

Memorandum

To: Board of Public Works

From: Jeffrey Bodoh, P.E. – Director of Public Works

Date: 7/5/2017

Re: Project Updates

Below is a list of the ongoing projects currently being worked on:

1. **East Beacon Avenue** –Wood Sewer and Excavating will be starting the Beacon Avenue sewer work after they complete the Starlight sewer installation. Once Wood Sewer has completed the sewer work, Woods earthwork contractor will start the excavation, placing the road stone and grading. Curb & gutter work and paving will follow the grading work.
2. **Starlight Drive** – Wood Sewer and Excavating just started the sanitary sewer work on Starlight Drive. This is later than scheduled due to the rainy weather. They should be done with this work by the end of next week depending on weather. Due to the rain we received after the road was pulverized, the road became soft and sloppy. The road will need more road stone because of this. We will continue to keep the Town of Mukwa informed of the progress of this project.
3. **Partridge Drive Extension** – The water main for this project was installed late last week by Wood Sewer. This is later than scheduled due to the rainy weather. Wood Sewer’s excavation contractor is currently doing the excavation, stone placement and grading on Partridge. This road will be paved later this summer.
4. **Downtown River Wall Project and Dock** – MSA had the bid opening for the River Wall Project re bid on Friday June 23rd. There were 2 bidders for the River Wall portion. NuGen Johnson out of Sussex, WI had the low bid of \$263,040.56l. The total for the three bid sections that received bids is \$651,040.56. The total for the DNR grants that the City was approved for was \$495,187, which can cover up to 50% of the total project cost (\$990,374). There are some engineering costs and contingency costs that will also be included in the project cost. There might be some leftover grant funds that Chad Hoerth hopes to use for another project.
5. **Division Street** - OMNNI Engineering continues to work on the Division Street project, street and sewer design and engineering. I am thinking about having another Public Information meeting for this project in September. There are some concerns about the sidewalk extension and terrace tree removal. It would be a good idea to further address these issues at the second meeting. I have been in contact with Ranger Services, a tree service consultant, about the tree removal along Division. I sent them a copy of the OMNNI plans for this project showing the planned tree removals. They will look into the issue.
6. **Pearl Street Builing Demolition** - I have been in contact with Statewide Razing at least once a week since the contract approval. I have been asking about when they could start the demolition and they usually said that they would try to start next week. They started demolition on June 22nd with one guy in a backhoe. They are figuring about two to three weeks to complete the demolition. They have until August 8th to complete the demolition.
7. **High School Area Traffic Study** – We will be working on some of the simple recommended changes mentioned in the High School Traffic Area Study done by McMahon. I tried calling the resident who

lives at the corner of Pershing and Cedarhurst about the trees of concern at this intersection. He never answered or returned my messages, so I wrote a notice to him. He did trim the trees of concern. I will have the Street crew paint a stop bar on Cedarhurst at Pershing. Later this summer I will meet with Waupaca County Highway Department to discuss the speed limit signs on Pershing Road (CTH 'W').

8. Projects in the design phase –

McMahon continues to organize the sewer and water data and GIS map so it can be put on the Online GIS map. This includes inputting the sewer invert and manhole data from the manhole inspection sheets. They continue connecting the sewer televising files in the GIS Map data. The WWTP will be working with McMahon on the sanitary sewer flow monitoring to determine high flows and areas with infiltration and inflow. The sewer study and GIS Mapping will be ongoing projects.

Fischer Ulman finished the 2017 sidewalk rehabilitation project on June 8th. Fischer Ulman did two concrete pavement patches on Beckert Road by Steel King. They noted that it was hollow under the old concrete and that the base settled or washed away under the concrete. They recommended that the City should have this road inspected. Because concrete pavement can bridge and hide voids, we would need a professional to inspect for void issues under the concrete. I have contacted McMahon's about the problem and they talked to a geotechnical engineer who gave them some recommendations.

On June 8th we discovered a leak in a forcemain along Beacon Avenue by the railroad tracks. We had an excavation and sewer contractor make an emergency repair to this line. I had to contact the Railroad and Ben contacted the DNR. The railroad told us that the repair needed to be made quickly due to a train coming through that night. The contractor dug down by the leak and found the pipe casing and found the leak was in the force main inside the casing under the railroad track. See the attached timeframe of events from that day.

The afternoon of June 14th, New London was hit by a strong storm. There were four terrace trees that partially or completely fell over and a lot of downed branches. The crews picked up brush from June 14th thru the 20th and did call in pick ups for a week after that. We had a tree service assist with two trees.

Sometime this Summer, I will be meeting with the Hospital, Affinity Clinic, Police Chief and some residents that live near the hospital regarding on street parking. We will discuss what parking restrictions are needed and what current parking restriction needs to be changed. I make sure that each parking restriction gets put into an ordinance so the Police can enforce it. I will make sure to put together a map of these restrictions and make sure that the proper signage is installed. I have contacted McMahon about having all of the City's parking restrictions that are covered by ordinances put into a layer on the City's GIS map.

I continue to be in contact with Canadian National Railroad about the rough rail crossings in the City. I have contacted the General contractor for the East Beacon Avenue about the timeframe for paving Beacon. I would like to coordinate the road work with the railroad crossing repairs. I will stay in touch with the railroad.