



Memorandum

DATE: August 29, 2012

TO: Menasha Board of Public Works

FROM: Mark Radtke, Director of Public Works *MR*

RE: Request to Eliminate Street Light near 608 Eighth Street

A request has been submitted by a resident living on Eighth Street to eliminate a street light on Menasha Utilities Pole #1113 on Eighth Street. Enclosed with this report is a drawing showing the approximate locations of existing street lights in the vicinity. Also enclosed are the email records of the original request along with my response.

Reviewing the street light locations along this corridor, there is generally one light at each intersection and one at mid block between intersections, with the exception being no light between Racine Street and Warsaw Street. To remove just this one light on Pole #1113 would create an inconsistent street light spacing along Eighth Street. To relocate the light to the pole to the east could result in those residents making the same complaint regarding the brightness of the light, so I don't condone that action. There is no way to effectively block the light at the fixture.

Because there are no large trees along most of this block and because the Racine to Warsaw segment also has no mid block street light, I would not be strongly opposed to its elimination at this time. I don't think it would create a dangerous situation as there are other locations in the City with a light spacing that would be approximately the same as the spacing if this light were removed. Elimination of just this light would result in non-uniform light spacing, however. The Police Department also may have useful information regarding the importance of street lighting as it relates to crime statistics or traffic concerns. The City's annual cost for each 150 watt high pressure sodium street light is approximately \$125.

Enclosures

C: Police Chief Styka

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Mark Radtke

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Tonn [mailto:dktonn@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 9:09 AM
To: Tina Jansen
Subject: Web site street light outage report from Kathy Tonn

Kathy Tonn has submitted the following street light outage report.

Name: Kathy Tonn
Email: dktonn@sbcglobal.net
Daytime Phone Number: 920-729-7197
Service Mobile Phone:

Closest Address of Problem: 608 8th St.
Pole Direction: south
Pole Number:
Problem: Other

Specific Information: Good morning! In an effort to help Menasha "save" on their utility costs, the light at this location can be turned "off". Not only would it help save valuable dollars, it would also stop it from shining in my bedroom window. :) Just a suggestion???

Thanks!!

--- END form-generated email from your WPPI Member Web site ---

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Radtke
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 3:15 PM
To: 'dktonn@sbcglobal.net'
Subject: FW: Web site street light outage report from Kathy Tonn

Kathy,

Your request was forwarded to me by Menasha Utilities. The Menasha Common Council makes the final decision regarding street lights so if you want your request considered by the Council, please let me know and we will place it on a future Board of Public Works agenda.

Thanks, Mark

Mark Radtke
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-----Original Message-----

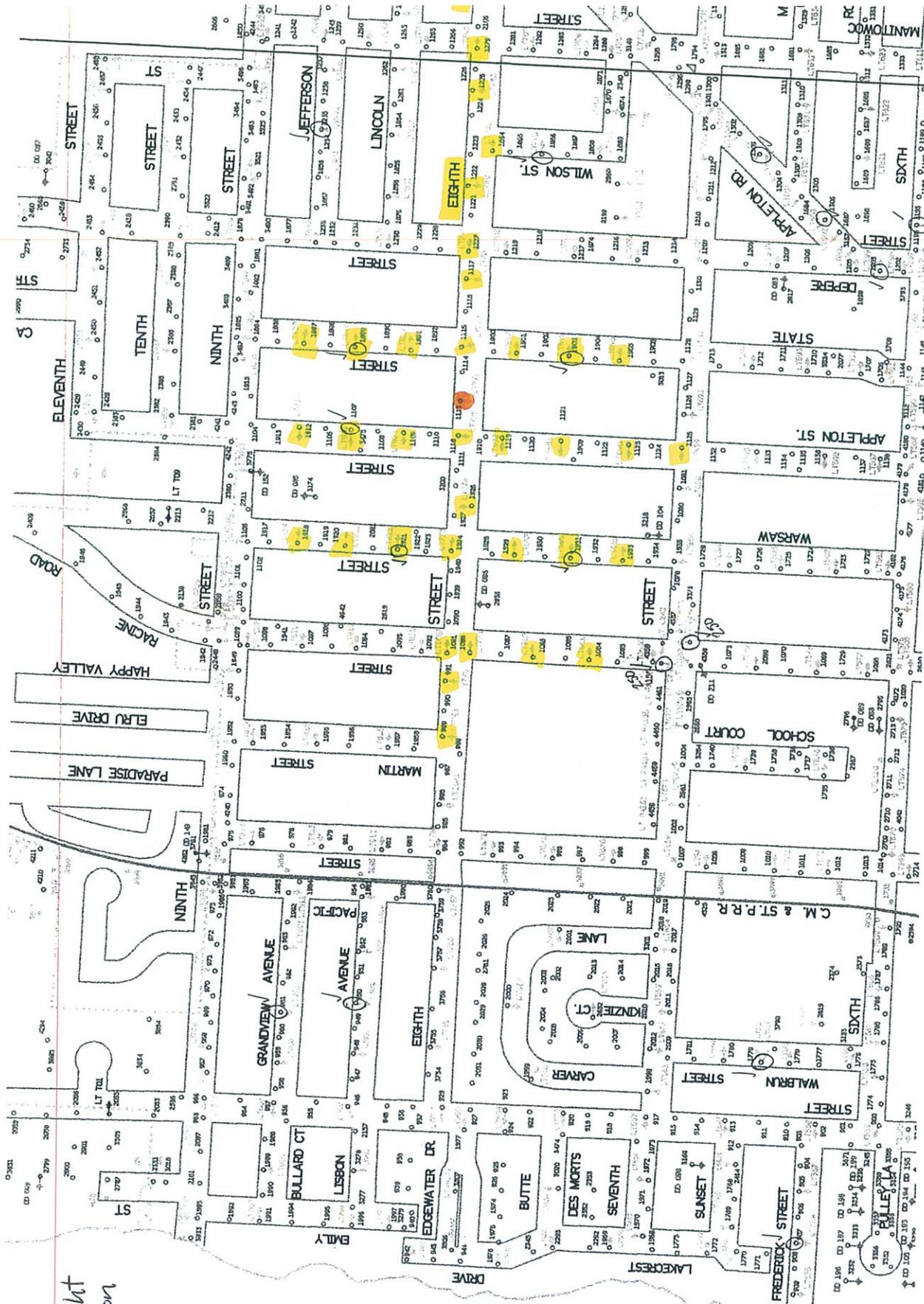
From: Dave & Kathy Tonn [mailto:dktonn@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 9:13 PM
To: Mark Radtke
Subject: Re: Web site street light outage report from Kathy Tonn

Hi Mark,

Thanks for the email! I would really appreciate it if it could be considered.

Have a great day!

Kathy Tonn



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