

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chair Antoine on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Absent & Excused: Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Street Superintendent Van Gompel, Senior Project Engineer Bodoh, Com. Enrich. and Rec. Director Vosters, Library Director Thiem-Menning (Zoom), Associate Planner Nelson (Zoom), HR Director Hodge (Zoom), and interested citizens.

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

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

1. Correspondence – none.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to receive and place on file the formal objection letter to proposed sidewalk installation.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Special Assessment Public Hearing for Project 1-26 Concrete Street Paving.

DPW/ Engineer Neumeier presented on project 1-26 concrete street paving. The cost of streets is assessed by city ordinance. Two thirds of the street is paid for by property owners, and the city pays the other third. Assessment rates were sent in the mail. For new construction streets, rates are typically lower as there is no removal costs associated with it and new streets are closer to final grade. All special assessments are paid back over a 10-year period or less. When invoices are sent out, residents have the option to pay for the full invoice at once. If the invoice is not paid in full within 30 days, interest starts accruing from the date of assessment. After that, the assessment gets transferred to the property taxes.

Chair Antoine declared the Public Hearing open and asked if anyone on ZOOM or in the Council Chambers wished to address the Board of Public Works regarding Special Assessment Public Hearing for Project 1-26 Concrete Street Paving.

Richard Lancour, 608 Bel Air Court, expressed his concerns for the sidewalk placement, which would end at a corner that has extensive traffic and gets icy.

Marty Van Zeeland, 705 Brill Road, mentioned that he talked with the previous Engineering Director, John Sundelilus, several years ago and that Sundelius stated how sidewalks would not be placed on their side of the street. Van Zeeland also expressed concerns about the sidewalk placement, and the safety hazards it could present being on the corner.

Marcus Nejedlo, 609 Bel Air Court, mentioned that he bought his property because it did not have sidewalks. Nejedlo also expressed his safety concerns.

Jackson Heiting, 901 Sullivan Avenue, moved to his property in May of 2025 and stated that special assessments place a financial burden on young homeowners. He mentioned that he has received several special assessments during his time so far and expressed concerns about the financial burdens.

Keith Meier, 223 W 9th Street, expressed his objection for the street paving project.

Thomas Kilgas, 917 Sullivan Avenue, expressed his objection for the street paving project and for the trees taken down on his property.

Edward Christensen, 1340 Bens Way, stated that the city should not charge interest on special assessments as the assessments get placed on their property taxes.

Dawn Dreisow, 219 W 9th Street, expressed concerns for the financial burden of special assessments and for the trees taken down on her street.

Asking two more times if anyone else on ZOOM or in the Council Chambers wished to address the Board, no one appeared, Chair Antoine declared the public hearing closed.

b. Discussion on Uptown Development Site Maintenance.

DPW/ Engineer Neumeier introduced a discussion on the uptown development site maintenance. There has been some interest in this site, so Neumeier stated how they don't want to put too much taxpayer money into it but do want to provide some general maintenance so it doesn't become overgrown with weeds. Alders expressed how the city has a responsibility to maintain their properties, especially as this site is in busy area of the city.

c. 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR).

DPW/ Engineer Neumeier presented on the 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR).

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Schell to receive and place on file the 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) and recommend adoption of the 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) to Common Council.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

d. Public Works Updates.

DPW/ Engineer Neumeier provided public works updates. There was a LaFollette Park Informational Meeting Follow-up on May 28, 2026. The Aquatic Center has continued repairs which should be completed by the end of the week. The majority of Ann Street will be closed for most of the summer starting next week. Community Enrichment and Recreation Director Vosters introduced intern, Serenity, who will be working in the Community Enrichment and Recreation department over the summer. Vosters also provided Grignon Mansion updates. Restoration started last week and Grignon Mansion will be open starting July 26 for tours.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Schumacher to adjourn.

All Ald. Presented voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Kayla Nessmann, Clerk