

1 **Board of Public Works**
2 **City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers**
3 **23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk, WI 54487**
4 **October 28, 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 5:30 p.m.
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8 **Members Present:** Members present were Mayor Steven E. Taskay, Jaff Kahle, Will Garske, and
9 Dale Ernst. 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 (virtual), Wastewater Leadsperson Rich Thiemer (virtual), Wastewater
13 Operator Zach Sherman, Council Alderperson Patrica Haskin, Representative from Cedar Corp Eric
14 Martin, representatives from MSA Professional Services Brad Stuczynski (virtual) and Grace
15 Kluchka (virtual), Roxanne Consolver, Baily Mueller with Wisconsin Pump Works, and Zach Garner
16 from WJJQ Radio.

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18 **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
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20 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** GARSKE MOVED to approve the minutes from October 20, 2025
21 meeting and ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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23 **Approval of Checks and Vouchers:** GARSKE MOVED to approve checks 22230 to 22333 and three
24 (3) electronic payments in the amount of \$124,947.40. KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was
25 unanimous.
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27 **Treasurer’s Report:** ERNST MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report and GARSKE seconded. The
28 VOTE was unanimous.
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30 **Other Business:**

31 Request from a Property Owner on King Road Regarding Snow Removal on the Newly Constructed
32 Sidewalks: ERNST MOVED to decline the request and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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34 Request from Hometown Christmas to place a snowman on the Boulevard on S Tomahawk Ave:
35 Roxanne Consolver explained that they are proposing a foam snowman with solar lights. Discussion
36 followed regarding snow removal and possible damage that could be caused to the decorations.
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38 GARSKE MOVED to approve a smaller sized snowman in the boulevard at the organizers’ own risk,
39 the city is not responsible for damage caused from snow removal.
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41 PFAS Mitigation Feasibility Study: Brad Stuczynski reviewed the final report with the Board. He
42 stated that they would recommend a treatment facility with a capacity of 1000 gallons per minute
43 (GPM). He stated that currently each well has a pumping capacity of 1000 GPM, and the only time

1 in recent years both pumps ran together was during the downtown fire. HANNA stated that treating
2 1000 GPM would be adequate.

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4 Mayor TASKAY recommended working with the Fire Department so that their Standard Operating
5 Procedures can reflect treatment, treatment override, etc.

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7 Clerk asked what size the filters are and how many would be needed to treat 1000 GPM. Stuczynski
8 stated that they would 23' tall and would need 2-4 filters depending on capacity.

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10 Professional Service Agreement – PFAS Treatment Facility Design: Stuczynski stated that at some
11 point, there will be a limit that we will have to meet in regard to PFAS. He stated that there are grant
12 opportunities through the Safe Drinking Fund Loan program that could offer up to 50% principal
13 forgiveness for emerging contaminants.

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15 Stuczynski stated that they would propose submitting and Intent to Apply (ITA) this year, have
16 significantly complete designs and specs by June 30, 2026 and start pilot treatment testing to have
17 enough data to apply for Safe Drinking Funding. Stuczynski explained that they will need 6-9
18 months of pilot testing before asking for design approval from WisDNR.

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20 ERNST asked when construction would start, Stuczynski explained that we would hope to bid the
21 project by the spring of 2027.

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23 Clerk BARTZ noted that with the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure funding, in 2026, PFAS treatment will be
24 in the 5th year of the year funding. She stated that after the 5th year, funding is unsure.

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26 GARSKE MOVED to approve the Professional Service Agreement to design a 1000 GPM treatment
27 facility and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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29 Wastewater Treatment Facility – Operational Assistance: Eric Martin stated that Cedar Corp. is
30 offering operational assistance at the Treatment Facility as the new operators are learning as they
31 go. He reviewed that proposal with the Board.

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33 Clerk BARTZ asked if this was a flat fee or if this was a contract to be paid by the hour. Martin
34 stated that it would be hourly.

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36 GARSKE asked if this was a temporary contract. Martin stated that it starts with a lot of help and
37 would it would taper off as the employees get more comfortable with the plant. SHERMAN stated
38 that this gives us someone to call when something is out of the ordinary.

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40 Mayor TASKAY asked if this is knowledge that the Leadsperson should already have, SHERMAN
41 stated that he does, there is a lot of things going on right now and he could use extra help, and it
42 can be very overwhelming.

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44 GARSKE MOVED to approve the agreement with an expiration date of February 28, 2026. KAHLE
45 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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1 Wastewater Treatment Facility – Compliance, Management, Operations, & Maintenance (CMOM)
2 Program: Martin explained the CMOM, he stated that it is not permit but guidance. He stated that
3 Tomahawk’s CMOM needs to be updated to stay in compliance with WisDNR.

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5 TASKAY MOVED to approve the agreement and GARSKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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7 Wisconsin Pump Works – Lift Station Maintenance Report: Muller stated that he was hired by the
8 Wastewater Department to look at the 16 lift station in the collection system. He stated that they
9 pulled the pumps to adequately identify issues at each pump/lift station. The Board reviewed the lift
10 station report, no action was taken.

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12 Proposed 2026 Water and Wastewater Budgets: GARSKE MOVED to approve the proposed budgets and
13 KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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15 Request from Verizon Wireless for Equipment Modification on the Water Tower: GARSKE MOVED to
16 approve the request and KAHLE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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18 **Department Lead Reports**

19 Water Leadsperson Report: HANNA stated that they are getting ready for winter operations, working
20 with MSA on the PFAS study, and turned off the water to the Parks.

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22 Street Leadsperson Report: ROSENMEIER reported that that they have completed that last of the road
23 work for the year, ground stumps from Ash tree removals, cleaned problem sewers, prepared the snow
24 equipment, worked on the 2026 budget, posted several items on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction Site,
25 and street sweeping for the falling leaves.

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27 Wastewater Leadsperson Report: SHERMAN reported that they are trying to keep the system flowing,
28 the Street and Water Departments have helped with grit pad, and thanked Eric Martin with Cedar Corp
29 for his assistance.

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

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35 **Meeting Adjournment:** GARSKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Public Works and
36 ERNST seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.