

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chair Antoine on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Mayor Penterman, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Associate Planner Nelson (Zoom), Mark. and Com. Manager Fencil (Zoom), HR Director Hodge, Fire Chief Carrel, Street Superintendent Van Gompel, and interested citizens.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Authorization to seek bids for the replacement of Unit # 31 Snowgo Snowblower.

Within the Capital Improvement Projects for 2026 the city has budgeted for the replacement of unit #31 the Snowgo Snowblower. This unit is a vital piece of equipment for snow removal operations. It is the only unit that can remove snow from STH 55 when snowbanks start restricting outside travel lanes. It is also used for removal of accumulated snow from downtown and multiple streets with little or no terrace. Strategic Plan: Budget: The projected replacement schedule for this unit was 20 years. With continued maintenance the Street Department was able to prolong replacement for an additional 5 years. Frame and engine head corrosion, leaking radiator, and engine valve issues are concerns steering us in the direction of replacement.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by DeCoster to authorize the Street Superintendent to seek bids for the replacement of unit # 31, the Snowgo Snowblower.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

b. Authorization to seek bids for the purchase of a new UTV.

Through discussions and implementation of the 2026 People and Operation Plan the Street Department added a staff member. In the proposal, transportation for the extra staff member was discussed and budgeted for. The summer season continues to be most challenging time to provide proper transportation for staff as the department hires ten seasonal staff members. Most of the workload tasked to seasonal staff is within the parks. This work includes weed picking, spraying, and trimming, and grounds maintenance. The addition of a UTV was determined to be the most cost-effective route to provide additional staff transportation and minimize turf disturbance within our parks.

Motion made by Thiele, seconded by Kilgas to authorize the Street Superintendent to seek bids for the purchase of a new UTV.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

c. Public Works Updates.

Street Superintendent Van Gompel provided public works updates. Van Gompel discussed the recent storm. Kaukauna experienced some minor street flooding and several power outages. Two truck drivers were sent to Menasha to assist with storm cleanup, and more street crew will be sent if needed. The gate controller is currently being fixed at the disposal site. The street department just received two new vehicles, an automated garbage truck and a dump truck. The Street department just started crack sealing and the Kaukauna football team will be assisting the street department next week at Grignon Park, Hydro Park, and the Valley trail.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Schell, seconded by Moore to adjourn.
All Ald. voted aye.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Kayla Nessmann, Clerk