

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chair Antoine on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

Alders present: Antoine, DeCoster, Eggleston, Moore, Schell, and Schumacher.

Absent & Excused: Kilgas and Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Street Superintendent Van Gompel, Police Chief Graff, HR Director Hodge (Zoom), Fire Chief Carrel, and interested citizens.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Eggleston to excuse the absent member.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Project 1-26 Concrete Street Paving – Sidewalk and Assessments.

DPW/Engineer Neumeier discussed Project 1-26 Concrete Street Paving – Sidewalk and Assessments. One of the concerns brought up in the public hearing was about safe crossing locations. One of the proposed crossing locations is at 7th Street and Brill Road. Another question brought up during the public hearing was why sidewalk is getting installed now. Per Kaukauna ordinance, sidewalks get installed when a street is installed or rehabilitated.

Alder Schell requested that the City waits on sidewalk until 7th Street and Bel Air Court are refurbished. Alder Antoine noted some disrepair on Bel Air Court which could become a further issue if it is not addressed. Alder Schell brought up a concern residents have had, where cars have gone around the corner in winter and went over the sidewalk. Neumeier stated this concern can be partially addressed with slow curve signs which gives drivers a heads up to slow down.

Another concern brought up in the public hearing was about the cost of assessments and the stacking of assessments. Neumeier stated that it has been policy for the last 15 years to come in with a utility project about 5 years before a street paving project. This creates a 5-year overlap of 2 different assessment projects. Other communities that assess for reconstruction have similar cost rates, where the municipality pays 40% and residents on each side of the street pay the other 60%.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Schell to eliminate the proposed sidewalk on the north side of 7th Street, beginning at the west side of Bel Air Ct and continuing westerly to 705 Brill Road driveway, from the Project 1-26 plan, and to install the sidewalk from the west side of Bel Air Court to the driveway of 705 Brill Road when Bel Air Ct or 7th Street receive improvements.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

b. Authorization to seek Proposals for Quiet Zone Improvement Materials.

The City has been working with Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH) on developing plans for quiet zone implantation. Quiet Zone Notice of Intent (NOI) was submitted and in November of 2025, notifications and public comment period were completed. The improvement project can move forward to make the crossing safety upgrades as proposed. Once improvements are completed, a Notice of Establishment (NOE) would be the final stage to enact the Quiet Zone. The goal is to implement safety improvements at the 4 crossing intersections and to eliminate trains from using their whistles through those intersections.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by DeCoster to authorize Director of Public Works to seek

Proposals for Quiet Zone Improvement Materials.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

c. LaFollette Park Improvements Concepts.

DPW/ Engineer Neumeier discussed LaFollette Park improvement concepts. There was a public meeting where they took some of the input and concepts discussed for LaFollette Park. Neumeier discussed some of these improvements which include an expanded parking lot, a new pavilion, overlook patio, and native plants. Neumeier stated they are creating different designs on the pavilion and will start moving forward with how much estimates will be.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Schumacher to adjourn.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Kayla Nessmann, Clerk