

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2010

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 P. M. Present were: Mrs. Bloodworth, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Fridly. Also present: Mayor Adams, Atty. Galluzzo, Bruce Werrbach, Dennis McMullen, and Gordy Nygren. Visitors present: Mary and Kira Newnam.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of October 4, 2010, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Fridly explained to the committee about the Northern Illinois "Quiltfest" and what the group is looking at doing. Down the road, they will be looking for some financial assistance and possibly caring for a floral quilt next summer. This is another way to attract tourists to the Rockton area and is fitting for our quaint village. They will be using our spare conference room for meetings and will check in with the committees again after the holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mary and Kira Newnam. Mary and Kira Newnam were here to ask the Village to place a memorial tree and plaque for Joshua Newnam in the area of the memorial for Jan Modersohn. Mary will supply the plaque and the public works manager will choose a Flowering Crab tree which is designated on the park plans for that area.

MR. MCMULLEN

1. Water Hookup. Mr. McMullen stated that he has a request from the Carroll Bloom family on N. Blackhawk for the village to waive making them hook up to village water and they will be putting in a new well. To bring water to them, 250-300 feet, would cost at least \$25,000 and could also benefit two other home owners, but Mr. McMullen did not feel they could afford that kind of expenditure as a new well would be about \$9,000. Mr. McMullen stated that it would take at least a month to get the drawings and permit request back from the EPA and then you are into December and you may have to tell them they have to wait until Spring. Ultimately, we need to take water down Blackhawk and there will be other people who will have to hook up to village water in the future. After discussion, the committee decided to give the Bloom's a choice of drilling their well or paying that amount to the Village and waiting for water hookup in the Spring. If they say no to village water, we will give them the letter they need. Cold weather construction can raise the cost 15-20%. If we put the main in, the Village will have the recapture agreement.

2. Pool Research. Mr. McMullen stated Gordy had talked to an engineering firm at the Illinois Municipal League Conference about the problems with the drains at the pool to satisfy the Virginia Baker Act. Certifying the drains has been shifted to Springfield because the permit was never issued even though we ran all year. A new construction permit has to be applied for and whether we use Aquastar or try to get the existing drain grates in there certified, it has to be done by an aquatics engineer or architect to certify either product. It is far beyond anything we want to take on, and Mr. McMullen recommended that we need to have an aquatic specialist to get these things passed since Illinois is one of the four states that requires an instate certification. We are looking at \$3,700 and the grates that are on there will probably have to go away.

3. MS4 Discharge Permits-NPDES Permits. Mr. McMullen reported that we have been advised to get our logs and policy in place in regard to maintaining and inspecting our storm sewers, retention areas, outfalls, and how many times you use your street sweeper. Mr. McMullen and Mr. Nygren will work together to set up the program.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Wind Generators/Cell Towers. This did go before the Planning and Zoning Committees with the Planning Committee suggesting that we follow the Lake County ordinance. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

2. T6. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Mayor Adams stated that there would only be two dishes mounted on each tower which can be taken off if the tower is painted with the wiring in conduit. Atty. Galluzzo will bring the changes to the board tomorrow night.

3. EPA-Spill. Mayor Adams stated that we met with the EPA about our alleged spill and he feels that they have backed off. We have already sent a letter to them explaining what we have done to prevent anything from happening in the future. We are saying that it did not happen, and they cannot prove that it did happen.

4. Hawick Lights. Mayor Adams stated that it is very dark on the east end of Hawick Street and asked Mr. McMullen to look into lights for that area.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. PETERSON

1. Flowers-Main St. Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to ratify the consensus for the costs of the fall planter arrangements at a cost of \$98. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Peterson stated that he will have money left for Christmas decorations for the planters.

2. Hiring 5 Seasonal P/T Employees. Mr. Peterson will bring this to the full board tomorrow night to hire 5 seasonal employees for around \$10.00 per hour for snow plowing.

BUILDINGS & PARKS – MRS. BLOODWORTH

1. Memorial-Josh Newnam. Mrs. Bloodworth will bring the request for a memorial for Josh Newnam before the board tomorrow night.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLY

1. Winter Storage. Mr. Nygren stated that he has a 5 yard that will have to sit out. He could store it at Avery's if he pulled out the Street Sweeper and the New Holland. Hendricks would charge \$500 a month for two pieces of equipment. Scott Wallace would store them for \$150 a month. Motion by Fridly, second by Peterson to store the two pieces of equipment at Scott Wallace's building from December 1 to March 1 at a cost of \$450. Mr. Nygren will have Mr. Wallace write up a contract including costs and delineating insurance coverage. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Hawick St. Lift Station. Mr. Nygren reported that there is an overflow tube that needs to be capped. Collins Sanitary will cement the inside and put a cap on the outside for \$1,025. Mr. Nygren will get a written quote from Collins and this will be taken to the full board tomorrow night.

3. Direct Debit Module for Water Bill Payment. Ms. Kohler obtained a quote from Locis for a direct debit module as she has had requests for this service. This will cost \$1,000 plus \$15 a month. They feel they can do all the upgrades and training over the internet and phone. Mr. Peterson asked if we could tack on a direct debit fee which will be checked out tomorrow. This will be brought to the full board tomorrow night.

4. John & Kelly Wilkerson-Water Bill. The Wilkerson's had a high water bill due to a toilet in their lower level continually running which they were not aware of. Mr. Fridly stated that if you have running water in your home, you should be aware of it. It was the consensus of the committee to not give them a break on the water bill or waive the late penalty.

Mayor Adams commented on the renewal of the contract with Tricia Davey for the strip of property behind the Village Hall. Atty. Galluzzo stated that the fence meanders outside of the 10 feet. If you renew the contract, the property line should be where the fence stands. This is a commercially zoned property being used as a residence back yard. He stated that we need to reference that it is her wall and she is liable if anyone is hurt. She should name the village as an additional insured. If you don't renew, there is the question of what to do with the fence which should be removed to restore the property to the pre-rental condition. Mr. Fridly stated that the limestone should be taken

down to expand the parking lot. Mr. McMullen stated that you could get two more parking spots. It was the consensus to renew the lease for a short term and the lease will go with the owner not the land. Mr. Nygren is concerned that the wall could be pushed over when pushing snow into that area. Mr. Peterson did not feel it was worth the two parking spots to have her take down the wall. Mayor Adams stated that the lease was written because the property was going to be commercial which it is not.

Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Bloodworth at 7:30 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Village Clerk