

1 **Board of Public Works**
2 **City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**
3 **23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**
4 **April 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**
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6 **Call to Order:** Mayor Habeck called the meeting of the Board of Public Works to order at 5:30 p.m.
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8 **Members Present:** Members present were Mayor Michael “Hob” Habeck, Robert Soward, Will
9 Garske, and Jeff Kahle. 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 Zach Sherman, Council members Patricia
13 Haskin and Tadd Wegener, Jeff Seamandel and Pat Morrow from MSA Professional Services,
14 Jennifer Turkiewicz and Dawn Genelin from Tomahawk Main Street, Inc., Kay Kissinger-Wolf and
15 Pat Petiela from Tomahawk Historical Society, and Jalen Maki from the Tomahawk Leader (virtual).
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17 **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
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19 **Approval of Check and Vouchers:** GARSKE MOVED to approve checks numbers 22526 to 22528
20 and two (2) electronics payments in the amount of \$34,191.70, KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was
21 unanimous.
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23 **Treasurer’s Report:** HANNA reviewed the balance of the accounts with deferred payment plans.
24 Discussion followed regarding the past due balances.
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26 GARSKE MOVED to approve the Treasurer’s Report and SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was
27 unanimous.
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29 **Other Business:**

30 Tomahawk Main Street, Inc. – Streetscape Redesign: Turkiewicz stated that a large portion of Main
31 Street’s trees have been removed because of Emerald Ash Borer. She explained that they would
32 pull the pavers, install permanent benches, and new light poles. She stated that Tomahawk Main
33 Street, Inc. (TMS) will be doing the fundraising to cover the cost and the design was paid for by
34 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
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36 ROSENMEIER stated that he has sat in on the planning meetings, he stated that the City could
37 donate manpower but does not have any monetary funds to contribute to the project.
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39 GARSKE MOVED to approve the Streetscape Redesign and SOWARD seconded.
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41 SOWAR asked what type of trees would be replanted, Turkiewicz stated that they will be working
42 with Foley’s on tree selection.
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1 Haskin requested that the kiosk city wide match to have a cohesiveness for visitors.

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3 The VOTE was unanimous.

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5 Tomahawk Main Street, Inc. – Historical Marker Request: Turkiewicz stated that the historical
6 marker has already be approve but they would like to place additional signage in the boulevard to
7 accompany the placement of the historical marker and to do landscaping in the boulevard. She
8 stated that they are hoping to place the old Bradley safe on the boulevard as well. Clerk BARTZ
9 asked if the safe is part of the official historical marker, Turkiewicz stated that it is not.

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11 Clerk BARTZ voiced concerns with placement of the safe prior to the reconstruction of that portion
12 of State Rd 86 (Tomahawk Ave). She stated that when they met with WisDOT, they stated that they
13 will need to work around the official historical marker but did not know how the addition of a safe
14 would be affected with the project.

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16 GARSKE MOVED to approve the additional signage and landscaping to be placed in the boulevard
17 and SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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19 Surcharge for Esker Heights Subdivision for Excess “Rags”: SHERMAN stated that since January 1st,
20 we have had 73 calls to the Esker Heights Lift Station with 30 of them being on overtime. He stated
21 that we have had a new pump installed with a new impeller with has cut back on the calls. He
22 stated that Rhinelander has a surcharge for a problem area.

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24 GARSKE MOVED to look into a surcharge and send out another notice with the picture of the rags to
25 the area that the lift station services. SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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27 Designate an Operator in Charge for the Wastewater Treatment Plant: KAHLE MOVED to designate
28 Zach Sherman as the Operator in Charge for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and GARSKE
29 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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31 Temporary Leadsperson Pay for Zach Sherman: GARSKE MOVED to approve a temporary increase
32 in pay to “Leadsperson” in pay to Zach Sherman retroactive from Richard Theimer’s last day and
33 SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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35 Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan: Clerk BARTZ stated with all the noted issues at the Treatment
36 Plant, it would be beneficial to complete a Facilities Plan which would identify equipment upgrade
37 or replacement along with a priorities list.

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39 Morrow reviewed MSA Professional Services proposal. He stated that this would be the creation of
40 a 20 year planning document. Clerk BARTZ asked if this would also include a review of all the lift
41 stations, Morrow confirmed.

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43 Morrow reviewed the proposed timeline. He stated that the plan would be completed by the end of
44 2026 and an Intent to Apply would be submitted for Clean Water Funds in October 2026.

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2 KAHLE MOVED to approve the proposal from MSA Professional Services for the Facilities Plan in
3 the amount of \$46,400 and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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5 Utility Design for Somo Avenue Reconstruction: Clerk BARTZ asked the Board who they wanted to
6 work with on the design for utility replacement when Somo Avenue is reconstructed. She noted
7 that MSA Professional Services is completing the highway design for WisDOT.

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9 GARSKE asked if there was a cost saving if we hired MSA to design the utilities. Seamandel stated
10 that there would be with the survey work. He stated that it is 2.2 miles of utilities in this stretch, he
11 will work on cost estimates for the project and MSA has coordinated televising the sewer in this
12 stretch to understand the condition of the mains.

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14 SOWARD MOVED to work with MSA Professional Services to start planning and get cost estimates
15 for the utility work and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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17 Hydrant Painting: HANNA stated that all the hydrants are painted yellow and green. He requested
18 repainted the hydrants all red and placing colored bands on the hydrant to indicate the water flow
19 (pressure).

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21 GARSKE MOVED to approve painting the hydrants a solid color, red, and to use bands to indicate
22 the water flow, SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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24 Somo Ave (State Hwy 86) – 2026 Maintenance Needs: ROSENMEIER stated that he has been
25 working with Lincoln County to mill & overlay Somo Ave from 4th Street to Tomahawk Ave.

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27 GARSKE MOVED to approve the milling & overlaying Somo Ave from 4th St to Tomahawk Ave, and
28 KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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30 **Department Lead Reports:**

31 Streets Leadsperson Report: ROSENMEIER reported that the plows have been removed from the
32 patrol truck and they have been emptied and sprayed out for the year. The crew has been brushing
33 the road rights-of-way, fixed plow damages for the winter, flower baskets were installed and
34 banners were put back up downtown, ditching and cleaning culverts on Southgate Dr, problem
35 sewer mains were cleaned, gravel alleyways were graded, damaged curbs were repaired, and
36 concrete patching was completed on Main Street.

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38 ROSENMEIER also reported that this week (April 27-May 1, 2026) is spring yard waste cleanup.

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40 Water Leadsperson Report: HANNA reported that he reviewed the 60% complete design for the
41 PFAS Design.

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43 HANNA also reported that Derek Dotter has put in his letter of resignation effective June 12, 2026,
44 he stated that he will be missed.

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Wastewater Leadsperson Report: SHERMAN reported that the Esker Heights pump was replaced with impellers. He has been working with Cedar Corp. on the sewer main spill, and they are in Stage 1 sampling, he is working on land contracts and is trying to pick up a few new fields, and STABB has completed the valve replacement.

MSA Project(s) Update: Seamandel reviewed his written update. He stated that the PFAS design should be 90% complete around June 1st and that the pilot testing will continue through October.

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

Meeting Adjournment: GARSKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Public Works and SOWARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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