

1 **Board of Public Works**
2 **City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**
3 **23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**
4 **September 30, 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 5:45 p.m.
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8 **Members Present:** Members present were Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Will Garske, Dale Ernst, and
9 Steve “Ding” Bartz.

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11 Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz, Deputy Clerk Miranda Swenty, Street
12 Leadsperson Nick Rosenmeier, Water Leadsperson Glenn Hanna, Wastewater Leadsperson Rich
13 Thiemer, Council Alderperson Patrica Haskin, Representatives from MSA Professional Services Jeff
14 Seamandel, Brad Stuczynski, and Grace Kluchka, John Rose, Roxanne Consolver, Zach Garner
15 from WJJQ Radio, Scott O’Conner, Elliot O’Conner and Jennifer Turkiewicz (virtual).
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17 **Public Comments:** Glenn Hanna asked if the parking lot at the Bradley Park Boat Landing could be
18 painted. Clerk BARTZ stated that she will add it to the next Parks agenda.
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20 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** GARSKE MOVED to approve the minutes from July 29, 2025 meeting
21 and ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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23 **Approval of Checks and Vouchers:** ERNST MOVED to approve checks 22222 to 22257 and four (4)
24 electronic payments in the amount of \$76,979.74. GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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26 **Treasurer’s Report:** ERNST MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report and KAHLE seconded.
27 ERNST asked about the Sewer Budget for 2025. The VOTE was unanimous.
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29 **Other Business:**

30 Request for Ordinance to Railroad Quiet Zone at the S Tomahawk Ave (State Hwy 86) Crossing:
31 This item was postponed indefinitely.
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33 Request from a Property Owner on King Road Regarding Snow Removal on the Newly Constructed
34 Sidewalks: John Rose stated that both the contractor, Pember, and the engineer, DAAR Engineering, did
35 a great job on the project. He asked if the City was going to require the residents to shovel the snow on
36 the sidewalks. He stated that the City will be responsible for the sidewalk section in Sunset Point Park
37 and asked if the City would consider snow blowing the private sidewalks and charging the cost to the
38 property owner.
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40 The Board asked that this item be placed on the next agenda. Clerk suggested a contractor that the
41 property owners would pay directly and possibly the city also pay for the section in front of the park.
42 ERNST stated that this matter can be discussed at the next meeting.
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1 PFAS Mitigation Feasibility Study: HANNA stated that he has been working with MSA on the PFAS
2 Mitigation Feasibility Study.
3 Brad Stuczynski reviewed the executive summary with the Board. He stated that there are two options
4 to consider. The Board can look for new wells or reconstruct and treat the existing wells. He stated that
5 the well at Highway 51 and County Road A has a capacity of 300 gallons per minute (GPM) where the
6 current wells each have a capacity of 1000 GPM or a combined capacity of 1600 GPM.
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8 Stuczynski reviewed treatment considerations. He stated that the cost estimates 1-4 are for the
9 existing wells and 5-6 are for new wells. He reviewed the estimates.
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11 Mayor TASKAY asked where the PFAS was coming from in our wells. Stuczynski explained the recharge
12 area of the wells with the provided map. Stuczynski stated we can chase where the PFAS is coming
13 from but at the end of the day, we still have PFAS in our water source. HANNA stated that our recharge
14 area starts in Skanawan and travels west to our current wells. Discussion followed regarding treatment
15 and options.
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17 BARTZ asked how the medium for the treatment process is disposed. Stuczynski stated that
18 granulated activate charcoal (GAC) can be reused in other processes once the PFAS is destroyed
19 with heat. He stated that anion exchange (AIX) cannot be reused. HANNA stated that there is a
20 required pilot study that needs to be completed to determine if the treatment is effective in
21 removing PFAS from our water supply.
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23 BARTZ asked about grant funding. Stuczynski he stated that there are Federal grant funds available
24 for emerging contaminants that are administered from the Safe Drinking Fund Loan program. He
25 stated that it could be an award of up to 50% principal forgiveness.
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27 Request from Hometown Christmas to Place a Snowman on Boulevard of S Tomahawk Avenue:
28 Roxanne Consolver stated that they are looking to construct a 10' tall snowman to place on S
29 Tomahawk Avenue. Mayor TASKAY asked if it would interfere with visibility and how it would be
30 anchored down. Clerk BARTZ asked if State approval would be needed because it is a State
31 Highway.
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33 BARTZ MOVED to seek the approval of the State for the placement of the snowman and approve the
34 request if allowed. GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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36 Street Department 5-Year Capital Plan: ROSENMEIER reviewed the plan with the Board. BARTZ
37 stated that he would like to see inflation factor of at least 3% added to the crack and chip sealing
38 budgets.
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40 Scott O'Connor stated that the City did a great job in cutting the Ash tree in front of his house, but
41 the root system broke his sewer main. He stated that the damage was caused by a tree that the
42 City owns. He asked who is responsible for these types of damages. Clerk BARTZ stated that the
43 resident is responsible for sewer laterals from the sewer main (owned by the utility) to the home.
44 They would be the responsibility of the homeowner.
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1 Clerk BARTZ noted that the Municipal Parking lot is included in the 5-Year plan for next year. This
2 has been something that has been talked about but needs to be completed before the parking lot
3 falls apart.

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5 ROSENMEIER stated that the loader is something that needs to go out to bid, BARTZ stated that he
6 would like to see the maintenance contract included in the bid.

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8 GARSKE MOVED to approve the 5-Year Capital Plan for Streets and BARTZ seconded. The VOTE was
9 unanimous.

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11 **Department Lead Reports**

12 **Street Leadsperson Report:** ROSENMEIER reported that the King Road sidewalks are complete, the
13 garage door cement has been finished, they have been adjusting manholes to get ready for the
14 upcoming snow season, the new chip truck has been delivered, and Mason Webster has been doing a
15 great job getting the equipment ready for the winter.

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17 ROSEMEIER stated that September has been busy with Dumpster Day, Fall Ride, maintaining the yard
18 waste site, service requests, State Highway 86 project meeting, and attending a Tomahawk Main Street
19 meeting for revitalization of downtown.

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21 BARTZ stated that the Street Department did a great job on cleanup on Main Street during the Fall Ride.
22 ROSENMEIER gave credit to Tomahawk Main Street for their clean up during the event.

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24 **Water Leadsperson Report:** HANNA reported that they have completed their fall hydrant flushing, met
25 with MSA Professional Services and the State on the State Highway 86 project and the possible utility
26 work. He also reported that they continue to change out meters and prepare for winter.

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28 **Wastewater Leadsperson Report:** THEIMER stated that Wisconsin Pump and Lift Station have gone
29 through all lift stations. He stated that the pump at the Water Department has a hole in the impeller,
30 and a new pump will cost \$30,000. He also reported that they found an abundance of oil in the lift
31 station at Bliss Street.

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33 THEIMER reported that he received notification that the force main break on Southgate Drive requires
34 no further action. He stated that all the private wells have tested negative for E Collie.

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36 THIEMER stated that Zach Serman is doing a great job.

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

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42 **Meeting Adjournment:** GARSKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Public Works and
43 KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.