

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chair Antoine on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Absent & Excused: Kilgas.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Police Chief Graff, Associate Planner Nelson (Zoom), Com. Enrich. and Rec. Director Vosters (Zoom), Mark. and Com. Manager Fencel (Zoom), and interested citizens.

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

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Update on STH 55/Morningside Drive Roundabout.

DPW/ Engineer Neumeier provided updates on the STH 55/Morningside Drive roundabout after some concerns were brought up at the last public information meeting. Some of the concerns were speed enforcement, future sidewalk, and maintenance. Neumeier has spoken with Kaukauna Area School District (KASD) Director of Operations and Finance, Chris McDaniel, about a maintenance agreement between the city and school to maintain the area.

Neumeier used the *Community Maps* system which was developed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS) in partnership with the Wisconsin Traffic Operations and Safety (TOPS) Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to evaluate crash history over the last 10 years on State highways in Kaukauna. He found that only 5 accidents in the last 10 years, out of the 750 plus accidents reviewed, involved vehicles entering/leaving residential driveways along STH 55(Crooks Avenue and Lawe Street). In addition, he found 5 accidents have occurred at the Morningside/STH 55 intersection over the past 10 years, all involving left turns from Morningside onto STH 55. Neumeier was asked to share his findings online as well.

Neumeier also brought up having a raised crosswalk, which will bring more attention to pedestrians crossing and slow down traffic. This crossing would be going north and south across Morningside Drive. Neumeier then brought up speed limits and has been in discussion with the WisDOT about appropriate speed limits in the area.

b. Vandenbroek Legal Drainage District Maintenance.

The City property owners along a drainage ditch on the NW part of the City are part of the Vandenbroek Legal Drainage District. One development area is greatly impacted by the requirements of the Drainage District. In the NW area of the city, Wildenberg Estates IV plat and more specifically homes along Haen Drive and Alyssa Street have limited yards available for anything other than open grassy area. Typically, within 75' of the legal drain(ditch) and in this case a reduced setback of 50'. We propose to evaluate the municipality accepting part of the drain and would bring a recommendation to Plan Commission, Board of Public Works, and Common Council. The City, Village, and Town would request transfer of the legal drain(ditch) to our maintenance jurisdictions.

The drainage board's recommendation would be for these properties to be taken on as municipal maintenance by whoever owns the land abutting the property owner. Municipal maintenance of the ditches can help reduce the effect of the easement on those properties.

c. Public Works Updates.

DPW/ Engineer Neumeier provided public works updates. A public information meeting hosted by Outagamie County will be on August 12 to discuss the Fieldcrest intersection. Neumeier also thanked the street department for their hard work on the uptown site maintenance.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Schell to adjourn.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Kayla Nessmann, Clerk