



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes

Public Works Committee

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Brian Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Anderson, Sitkiewitz, Brey and Benzinger

Absent: 1 - Schlei

Staff Present: D. Koski, G. Minikel, S. Birr

Others Present: Jeff Vogel, Steve & Patricia VanderGrift

3. Public Comment

4. Presentations

5. Consent Agenda

These items will be approved by one motion unless any Committee Member wishes to remove an item for discussion.

REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: None

Any Committee Member may request removal of any item from the Consent Agenda, and such item shall be removed without debate or vote. Any item or part thereof removed from the Consent Agenda shall be separately considered.

[26-0411](#)

Approval of Minutes from the April 1, 2026 Public Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 4-1-2026](#)

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Brey, that the April 1, 2026 PI Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Anderson, Sitkiewitz, Brey and Benzinger

6. Discussion and Action Items

[26-0409](#)

Request from Jeff Vogel to move stop sign at N. 14th & New York Avenue

Attachments: [Request to Move Stop Sign N 14th & New York - Jeff Vogel](#)

Jeff Vogel was present and requested moving the stop sign at N 14th and New York. G. Minikel doesn't feel a stop sign is needed at this location and recommends removing.

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Brey, to remove the stop sign at N. 14th & New York Avenue be approved and referred to council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Anderson, Sitkiewitz, Brey and Benzinger

[26-0405](#)

Request to add rock in ditch area - Carrie Lane & Harvest Circle

Attachments: [REQUEST FOR ROCK IN DITCH](#)

G. Minikel explained that the ditching project was done in 2023. He explained that Steve VandeGrift reached out requesting to put stone/rock in the ditch area as he was having trouble maintaining.

Steve explained that he has put down grass seed but it doesn't take and there is standing water. He would like to put stone and flat rock to divert the water away.

E. Sitkiewitz said he is familiar with the area and it is unique the way the water runs. He didn't have an issue with the request as long as it doesn't cause issues with the pitch.

G. Minikel said we could have the City Surveyor shoot grades to help. The City would have the property owner sign and Understanding of Acceptance as well as a ROWay Use Permit.

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Brey, to work with Engineering Department and with the guidance of Public Works to lay stone and rock for proper drainage was approved and referred to council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Anderson, Sitkiewitz, Brey and Benzinger

[26-0412](#)

Policy for Regulating Intersections

Attachments: [Policy for Regulating Intersections](#)

[Rev. Maps for Proposed Stop Signs](#)

[Intersection Signage Changes North](#)

[Intersection Signage Changes South](#)

G. Minikel explained that Ald Reckelberg requested a committee to discuss intersections.

D. Koski said there has been discussion with controlled and uncontrolled intersections. The City Attorney drafted a Policy for regulating intersections. The citizen would complete the form and then it would go to the Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss. This Committee would determine if the request would be approved or denied. If denied, the citizen would have the option to bring to Standing Committee level for discussion and a vote.

Moved by Brey, seconded by Benzinger, that this Policy be referred to the Public Safety Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Anderson, Sitkiewitz, Brey and Benzinger

[26-0407](#)

Manitowoc County Adopt a Highway Program, recommending reaching out to County or Private Group for continuation of Adopt a Highway along Rapids Road from Hwy 151 to Waldo Blvd

Attachments: [Adopt a Highway email](#)

[ADOPT A HIGHWAY](#)

G. Minikel explained the County Highway Commissioner asked for the Rapids Road area from Calumet (Hwy 151) to Waldo Blvd is no longer part of the Adopt a Highway program as it was turned over to the City.

E. Sitkiewitz asked if they already had people in place and would like the City to reach out to the County to see if they would continue collecting from Rapids Road.

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Brey, that the Engineering Dept work with the County or Private Group to continue to maintain Rapids Road in the Adopt a Highway Program. This was approved for consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Anderson, Sitkiewitz, Brey and Benzinger

[26-0408](#)

Request to Change the meeting time for the Public Works Committee to the first Thursday of the Month

The Public Works Committee will now meet on the first Thursday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.

This Request was confirmed

7. Previously Tabled Items

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderperson Mason Benzinger, seconded by Alderperson Jodi Brey, that the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Anderson, Sitkiewitz, Brey and Benzinger