



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes

Public Infrastructure Committee

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Vice Chair W. DeBaets.

2. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

Staff Present: D. Koski, G. Minikel, S. Birr, M. Zimmer, C. Hall, Ald. Sitkiewitz

Others Present: Amber Rich, Mike Fencil, Conor Benham, Glen Jaecks, John Iannitello, Sheila Hansen, Sara Kinsella, Kalyn Jansen, Ginger Frey, Dennis Schneider, Jenny Schneider, Amanda Sieracki, Dana Lukes, Mary Jane Lukes, Zach Pethan, Kurt Jansen, Biff Hansen, Ben Harrison, Joseph Pozorski Jr., Mike Pozorski

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.

[25-0712](#)

Approval of Minutes from the August 6, 2025 Public Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 6-4-25](#)

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Brian Anderson, that the Minutes from the August 6, 2025 meeting were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

6. Discussion and Action Items

[25-0702](#)

Proposed Reconstruction of Michigan Avenue (N. 13th to N. 18th Street)

Attachments: [Michigan Ave. Presentation for PI Committee Meeting Oct. 1st, 2025](#)

[MICHIGAN 34ft ROADWAY](#)

[MICHIGAN 36 foot ROADWAY](#)

[MICHIGAN Typical Section 36 ft Roadway](#)

[Email to Ald. Sitkiewitz](#)

[Map of Lead Service Laterals from MPU Website](#)

[WisDOT Traffic Count Map](#)

G. Minikel gave a presentation regarding the proposed Reconstruction of Michigan Avenue. This presentation included discussion on removal of trees as well as photos of trees to be removed. The Public Infrastructure Committee previous made a motion to widen the street from a 24' street to a 36' street to match the width at Huron Street.

B. Schlei said this project is overdue and the street needs to be widened to make it safe and will only support a full reconstruct with a 36' Street.

Glen Jaecks, 1604 Michigan Avenue, said that there was no prior discussion before adding the bus route on Michigan Avenue. He was wondering if the reason for proposed widening of the street is due to the bus route.

He mentioned the issue with cars speeding in the area and requested speed monitors to remind people of the speed limit. He also recommended replacing each tree removed with a new tree (one for one).

Amanda Sieracki, 1415 Michigan Avenue, said we should be hiring an arborist or forester. She said that a Forester takes care of large number of trees where as an arborist works with certain trees. She feels we are looking for things wrong with the trees in order to redo the street. She purchased her property because of the trees.

Sara Kinsella, 1510 Michigan Avenue, listing a tree at 25% dead doesn't seem enough for her. A dying upper canopy should be able to be taken care of. She is requesting a second opinion on the trees.

Jenny Schneider, 1518 Michigan Avenue, stated this is one of the few historic neighborhoods in City and one of the neighborhoods that gets showcased with the historic houses and tree lined streets. She is wondering how to preserve the history for generations to come and is recommending that the Committee look at a different approach.

Biff Hansen, 1502 Michigan Ave, said that this project hit him hard. He wants to be able to park on both sides of the street. Lead pipes pulling lead pipe out and putting new in without messing up street. Biff Hanson said the mushrooms on the trees were there since 1985. Wants to know the difference between asphalt

and concrete. Committee needs to listen to residents. Riding streets were old trees were removed and new ones were put in. If the street were narrow then the semis wont come down.

Sheila Hanson, 1502 Michigan Avenue had one tree for two removed and they are not the same trees.

Ben Harrison, 1515 Michigan Avenue, recommends that the process needs to slow down. He said there are too many concerns and questions and need a more thorough evaluation.

Connor Benham, 1304 Michigan Avenue said the selling point of the neighborhood is the large trees. He doesn't believe we have been monitoring trees like we should have been. He asks that they don't plant trees in front of his house. He recommends an arborist to check on the trees. He said a hollow tree is better than no tree as this becomes home to the owls. Cutting trees down will impact the appraisals.

Dennis Scheider, 1518 Michigan Avenue stated that he is a tree lover. He previously worked in the Evergreen Cemetery. He said don't assume trees are unhealthy. Many trees in the cemetery had mushrooms and were not dead. He hopes the Committee will reconsider and would like to see the trees saved.

Amber Rich, 1614 Michigan Avenue said that trees are very important. She said that the 34' road is important for neighborhood and environmental issues.

The Committee discussed and decided to place in the budget for 2027, so we have time to further review.

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Chairperson Bill Schlei, to move the Reconstruction of Michigan Avenue (N. 13th to N. 18th Street) to the 2027 Budget. The Request was approved and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0704](#)

Lidded Recycling Containers

Attachments: [Memo to PI Committee re Litter in the City](#)

Alderman Beeman previously brought forward.

If we required changed lids, Pozorski would have to revamp and buy new equipment. Waste Management already works with lidded hinged recycling containers.

