Road U near Fleet Farm in the eligibility amount of \$921,500. The balance of the found money went to the Grand Avenue project in Schofield. Donner thought there would be funds available for additional STP-Urban projects in 2011. We hope to get funding next year for Alderson Street and Weston Avenue from Von Kanel Street to Ryan Street.
6. **WisDOT Enhancement Projects Submittal.** Zuleger reported Donner has drafted a submittal for the bicycle-pedestrian facilities on Alderson Street and Weston Avenue was finished last Friday and submitted to the State for consideration.

7. **Camp Phillips Road Area Well Site Exploration.** Zuleger reported last week the test boring locations were staked out on the Guerndt property on west side of Camp Phillips Road. Layne Northwest should have a drilling rig on site starting tomorrow. Zuleger thinks it is going to be problematic to develop a municipal well site at the Boy Scout Camp.
8. **Eau Claire River LLC OME – Draft Letter to Private Well Owners.** Zuleger reported Donner included with the meeting materials a draft letter to be mailed to the private well owners with property abutting the railroad southwest of the former Dehnel property. Donner is recommending baseline water sampling for gasoline and diesel fuel related to organic compounds for these properties (approximately six). This has nothing to do with installing municipal water and sewer in the area it has only to do with ground water quality for existing private wells.

**B. Announcements.** None.

**V. Street and Utility reports.**

- A. **Street Operations.** Zuleger reported the street sweeper was back in service as of last Monday and there was about one week of sweeping of the chip sealed streets and maintenance continues on the Windemere Oaks detention pond.

Zuleger added we are still modifying the yard waste site on Ryan Street there are people dumping garbage at the site. We are going to put signs up and we are going to install a camera at the site to monitor for violators.

- B. **Utility Operations.** Zuleger reported we had to bring in Layne Northwest to super-chlorinate the Foremost well due to coliform positive water samples. Samples taken within the Foremost building proved to be safe.

- a) **Foxtail Subdivision Drainage.** Zuleger reported in Donner's memo after the heavy rains on July 14-15 he was contacted by Chris Ohrmundt at 3103 Terrier Lane about water in her basement. Ohrmundt feels there is a correlation between the high water level in the detention basin for the Foxtail Subdivision and the groundwater in her basement. Donner reviewed the Foxtail Subdivision files and other files pertaining to the drainage of this area. Donner spoke again with Ohrmundt and with the owner at 3102 Foxtail Court and he thinks the wetlands system (west of Birch Street) may have reached a level that allowed it to run north into the Foxtail Subdivision detention basin. Donner is having CWE review the storm water modeling for the wetland system and Foxtail Subdivision. CWE is also checking the elevations in the Foxtail Subdivision against what was designed. There is a vacant lot still in the subdivision the village may want to consider purchasing to increase the stormwater basin in the area.

**VI. Unfinished Business.** None.

**VII. New Business.**

- A. RMMSD Commission Reappointment – Mr. Galen Olson.** Zuleger reported the RMMSD is recommending we reappoint Galen Olson as a Commissioner.

***\*M/S/P Ziegler/Portier: to approve the reappointment of RMMSD Commissioner Galen Olson.***

- B. Water/Sewer Permits.** None.

The next regular meeting will be August 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Greg Falkowski will not be in attendance at the next meeting.

**VIII. Adjourn.**

***\*M/S/P Falkowski/Portier: to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.***

Submitted,

Donna Van Swol  
Utility Clerk