

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 2, 2011

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 P.M. Present were: Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Bloodworth, and Mr. Fridly. Also present: Mayor Adams, Gordy Nygren, Dennis McMullen, and Bruce Werrbach. Visitors present: Zachary Baker, Cory Magnus, Brenda Warren, Tricia Davey, and Gail Beach.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to waive the reading of and approve the Public Works Committee minutes of April 18, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Gail Beach. Mrs. Beach commented to Scott Fridly that you and I did not always agree on everything, but you will be sorely missed at this meeting. Mr. Fridly stated that he will still be around.

MR. McMULLEN

1. Mr. McMullen and Gordy met with Brent Hansen from the local EPA office. He stated that the Mayor had talked to Paul Connelly from the Springfield EPA office. It appears that our suggestion to do some additional testing at Well #8 is probably going to be refused. He suggested that we go out to do some testing to find a new source to supply water. Since we know radium occurs in the limestone aquifers in the area, we probably need to find another area like we did at Well #7 where we have 100-125 feet of sand and gravel and create another sand and gravel pack well that we can use for additional supply of water as well as future blending to bring Well #8 back into play. It will allow us to do some additional testing with Well #8. While it is still on line, we will always have to put out those notices every quarter. We can do some interior testing with that while we are looking for the other supply. Locating a site will involve finding a couple of sites where we think we have that much depth in sand and gravel, bring in someone like Layne and they drill a 3 inch hole down to the levels and do some test readings to see how much production they can get out of that hole and give us some quality issues about the water. There is \$40-\$50 thousand dollars in the budget for testing this year which he feels will be adequate. By the time we get the letters out, get people on line to get the testing done, we are probably looking at fall. Design would be done over the winter, with construction starting in the spring. Mr. McMullen stated that the EPA wants to see either of two things, close Well #8 and bring in a new source of water or bring in a treatment system. We are already seeing new regulations showing up about backwash materials going to a hazardous waste site from the treatment systems. If it gets in the sewer, you will have to start doing something at your treatment plant for

radium. The treatment process is going to entail constant additional dollars. The two sites we will look at initially are our ball fields and some private property along the river farther out.

2. St. Maintenance. Mr. McMullen announced that the 2011 Street Maintenance bid opening will be at 10:00 AM, May 16th.

3. RAF Grants. The athletic field grants are in Springfield and waiting for some type of authorization letter so we can actually start expending funds. The water permits are already down there and we already have our review letter stating that it would be 45 days or less. The Mayor has signed the railroad permit for the crossing this evening. We will approve the expenditure of \$970 tonight for that railroad crossing which is strictly for water. You would have to obtain another crossing permit for the sewer in the future. We are pretty much ready to go with this project except for the authorization from the state.

4. Prairie St. Mr. McMullen stated this project is down for IDOT review and in their stack. We also got the EPA review for the one block of water we are putting in and that should be back in a couple weeks. He stated he has been contacted by Rock Energy as we sent them plans for this project. We have three main line poles that will have to be relocated due to construction as well as a couple gas lines. The curb lines and sidewalks will be staked out this week and they hope to get those poles moved for us by the end of the month.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Normington Sewer. Mayor Adams stated that after research, it was felt that Normington never got paid for the sewer in the amount of \$12,000.

2. “Rockin for Rockton” Concert. Mayor Adams stated that Public Works, Parks, Administration and Police for security will be involved. They have 11 bands lined up. They want to make some changes and possibly make it a two day event. They are looking at the very end of July or first part of August. They are checking into lighting and can do their own sound checks, but do not have the sound equipment. There was also some discussion about having youth groups provide the concessions rather than bringing in outside vendors.

3. Ball Diamond-Settlers Park. Mayor Adams stated that this ball diamond may be used when the water is installed at Rockton Athletic Fields. Mr. McMullen stated that everything will be closed up at night while the construction is taking place. No holes will be made on the actual ball diamonds. The Mayor is still trying to find out who is going to take care of this field in Settlers Park. Mr. Fridly will talk to Mr. Zernical to see what can be worked out for the Settlers Park diamond.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. PETERSON

1. Plant Corners & Planters. Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to authorize up to \$450 to plant the three corners, including one by Rockton Food and Spirits, and the planters, with the Village providing the watering. This will come out of Streets, Landscaping and Restoration, 01-41-517. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. FRIDL Y

1. Burbach Proposal. Mr. McMullen stated that the proposal was received to revise the two sumps. The fee given is for everything including meetings, design, and all the way thru the end of construction. He recommended not signing the proposal as it states that we would be closing the pool. He will ask them to revise the wording and table this until we get the new proposal.

2. Water Sampling Contract. Mr. Fridly stated that we have a contract with the EPA to test our water samples at a cost of \$11,048.67. Mr. Nygren commented that this is \$2,000 less than last year. The lab we will use is the Winnebago County Health Department. Their cost is higher; however, we can deliver the samples to them and would have to ship samples to other labs, which are less expensive, thus adding to the cost. Specialty tests will be sent to United Laboratories. Mr. Fridly asked if there is any benefit to having the samples sent to a lab controlled by the EPA in case there are discrepancies. When there are discrepancies and we lean on them, they stand behind their testing. That is something to keep in mind.

3. Hawick Lift Station-Pump 2. Mr. Fridly stated that we have a cost of \$3,676.93 to replace the impeller on Pump 2 at the Hawick Lift Station. The impellar is wore which is allowing rags to get into the pump and stop up the pump. This normally should be done every two years and this impeller has not been replaced since 2004. This will be brought to the board meeting tomorrow night. There is an additional \$1,575 amount for McGilvra to press the impeller on.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – MR. NYGREN

1. Railroad Crossing Permit. Motion by Fridly, second by Peterson to authorize the expenditure of \$970 for the railroad crossing permit for the water construction at Rockton Athletic Fields. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Tree Removal. Mr. Fridly asked for and received a consensus to authorize the expenditure of \$200 for Perrin Tree Service to remove a couple trees that are overhanging the digester at the sewer plant. The other bid from Olson was \$845. This will be approved at the next board meeting.

3. Marvel Company. Mr. Nygren stated their costs are going up \$25 per delivery because of increased gas costs and he has about 10 deliveries annually.

4. Tree Planting. Mr. Nygren stated that the kids did a great job last Thursday with the cleanup and planting of the trees; however, there were 46 trees rather than 50.

Mr. Fridly thanked the committee for their help the last four years. He feels they have done a damn good job the last four years and got a lot accomplished.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. All ayes.
Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Village Clerk