

Public Works Committee

Minutes

September 19, 2011

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30

P. M. Present were: Mrs. Nelson , Mr. Peterson, Atty. Cox, Bruce Werrbach, Gordy Nygren, Lisa Wolf of CES, and Mayor Adams. Also present: Gail Beach. Absent: Mr. Magnus.

Motion by Mrs. Nelson, second by Mr. Peterson to waive the reading of and approve the Public Works Committee minutes of September 6, 2011, as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried 2-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Prairie Street Improvements. The storm sewer and water main installation has been completed. This week the water connections at Center and Mechanic Streets will be completed and begin the core out for curb installation. Notices will be sent out to residents when curb is to be poured which will require them to have no access to their property for about three days until the concrete curb is cured. We are still looking to have the streets finished and paved by early October if the weather cooperates.
2. Athletic Field Extension. We are still waiting on the grant.
3. Miscellaneous Curb & Sidewalk. Stenstrom Excavating has all areas saw cut and are beginning removal today. All areas should be removed and replaced by early next week. There was a surprise today in the Old River Hills Subdivision when they were cutting out some of the panels, it was found that water had been undermining a large section of the sidewalk. This will cause an additional expense of \$3,500.
4. Test Bores. Layne Christensen began the test well last week. The initial plan was for the test hole to be drilled to a depth of 120 feet. We found a small pocket of water producing stone from 65-72 feet. We continued drilling with very little luck to a depth of 120 feet. Since we did not encounter limestone at that point, we decided to continue drilling and had a small water producing layer show up at 135-140 feet but hit a larger water producing layer between 152 and 160 feet. We continued drilling and hit the largest layer between 170 and 182 feet which virtually blew water out of the hole during the drilling. We continued downward and hit limestone at about 210 feet. We are optimistic from the pump tests on the site that we might get the production that we would need for a municipal well. They did not go to the other site as they had used up most of the budget for this site. Layne should complete their testing and get those back to us in about ten days from now. We need to send those reports to IEPA to stay on our schedule. Testing for radium should be in the battery of tests that Layne will be doing.

Mr. Peterson questioned what was happening with the erosion problem in Wingate. Mr. Nygren stated that we are waiting for a quote from Tim Stewart.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Stoneridge. Mayor Adams noted the pictures of Stoneridge and sensed that the committee would like to go after the bank that now owns the property to mow this property. He will have Roger do this.
2. KNIB. Mayor Adams stated that he had a letter from Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful asking if we wanted to participate in the Christmas Tree Recycling Program and if we would be willing to donate \$500 again as we have done in the past.

STREETS & WALKS-MR. MAGNUS (Handled by Mr. Peterson)

1. Safety Lights. Mr. Peterson noted that Mr. Magnus will ask for approval for safety lights for the 1991Topkick 5 yard truck. The cost for the lights is \$3,079 and to install is \$352.

2. Can Day – Hononegah Wrestling. Mr. Magnus will bring this to the board tomorrow night for approval for the Hononegah Wrestling Group to solicit donations at Blackhawk and Main on November 19 from 8AM to 1PM. They will require them to wear reflective vests and they will have only adults soliciting.

BUILDINGS & PARKS – MRS. NELSON

1. Rockton's Haunted Treasure Island. Mrs. Nelson had a letter from Marianne Mueller regarding the Haunted Treasure Island event that she is chairing on October 22, 2011, from 2 to 6PM; however, setup will begin by 9AM. She also requested that the restroom be open; however, Mr. Nygren stated that it will probably be winterized by then, but that we would place a port-o-let. Mr. Nygren stated that we need to find out if they need electrical. She has asked for a donation of \$300 which is allotted for the Harvest Festival which this will replace. Motion by Mrs. Nelson, second by Mr. Peterson to donate \$300 for the Haunted Treasure Island event. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 2-0.

SEWER, WATER & GARBAGE – MR. PETERSON

1. Christmas Lights. Mr. Peterson stated that Mr. Nygren had gotten an estimate of \$3,575 to repair the lights on top of the buildings if we need to rent a lift. Everyone decided that they would like to continue to do the lights. A letter will be sent out for the lights to be turned off by February 1, 2012. We will talk about this in Economic Development, enforce the rule to turn them off and they will have to be inspected before they are turned on.

Mr. Nygren announced that Frank Saladino won the runner up award for operator of the year. There were 1800 people and it was narrowed down to three and Frank got runner up of the year for water operator.

Mayor Adams quoted Loren Floto's letter about the river cleanup two weeks ago. They collected 55 bags of garbage at 20 pounds per bag, 20 pounds of aluminum cans, 775 pounds of steel and iron, 11 tires, 5 chairs, seats from a boat, 55 gallon drums and a political sign from Wisconsin.

It was decided that the dumpster would be better placed on Hawick Street next year.

Hearing no further business, motion by Mrs. Nelson, second by Mr. Peterson to adjourn at 6:52 PM. All ayes. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Recording Secretary