

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022, 5:30PM**

Present: Alderman Shawn Feirer, Alderwoman Sarah Calderon, Citizen Members Richard Adamczewski, Rick Grubanowitch, and Sandy Welvang.

Excused: Alderwoman Debbie Fliss and Citizen Member Christine Hancock.

Also present: Mayor Ken Tutaj, City Administrator Mark Johnsrud, and City Engineer/Director of Public Works Melinda Dejewski.

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

2. Call Meeting to Order

Alderman Feirer called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

3. Minutes

None.

4. Correspondence with Possible Action

None

5. Discussion Items with Possible Action

a. Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) PPII and Green Solutions Funding Uses and Applications

City Administrator Johnsrud explained that there are 3 grant programs at MMSD – PPII, Green Solutions and Pipe Check. PPII was changed in 2020 to require communities to use their funding allotment or it is returned to MMSD. Pipe Check is a program for home owners to assist with the costs of sanitary sewer lateral repair. Green Solutions is for green infrastructure and can be used on bio-retention basins.

Earlier in 2022, the City approved giving the St. Francis School District funding from the Green Solution program to help fund storm water upgrades at Willow Glen and St. Francis High School.

The City has been investigating a project to utilize the PPII funds. It is in an area bounded between S. Pennsylvania Avenue, S. Nicholson Avenue, E. Bottsford Avenue and E. Cudahy Avenue. The project is to install a storm sewer system to collect sump pump discharge in the alleys so that it is not put into the sanitary sewer.

The amount reimbursed from MMSD on the project depends upon the number of properties that agree to connect to the system. The City and its consultant will do outreach prior to installing the project to ascertain interest in the project. Also, only the pipe and the pavement required to be removed and replaced to install the pipe are eligible for reimbursement. City Engineer/Director of Public Works Dejewski has indicated that there is a possibility that the Stormwater Utility could pay for the replacement of the balance of the pavement because the project is a stormwater based project, not a roadway project. If the storm sewer were not being installed, then the alley would not be repaved at this time. The City has a special assessment policy for alleys in addition to roadways. City Administrator believes that if the entire alley is repaved, it should be special assessed which would, in his opinion, reduce participation in the program.

The Stormwater Utility has 1.6 million dollars in funding. Approximately \$300,000 will be spent in 2022 leaving a balance of 1.3 million dollars. The Stormwater Utility has been accruing funds since 2000. The City recently increased the quarterly charge to \$36/quarter for a residential property. The cost for the paving of one alley is estimated at \$140,000 to \$160,000 and the cost of the pipe would be \$28,500 if only 50% of the properties participated.

City Administrator Johnsrud then discussed the Green Solutions program as it relates to funding the bio-retention basin that is needed at the Highway Garage as identified by the DNR in the 2021 audit. The Green Solutions program can be

used to fund the bio-retention basin. There is a maximum of \$300,000 that can be in the Green Solution fund. There is currently \$178,000.

City Administrator Johnsrud recommends transferring \$123,000 from the PPII program to the Green Solutions program. He also recommends only working on one alley and replacing the pavement over the pipe which is funded by the PPII program.

There was discussion on how the program worked and the project scope. City Administrator Johnsrud stated that only the transfer of funds and the approval of the project plan are being recommended at this time. The City has 24 months to implement the project plan if the City and MMSD approve it.

A motion was made by Board Member Grubanowitch, seconded by Board Member Adamczewski to recommend to the Common Council to recommend to the Common Council to transfer \$123,000 from the MMSD PPII program to the MMSD Green Solutions program. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Board Member Grubanowitch, seconded by Board Member Adamczewski to recommend to the Common Council to revise the PPII program application to \$337,542.00 and submit it to MMSD. Motion carried.

6. Updates

None.

7. Engineer's Report

None.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Board Member Grubanowitch, seconded by Alderwoman Calderon to adjourn. Motion carried.
Time 6:01p.m.