



OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Board of Public Works
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 10:30 AM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Eric Lindman Anne Jacobson
Maryanne Groat

Members Present: Eric Lindman, Anne Jacobson, Season Welle
Members Not Present:
Members Excused:
Present 3, Not Present 0, Excused 0

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

1 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

June 16, 2026 Regular Board of Public Works Minutes.

Motion by City Attorney Jacobson, seconded by Assistant Finance Director Welle, to approve **June 16, 2026 Regular Board of Public Works Minutes.** Motion Passed 3-0.

2 Discussion and possible action.

a. Open bids and make recommendation for the 2026 North 4th Street Lighting Project.

The following bids were received:

Van Ert Electric	\$41,266.50
Zenith Tech, Inc.	\$141,226.22

City Attorney Jacobson asked for a brief description of the project. City Engineer Wesolowski explained the project includes the installation of conduit, streetlight bases and pull boxes on 4th Street from Grant Street to Franklin Street. City Attorney Jacobson asked if there was a concern with the difference of bid prices. City Engineer Wesolowski stated the project estimate was \$45,000. Zenith Tech is not an electrical contractor and Van Ert has done several projects like this for us. Wesolowski is confident Van Ert's bid is a good number. The other bid is concerning, but Van Ert is very familiar with this type of work, where Zenith may not be as familiar.

Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Jacobson, to award the contract to Van Ert Electric in the amount of \$41,266.50. Motion Passed 3-0.

b. Make recommendation for 2026 Sidewalk Repair Project "B". (Bids were opened June 2, 2026.)

Project Engineer Nicksich asked to bring this back so staff could review the prices and confirm the available budget. The recommendation is to move forward with the low bid from Pember Companies in the amount of \$99,443.15. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by Assistant Finance Director Welle, to award the project to Pember Companies in the amount of \$99,443.15. Motion Passed 3-0.

c. Equiflow Lead Service Line Replacement Project: Community Infrastructure Partners,

Change Order #1 with A-1 Excavating.

This change order is an \$82,267.00 deduct to the contract for a change in the type of services. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by Assistant Finance Director Welle, to approve Community Infrastructure Partners Change Order #1 with A-1 Excavating for a deduct of \$82,267.00. Motion Passed 3-0.

- d.** Equiflow Lead Service Line Replacement Project: Community Infrastructure Partners, Change Order #6 with Five Star Energy Services, Inc.

This change order is an increase of \$31,857.00. This change order in, combination with the A-1 change order, still gives a credit to the overall contract. Plumbing permits is part of this change order. The last change order had the wrong unit price because the City increased permit prices in 2026. This change order makes that correction. We also added 31 partial lead service line replacements. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Jacobson, to approve Community Infrastructure Partner Change Order #6 with Five Star Energy Services. Motion Passed 3-0.

- e.** Pay Estimate #29 with Community Infrastructure Partners for replacement of lead service lines.

This is a construction progress payment and has been reviewed and the quantities verified. This is for engineering, project management, and construction. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Jacobson, to approve Pay Estimate #29 in the amount of \$973,909.08. Motion Passed 3-0.

- f.** Pay Estimate with Community Infrastructure Partners for the Outreach Grant Program for work completed in May.

We received two grants from the DNR for public outreach. Both grants together exceed \$300,000. Some of the public outreach work that is being done is not being done under the principal forgiveness loan. It is being offset by this grant. For our accounting and DNR accounting, we are keeping these costs separate. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Jacobson, to approve the pay estimate in the amount of \$10,063.91. Motion Passed 3-0.

- g.** 2026 Sidewalk Repair Project "A": Pember Companies, Inc., Pay Estimate #1.

This pay estimate was reviewed by the project inspector and is for \$140,894.84. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Jacobson, to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$140,894.84. Motion Passed 3-0.

- h.** 2026 Downtown Utility Project: Haas Sons, Inc., Pay Estimate #2.

This has been reviewed by the project inspector and Project Engineer Niksich. Approval is recommended. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by Assistant Finance Director Welle, to approve Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$813,758.16. Motion Passed 3-0.

- i.** 2026 Asphalt Paving Project "A": RC Pavers, LLC, Pay Estimate #1.

This was reviewed by the project inspector and the quantities have been verified. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by Assistant Finance Director Welle, to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$138,629.20. Motion Passed 3-0.

- j.** Wausau Wastewater Treatment Facility Screening Improvements: J.F. Ahern Co., Pay Estimate #15.

This project is nearing completion and is being inspected by the consultant, Donohue, as well as overseen by Ben Brooks. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Jacobson, to approve Pay Estimate #15 in the amount of \$70,885.25. Motion Passed 3-0.

- k.** Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Becher Hoppe regarding the Washington Street Retaining Wall Project.

Project Engineer Niksich explained that the retaining wall project was delayed. It was

supposed to be completed last fall, but we ran into issues getting the permit from the DNR. The project has now started and is underway. This amendment is for construction administration services for Becher Hoppe and their structural engineering subconsultant. This is to update the dates of the contract to this year and update their hourly wages, which have increased. This contract is based off of time and materials. Based on their wages and what they expect their total time to be on the project, the overall contract increased by \$1,568.00. Staff has reviewed this and recommends approval. Motion by City Attorney Jacobson, seconded by Public Works Director Lindman, to approve Amendment 2 to the agreement with Becher Hoppe regarding the Washington Street Retaining Wall Project. Motion Passed 3-0.

I. Portland Cement Concrete License: K. Berens Contracting LLC and Milis Flatwork, LLC.

Motion by City Attorney Jacobson, seconded by Public Works Director Lindman, to approve both licenses subject to her review. Motion Passed 3-0.

m. Drinking Water Treatment Facility PFAS Treatment: Ellis Stone Construction Company, Inc., Change Order #7.

This change order is related to VFD capacitance. The generator we have connected to these would not work without this VFD. The change order also includes an increase of days for final completion to 1,050 days. There is some work to be done to correct some deficiencies, which is the main reason for the increase of days. Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Jacobson, to approve Change Order #7 in the amount of \$6,207.00. Motion Passed 3-0.

3 Closed Session.

a. Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute §19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of considering and deliberating on pre-qualification statements for the 2026 Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project.

Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Jacobson, to convene in closed session. Motion Passed 3-0.

The Board of Public Works convened into Closed Session.

4 Reconvene into Open Session, if necessary, to take action on Closed Session items.

Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Anne Jacobson, to reconvene into open session. Motion Passed 3-0.

Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by Assistant Finance Director Welle, to approve the following bidders for the 2026 Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project:

Norcon Corporation, Schofield
Pember Companies, Inc., Menomonie
S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc., Athens

Motion Passed 3-0.

5 Adjournment.

Motion by Public Works Director Lindman, seconded by City Attorney Jacobson, to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM.

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