

1 **Board of Public Works**  
2 **City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**  
3 **23 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**  
4 **June 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**  
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6 **Call to Order:** Mayor Taskay called the meeting of the Board of Public Works to order at 5:44 p.m.  
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8 **Members Present:** Members present were Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Will Garske, and Dale Ernst.  
9 Absent was Steve “Ding” Bartz.

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11 Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Street Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Water  
12 Leadsperson Glenn Hanna, Wastewater Leadsperson Rich Thiemer, Council President Jeff Kahle,  
13 Alderperson Tadd Wegener, Zach Garner, Main Street Director Jenifer Turkiewicz, Dawn Genelin,  
14 and Janet Wells.

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16 **Public Comments:** Janet Wells asked the status of the fluoride in the City water supply. Clerk  
17 BARTZ stated that the Board reviewed the results of the advisory referendum the Board will  
18 continue to look at options.  
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20 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** ERNST MOVED to approve the minutes from April 29, 2025 meeting  
21 and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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23 GARSKE MOVED to approve the minutes from May 28, 2025 and ERNST seconded. The VOTE was  
24 unanimous.  
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26 **Approval of Checks and Vouchers:** ERNST MOVED to approve checks 22131 to 22173 and t (2)  
27 electronic payments in the amount of \$116,070.69. GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was  
28 unanimous.  
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30 **Treasurer’s Report:** GARSKE MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report. ERNST seconded. The  
31 VOTE was unanimous.  
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33 **Other Business:**

34 **Wastewater Department – Vacant Position:** Clerk BARTZ explained that the Council reviewed a  
35 possible hiring freeze, she stated that the council decided to hire of the current positions but to not  
36 create anymore additional positions. The Board decided by unanimous consent to interview the  
37 interested street employees for the vacant wastewater position. GARSKE, ERNST, Wastewater  
38 Leadsperson and Water Leadsperson will sit in on the interviews.  
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40 **Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR):** THIEMER explained that the CMAR needs to be  
41 approved and sent out by tomorrow. The Board reviewed the report. ERNST MOVED to approve the  
42 report and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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2 Responsible Party Letter from Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Cell Tower Site Ground  
3 Water Contamination: Clerk BARTZ explained that during the process of the tower installation,  
4 groundwater testing was required by DNR. The results of the groundwater testing show  
5 contamination levels are requiring us to take additional steps and complete a site investigation.  
6 The Clerk explained that the DNR feels that this is most likely from a neighboring site that is a  
7 known contamination site.

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9 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street Road Classification – Reclassification to Class B Road: ERNST stated that N 4<sup>th</sup> Street is  
10 currently a Class A road and suggested looking into reclassifying the roadway to a Class B. He  
11 stated that County Road U has recently been reclassified.

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13 Clerk BARTZ stated that Board member BARTZ was unable to attend tonight due to a conflict with  
14 his work schedule. BARTZ had asked how many citations were issued after County CC (Leather  
15 Ave) was closed to truck traffic after our last ordinance change.

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17 KAHLE stated that if the road was still reclassified delivery trucks would still be able to use the road  
18 to make deliveries on N 4<sup>th</sup> Street. GARSKE stated that we need to protect our roads.

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20 ERNST MOVED to draft an ordinance classifying N 4<sup>th</sup> Street as a Class B Road, GARSKE seconded.  
21 The VOTE was unanimous.

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23 **Department Lead Reports:**

24 Streets Department Leadsperson Report: ROSENMEIER reported that most of their month has been  
25 spent getting ready for Mohawk Dr and Pfeifer Rd paving. He also reported that the Veteran’s  
26 banner and flower baskets were hung on Main Street, road painting continues when weather  
27 permits, Ash tree removals, and has been working on a beaver problem in Bradley Park that is  
28 affecting our storm water drainage.

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30 Water Department Leadsperson Report: HANNA reported that they are continuing to replace water  
31 meters, Brief Street water service line that was installed in 1964 is leaking and need to be repaired.  
32 He also reported that they are flushing hydrants and waterlines and that MSA Professional Services  
33 has started the PFAS study.

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35 Wastewater Leadsperson Report: THIEMER thanked the Water Department for helping mow lawns  
36 and weed whacking at all 16 lift stations. He also thanked the office staff for assistance in  
37 gathering information for the CMAR report.

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39 THEIMER reported on the projects that he has been working on including rebuilding the fine screen  
40 at the plant, LW Allen to work on some of the lift station problems. He noted some illegal electrical  
41 wiring at the DNR lift station that will need to be fixed as soon as possible.

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43 THEIMER reported that he is completing the DNR monthly reports, Eric Martin with Cedar Corp has  
44 been helping complete some of the new reports. He requested hiring him as a consultant as he is a

1 great resource and has run this plant before. He noted that he would also be able to help him  
2 come up with a realistic working budget.

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4 THEIMER stated that he has a meeting with the Clerk to discuss budget items so that these items  
5 can be scheduled and addressed. Items needing repair or replaced include Grit System Repairs,  
6 \$39,700, 4" PVC Non-Potable Water Leak, \$25,450-\$33,082, Sludge Storage Tank Inspection &  
7 Cleaning, \$20,300, Digester Maintenance, \$22,100, Non-Potable Pressure Tanks, \$16,070-  
8 \$24,654, and Lift Station Annual Service Package, \$8,909.

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10 THIEMER stated that he knows this was talked about hiring the vacant wastewater position already  
11 be we need a dedicated wastewater person, he stated that he understands that we did it with 4  
12 people before but there is a lot more "red tape" now and we need the 5<sup>th</sup> person filled.

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14 **Set Time and Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of Public Works will be the last  
15 Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers or at the call of the  
16 chairperson.

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18 **Meeting Adjournment:** GARSKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Public Works and  
19 ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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