D. Koski said the staff recommendation is to use hinged lid containers. They are required in other communities.

Joe Pozorski was present, and spoke on behalf of Mike Pozorski, Owner of Pozorski Hauling. He addressed the issue with debris in the streets. He said that if their crews were not picking up any debris left in street they would not have a job. He informed the Committee that the hinged containers drop drop

things and they are only manned by one employee so they are not pick up or cleaning up broken glass. If the County is not able to handle single source then hinge containers will not work.

B. Norell said he is a Pozorski customer and doesn't see an issue with service. He will not support hinged containers.

Jon from County Recycling Center was present. He said they would lose 75 - 80 percent of material they receive as Pozorski Hauling would have to take material elsewhere. The County is resistant to going single stream because of cost and time. One of the main concerns with going single stream is combining recyclables, which can lead to fires starting with lithium batteries. He said there is more to it than a lidded container.

Ald. B. Schlei lived in area with that used hinged containers and agrees with the mess they leave behind.

Pozorski has lids available at \$8 and additional red bins are \$14.

Jodi Brey said she had a conversation regarding this with her late husband, Ald. Jim Brey. She also spoke with her students and the majority would agree with 2 red recycling bins.

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Jodi Brey, that the Request for hinged containers was placed on file with Engineering Department. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0570](#)

Town of Kossuth Sewer Regionalization

Attachments: [KSD#2 - IA Boundary Limits 4-4-25 \(Draft - Exh B\)](#)

[KSD#2 - IA Proposed Forcemain Route 4-4-25 \(Draft - Exh A\)](#)

Dean LaFluer, Robert E Lee, was present to explain the planning stages. Kossuth would like to tie into the City. Won't design until 2026. This is informational only.

This Request was tabled

[25-0705](#)

No Street Access Agreement for 2203 South 21st Street - Popp Subdivision No 3 Lot 1 Blk 1 (Summit Street), recommending approval

Attachments: [25-0705 NO STREET ACCESS AGREEMENT - SUMMIT STREET LEAMER](#)

G. Minikel explained this is a standard agreement as the property owner does not want access to the street.

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Chairperson Bill Schlei, that the No Street Access Agreement for 2203 South 21st Street - Popp Subdivision No. 3 was approved for consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0707](#) AECOM Gravel Pit Supplemental Task Order for 2025-2026 Services, AECOM Project No. 60135471 (82518), recommending approval

Attachments: [AECOM Proposal Newton Pit Bal 2025 Services final](#)

D. Koski explained this is a supplemental task order for this year and next year.

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Jodi Brey, that the AECOM Gravel Pit Supplemental Task Order for 2025-2026 Services was approved for consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0700](#) Stormwater Management Facility Maintenance Agreement with Dollar General Manitowoc, recommending approval

Attachments: [25-0700 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY MAINT AGT - DOLLAR GNRL](#)

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Brian Anderson, that the Stormwater Management Facility Maintenance Agreement with Dollar General was approved for consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0701](#) Stormwater Management Facility Maintenance Agreement with Allie Warehouse 75 / West Drive, recommending approval

Attachments: [25-0701 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY MAINTENANCE WEST LLC](#)

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Brian Anderson, that the Stormwater Management Facility Maintenance Agreement with Allie Warehouse 75 was approved for consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0703](#) State / Municipal Financial Agreement for Manitowoc River Bridge B-36-128 located on STH 42 / 10th Street, recommending approval

Attachments: [WI STATE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT RIVER BRIDGE](#)

G. Minikel explained this is for the 10th Street lift bridge. It has been on the docket to get painted for 10 years.

The funding is sporadic and the painting project is a large project. The DOT asked for request to get into program. The City would only have to pay 25% of the design. We want to maintain so we don't need to rebuild. This project will not happen until 2031.

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Brian Anderson, that the State/Municipal Financial Agreement for Manitowoc River Bridge was approved for consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0706](#) Resolution Updating Boundaries of the Street Snow Removal Area

Attachments: [Snow Removal Route Resolution 2025-2026- Final](#)

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Brian Anderson, that the Resolution Updating Boundaries of the Street Snow Removal Area was approved and referred to council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0713](#) Ordinance to Amend Section 10.410 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code Regulating Winter Parking and Snow Emergency

Attachments: [Ord to amend 10.140 Downtown Snow Pickup- Final](#)

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Brian Anderson, that the Ordinance to Amend Section 10.410 of MMC to regulate winter parking and snow emergency was approved and referred to council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0709](#) Lincoln Park Zoo Winter Hours Adjustment Approval

Attachments: [LP Zoo winter hours of operation adjustment](#)

C. Hall was present and said they are recommending changing winter hours as there were adjustments made during covid.

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Brian Anderson, that these Request to adjust Lincoln Park Zoo Winter hours was approved for consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey

[25-0708](#) Kayak Rental Vendor Discussion

Attachments: [Kayak rental vendor discussion](#)

C. Hall said that he has been approached by vendors to negotiate kayak rentals. There are more discussions to take place regarding cost / revenue share, etc.

This Request was tabled

7. Previously Tabled Items

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderperson Brett Norell, seconded by Alderperson Brian Anderson, that the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schlei, DeBaets, Norell, Anderson and Brey