

In Attendance:

Mayor Steve Bierce, Alderman Jerry Wamser, Michael Kreiter, Jeffrey Tormey.

Also In Attendance:

Director of Public Works M. Wagner, Chief Engineer-Utilities R. Wirtz, Chief Engineer-Streets & Development M. Gabbey, Administrative Assistant S. Smaxwill, Administrative Assistant H. Jacobs

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bierce called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and called to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment - Please limit your comments to two minutes. If further time for discussion is needed, please contact your District Alderperson prior to the meeting.

None

3. Discussion and Action Regarding the Minutes

3.1 Discussion and possible action to adopt the April 24 2025 meeting minutes.

Mr. Tormey noted an error in the April minutes on page 7, third paragraph from the top. The text referred to putting a walkway across Watertown **Plank** Road on the south side; it should have been Watertown Road. It should have been the crossing at Highway 164, not Watertown Road. The committee agreed to these corrections.

4. Communications

4.1 Discussion and possible action regarding Lindsay Road and Pewaukee Road (STH 164) intersection.

Ms. Wagner provided an update on the Lindsay Road and Highway 164 intersection. She mentioned that Mr. Swan requested this item to be placed on the agenda, but he was unable to attend this meeting. The committee had previously discussed installing signals at the intersection of Lindsay Road and Highway 164, as part of the Highway 164 project.

The City had sent a letter to the Village of Pewaukee requesting cost-sharing for the potential signals. The Department of Transportation (DOT) had provided a preliminary price on it. The Village would also have to sign the paperwork as it is a Village intersection. The Village, in turn, had requested Waukesha County to fund the project,

believing it would benefit the County. Despite multiple follow-ups, the Village was still awaiting a response from the County.

Ms. Wagner noted that the deadline to sign an agreement with the DOT for the project had passed. She expressed that at this point, there was little the City could do since the intersection was outside their jurisdiction. The most they could do would be to follow up with the Village, which now has a new administrator.

Committee members agreed that the window of opportunity for this project had closed, and their hands were tied on the matter.

5. Water and Sewer Division

5.1 Discussion and possible action regarding the Lisbon Water Service Report

Ms. Wagner presented a report on the potential for providing water service to a limited area in the southeast quarter of the Village of Lisbon, as requested by the Village. Lisbon paid for the study included in the packet.

Ms. Wagner highlighted several concerns about providing this service, noting issues within the City's current system, such as PFAS and radium contamination, and reduced capacity at certain wells. She explained that these issues have raised concerns about firm capacity, indicating that it would likely take 2 to 3 years before the City could provide service to the requested area due to these existing challenges.

Ms. Wagner sent the report to Lisbon and is awaiting their response to see if they are still interested in receiving service within this timeframe. She mentioned that Lisbon was also in talks with the Village of Sussex about water service.

Committee members expressed support for serving these areas once the City's **firm** capacity is restored, provided it does not shortchange Pewaukee's own customers. They viewed it as a good move to promote tranquility between municipalities.

Mr. Tormey asked if Lisbon was looking for immediate service. Ms. Wagner responded they were looking for service within the next year.

Ms. Wagner also mentioned that Lisbon was in discussions about possibly leveraging funding from a quarry to support the water main extensions in that area.

Additionally, Ms. Wagner discussed the possibility of laying out loops for the water service to ensure adequate flow and pressure, considering both existing infrastructure and potential future needs. The committee members also recognized that achieving the proposed extensions would be instrumental in addressing the well relief areas for affected residents while ultimately supporting community-wide growth and cooperation.

5.2 Discussion and possible action regarding capping assessments for connecting to municipal water and sanitary sewer [Wagner / Mueller]

Ms. Wagner reported on discussions from a recent Common Council meeting

regarding capping assessments for water and sewer connections. The Council had requested additional information, including the value of sewer and water installations in new developments to benchmark potential cap levels. The Council is moving forward with the Public Works Committee's recommendation to set a cap. The proposed cap for water and sewer assessments was around \$51,000 total, with approximately \$20,000 for water and just under \$30,000 for sewer. Ms. Wagner mentioned that a policy would be developed to reflect this cap for future projects.

Ms. Wagner also noted that a secondary discussion would address whether to provide service to the entire community or if some areas would remain on well and septic systems.

Ms. Wagner informed the committee that this item would be returned to the Council on June 2nd for further discussion and will also be discussed on June 10th at a special meeting for the Hickory Grove sewer extension and road reconstruction project.

6. Engineering Division

6.1 Discussion and possible action regarding the Quiet Zone Crossing at Springdale Road

Ms. Wagner provided an update on the Springdale Road quiet zone crossing. She reported that the City of Brookfield, which is leading the project, had received Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) approval. Brookfield plans to complete the work ahead of the county paving project this year, likely before fall. Once the improvements are made, the final letter can be sent requesting the quiet zone crossing.

The improvements will include a two-foot center island and some road widening. The total cost for the improvements, excluding signal relocation, was estimated at around \$75,000.

The committee discussed the possibility of moving forward with the Duplainville Road crossing separately, as it is on the same line as Springdale Road. Ms. Wagner agreed to check on the required improvements for Duplainville and potentially submit paperwork to include it with the Springdale Road application to the railroad for review.

The committee members expressed support for this approach, noting that silencing even one line would be an improvement for residents affected by train noise.

Ms. Wagner also mentioned that she would try to coordinate the timing of the Duplainville application with Brookfield's Springdale Road application so that the railroad could review both simultaneously for that corridor.

The committee discussed the surrounding municipalities' quiet zones. Ms. Wagner stated that Wauwatosa is quiet and believes that most Milwaukee crossings are elevated. Mr. Wirtz mentioned that Oconomowoc and Watertown are quiet as well.

7. Public Comment - Please limit your comments to two minutes. If further time for discussion

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None

8. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded by (Ald. Wamser, M. Kreiter) to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Magdelene Wagner
Director of Public Works