

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 27, 2014**

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Lorenzetti on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Dan Lorenzetti, Lisa McKenzie, Deborah Mann, Bob Wenc, Dave Lucchesi and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Tony Wilmers, Ron Blau and Bill Baxandall

Guests: Bill Marlor

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Wenc to approve the agenda.

AYES: ALL

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Lucchesi and seconded by Mann to approve the September 22, 2014 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- Received an update on the UP Electric surcharge payment related to FERC ordered 3 Systems Support Resources (SSR) for Presque Isle Power Plant (PPIP), and White Pine and Escanaba Power Plants.
- Heard that NERC has approved a State of Wisconsin appeal to separate out the Upper Peninsula from the original Wisconsin and UP footprint, transferring 99% of the SSR surcharge payments to the UP.
- Heard that the State of Michigan has filed an extension with FERC for additional time to review the proposed acquisition of Integrys Energy Group by Wisconsin Energy Group.
- The annual UP SSR surcharge is estimated at \$97 million.
- Reviewed the September 3rd and October 1st Portage Lake Lift Bridge Communications Working Group minutes.
- Noted the planned winter 2015 bridge closures, including the 2 long-term night closures, the 8 2-hour closures and 168 20 minute closures.
- Noted MDOT plans to have 14 digital signs including 2 on the snowmobile trail for public information.
- Heard the E. Hancock Neighborhood Group completed the landscaping in early October, and had a budget of \$3,400 for plants and shrubs.

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-Heard that the PLWSA has received \$80,700 from Franklin Township for the connection fee for the Ripley area, and will get \$21,600 from the Township for the 2015 Paavola Sewer project. All connection fees are put in a plant update reserve fund.

-Heard the City Council will hold a public hearing on November 19th on the proposal to extend the life of the DDA another 30 years, from 2015 to 2045.

-Heard Segment 1 and all but 400 feet of Segment 2 sewer for Valley View Dr. was completed this year. The final 400' plus segment 3 will be done in 2015.

-Reviewed a proposed figure 8 round-a-bout for the M 203/US 41 intersection.

-Heard an update on the Keweenaw Science and Engineering Festival scheduled for August 5th to August 8th, 2015.

-Heard that the movie "North Star", a survivalist science fiction movie, may be filmed at the Quincy Mine this winter or next.

-Heard FU is working on a 17 million bond issue which would refinance the existing debt plus generate funds for completing the final phases of McAfee Field construction. The bond would be issued through the Michigan Finance Authority, with a public hearing scheduled for October 21, 2014.

-Heard the \$15,900 42' long steel bridge for the middle bridge of Maasto Hiihto ski trails was delivered on October 20th, but installation will not occur until next summer.

-Reviewed 2014 campground usage, which was down slightly from last year, due to the cooler and wet summer.

-Heard that the WUPHD has received a \$15,000 grant for intersection improvements for the Elementary School driveway. The City will contribute \$5,000 toward the project scheduled for 2015.

-Heard that the Hancock Transit exceeded 250,000 riders in August of this year. The Transit started in January, 2003.

-Heard the City Council has approved \$6,110 for fence upgrades at the Little League field.

The Planning Commission reviewed preliminary detailed plans for the MDOT 2016 Reconstruct Project of Front St., Reservation St. and Quincy St. prepared by MDOT contracted engineering firm OHM Advisors.

The Commission reviewed the concept drawings of the proposed \$1.3 million Quincy St. Streetscape Project for 2016 construction. MDOT has submitted the drawing to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review and comment.

The Commission was informed that the city has received an \$187,500 MDOT Small Urban Grant for FY 17 to repave White Street and some downtown side streets.

It was moved by Mann and seconded by McKenzie to cancel the November 24th and December 22nd meetings and schedule one new special meeting for Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.

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AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Deb Mann updated the Commission on “Make A Difference Day” held Saturday, October 25th.

Dave Lucchesi talked of having the city and businesses become more efficient in electrical fixtures

It was moved by Mann and seconded by Lucchesi to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary