

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 14, 2025

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Austin Baehnman at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:45 pm immediately following the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee Meeting. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Austin Baehnman, Chris Gunderson and Pat Gorchals. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Shani Appleby, Meta Berg, Tom Cullen, Dan Nehring, and Matt Dorrow.

Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes from December 10, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Department Update: Leschke included a report in the meeting packet. Highlights included all plow equipment is ready to go. Spare cutting edges and hardware have been purchased for each plow to have on hand in the event of an emergency replacement. Sabel Mechanical will be coming out on January 16th to conduct maintenance on the Bar Screen Auger. The department has snow plowing down to about 6 hours from start to finish. Daily logs are now mandatory starting January 1, 2025 and the workorder program restarted in 2025.

Discussion and possible action TruGreen Renewal Agreement: The annual renewal agreement with TruGreen was included in the packet. Leschke would like to get a quote from Green Boyz which is a local company and bring back to committee next month.

Discussion and possible action on the continuation of Chief Leschke as acting Public Works Supervisor: Chief Leschke feels it is going well and would be up to continue working as acting Public Works Supervisor. Haven't received any complaints. Committee feels he is doing a great job with the department. *Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to have Chief Leschke continue as acting Public Works Supervisor. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion on the Safe Step Sidewalk program: Leschke brought information forward after meeting with a representative from the Safe Step Sidewalk program. The program will take a section of sidewalks, analyze them, and send letters out to residents on their options for repair. \$3,000-\$4,000 is the initial program cost of a city our size. The City would then collect repair costs from the property owners. Safe Step is willing to start an evaluation process at no cost. One section to start out with first could be Ann Street, Harlon Street and Main Street that have a lot of school foot traffic. No decision was made by the committee at this time. Will discuss more at the next committee meeting.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on February 11, 2025 immediately following the Police, Fire and Ambulance Committee meeting.

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Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Herbst-Gutche has called the 6-8 properties that are prone to freeze in the winter to start running their water on Sunday to try and avoid frozen pipes.

Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to adjourn at 7:09 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend having Chief Leschke continue as acting Public Works Supervisor.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk