

**City of Portage**  
**Municipal Services and Utilities Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 20, 2012 5:45p.m.**  
**Municipal Building, 115 West Pleasant Street, Conference Room One**  
**Minutes**

**Members:** Jeff Garetson, Chairperson; Carolyn Hamre, Doug Klapper, Frank Miller,  
Michael Oszman

**Others Present:** Bob Redelings, Gil Meisgeier, Craig Sauer, Tim Raimer, Jack Keefe, John Thiede, Bill Tierney, Kent Fish, Rick Dodd

**1. Roll Call at 6:16pm**

All present

**2. Approval of meeting minutes from previous meeting**

Motion by Klapper to approve second by Oszman. Passed on roll call 5-0

**3. Discussion and possible action on footbridge at Riverwood Apartments**

MGD Welding was the low bid at \$13,031.84. They said they could start work next week. Kent Fish of GEC said the biggest issue is that there are eleven bad support members in a row on the Riverwood Apartments side of the bridge. It is possible the cost may go up depending on what they find when the planks are removed. Director Redelings said he could talk with Scott Maass about possibly having the city crew remove and replace planks to lower cost. There was concern about spending possibly \$15,000 on a bridge that is slated to be replaced. However, the absolute earliest the new bridge could be finished would be 6 months and that was not for sure. Alderman Klapper presented a petition signed by 50 residents of the Riverwood Apartments asking the city to get the bridge open as soon as possible. It is extremely difficult for the residents to get to downtown destinations because they are walking on a dangerous, sidewalk less street. The Mayor has made arrangements for the Cab Company to provide free transportation to downtown for the Riverwood residents.

Motion by Klapper second by Miller to recommend to the Finance Committee to find the money to hire MGD Welding to do the repair work. Motion amended by Oszman to say the cost may not exceed \$15,000. Second by Klapper. Passed on roll call 5-0.

A resident from Riverwood asked the committee to please notify all residents regarding timelines on work and the cab service being provided. The committee agreed.

**4. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Oszman second by Klapper. Passed on roll call 5-0. Adjourned at 6:51.

Carolyn Hamre, Secretary