

RESOLUTION R-36-11

Opposing USPS transfer of carrier routes from Menasha Post Office to Neenah Post Office

Introduced by Alderman Sevenich

Whereas, the USPS is a self sufficient entity receiving no taxpayer subsidy, and;

Whereas, the USPS is currently facing a deficit due to federally mandated overpayments to the CSRS Pension Fund and FERS Retirement Fund, and declining first class mail volume, and;

Whereas, the USPS has given notice to carriers that Menasha city letter carrier routes will be transferred to the Neenah Post Office, and;

Whereas, the USPS has not shared information regarding potential cost savings through this transfer, and;

Whereas, USPS employees have identified areas where the cost of service is likely to increase due to the transfer including mileage and loading time, and;

Whereas, building facilities and parking may be insufficient for the added staffing at the Neenah location requiring additional renovation costs, and;

Whereas, the Menasha Post Office is owned by the USPS where the Neenah facility is leased, and;

Whereas, the Menasha Post Office is a community landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and;

Whereas, the Menasha Post Office is larger than the Neenah facility and has the ability to bring in additional revenue through rental income, and;

Whereas, the Menasha Post Office houses an extremely lucrative bulk mail operation that could be jeopardized, and;

Whereas, the loss of a fully functioning post office in Menasha is detrimental to economic development and business retention

Whereas, the loss of jobs at the Menasha Post Office will be detrimental to existing businesses in our downtown and efforts to attract additional businesses

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Menasha City Council opposes the transfer of carrier routes to the Neenah facility due to the detrimental effects to the business community, community image, and lack of demonstrated financial savings.

Passed and approved this day of October, 2011

Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST

Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk