

1 **Board of Public Works**  
2 **City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**  
3 **23 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**  
4 **July 29, 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 5:35 p.m.  
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8 **Members Present:** Members present were Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Steve “Ding” Bartz, and Dale  
9 Ernst. Absent was Will Garske.

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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 and Roxanne Consolver.  
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15 **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.  
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17 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** ERNST MOVED to approve the minutes from June 24, 2025 meeting  
18 and BARTZ seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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20 **Approval of Checks and Vouchers:** BARTZ MOVED to approve checks 22174 to 22221 and two (2)  
21 electronic payments in the amount of \$105,518.86. GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was  
22 unanimous.  
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24 **Treasurer’s Report:** BARTZ MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report. ERNST seconded. ERNST  
25 asked about the Sewer Budget for 2025, Clerk BARTZ stated that she is working with THIEMER on it.  
26 The VOTE was unanimous.  
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28 **Other Business:**

29 **Wastewater Department – Hiring Recommendation:** ERNST MOVED to approve the transfer of Zach  
30 Sherman to the Wastewater Department after his position is filled at the Street Department. BARTZ  
31 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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33 **Simplified Rate Case – Water Utility Rates:** Clerk explained the letter from the Public Service  
34 Commission of Wisconsin. ERNST MOVED to proceed with the simplified rate case and TASKAY  
35 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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37 **Harley Davidson Request for Pedestrian Crossing Flasher:** ROSENMEIER explained the request from  
38 Harley Davidson (H-D). Roxanne Consolver stated that H-D is willing to pay for the lights and pay to have  
39 them installed. Discussion followed regarding the approval process for a State Road and the  
40 reconstruction project scheduled for 2030.  
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42 ERNST MOVED to approve the request and BARTZ seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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1 “Critical Staffing” for the Public Works Departments: Clerk BARTZ stated that this came from the Council  
2 when talking about the potential hiring freeze. She explained that the Board of Public Works should  
3 make a recommendation on what they feel would be the least number of employees needed to provide  
4 services. Discussion followed.

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6 THIEMER stated that two employees would be needed at the Wastewater Department. HANNA stated  
7 the same would be needed at the Water Department but with two it becomes difficult to take vacations  
8 or any leave time.

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10 ROSENMEIER stated that Streets has 5 employees currently and it would really depend on the level of  
11 services that the Board would like to maintain on how many are needed to maintain that level.

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13 This item was postponed until a later meeting.

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15 Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Project 9876-00-70(71) – Use of Kaphaem Rd as a  
16 Haul Road: ROSENMEIER stated that he met with WisDOT on Kaphaem Rd and they will be hauling  
17 material from their project on Couty Road L to the pit on Kaphaem Road. He stated that WisDOT has  
18 recorded the current condition of the roadway and will be returning it to the same condition after the  
19 project.

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21 ERNST asked if we could enact an emergency ordinance to disallow heavy truck traffic on Kaphaem Road  
22 due to the current conditions. Discussion followed.

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24 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Weight Restrictions/Class B Highway: Clerk BARTZ stated that she is bring back the last  
25 proposed ordinance, this was never passed by the Council. ROSEMEIER stated that now that County  
26 Road A has been re-built, the Class B designation will be removed by the County.

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28 BARTZ stated that the only vehicles that this ordinance would affect are pulp trucks. BARTZ stated that  
29 we really need to look at temporary weight limits.

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31 ERNST MOVED to draft an ordinance and send it to the Council by keeping proposed section B  
32 temporary weight limits and adding N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the dedicated route and to remove Leather Avenue.  
33 BARTZ seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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35 **Department Lead Reports**

36 Wastewater Leadsperson Report: THEIMER reported that they are continuing to work on their land  
37 contract for sludge spreading. He stated that the tank is 5’ from being full. He also reported that they  
38 are working on the clarifier and got the sprayers working again. He stated that the methane furnace is  
39 up and running again.

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41 THEIMER stated that the Veterans Memorial Park Lift Station shared the bolt on the pump, and it  
42 created a bad vibration causing the cement to crack. He stated that LW Allen is looking at rebuilding the  
43 pump to keep as a backup.

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45 Water Leadsperson Report: HANNA reported that they are continuing to replace touch read meters  
46 with radio reads and they have started working on the PFAS study.

1 Streets Leadsperson Report: ROSENMEIER stated that they have completed the painting for the year,  
2 discovered a beaver dam problem. He reported that the Pfiefer and Mohawk repaving have been  
3 completed, sewer cleaning has started, two culverts have been replaced on Wheeler Road, have hauled  
4 the mulch to the pit on Pine Ridge Ln, and continue to help other departments when needed.  
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6 **Set Time and Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of Public Works will be the last  
7 Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers or at the call of the  
8 chairperson.  
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10 **Meeting Adjournment:** ERNST MOVED to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Public Works and  
11 BARTZ seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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