

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2012**

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 P.M. Present were: Cory Magnus, Trisha Nelson, John Peterson, Atty. Cox, Mayor Adams, Gordy Nygren, Bruce Werrbach, and Lisa Wolf, CES. Also present: Gail Beach, Scott Fridly, Pat Hoey, and Gene and Judy Truman.

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of September 17, 2012, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Gail Beach. Mrs. Beach asked board members to consider carefully Gary Sands request for an extension and negotiate with him as he cannot afford a water hookup at this time. Anyone who has worked in landscaping or a nursery knows that there is no money out there this year. He wants the extension to be able to afford this. On the other hand, he would like to work with the Village since he already has the electricity out there. He's not trying to be nasty. Mr. Peterson asked why Mr. Sands did not come tonight. Mrs. Beach stated that he delivers pizza on Monday and Tuesday nights.
2. Gene Truman. Mr. Truman stated that he was not too impressed because Mr. Sands made some statements when he was here, and he does not think that he lived up to them. He was absolutely told not to put a well in. Whats the deal there?

**ENGINEERING REPORT-LISA WOLF**

1. Misc. Curb, Sidewalk, and Inlet Repair. Stenstrom completed the curb, sidewalk and inlet repairs last week.
2. New Well #10. Legacy Engineering e-mailed the electrical, plumbing, and mechanical plans to CES today. We are reviewing the plans along with the architectural plans, site plans, and chemical feed equipment schedule. We will compile a complete set for Village review and submittal to IEPA. Once permits are obtained from IEPA, the project will be bid. Construction should start as soon as site conditions allow in late winter or early spring.
3. RAF-Football Fields. The engineers have revised the site layout to provide three football fields and one full size soccer/football field. We have designed the grading to balance the earthwork such that the material excavated from the remaining parking lot will be used to fill and level the football and soccer fields and concession area. Sewer and water extensions have been laid out to serve the concession building and provide for irrigation of the playing fields. They are working on cost estimates for the various components including sewer, water, gas, and electrical utility extensions, site grading, gravel parking lot and storm sewer, the concession stand building and site work, seeding, paved paths, and paved parking surface. These estimates should be completed soon and will assist in determining which improvements can be constructed in early spring with the funding available. They are awaiting direction from the board as to how the interior will be finished and if a roofed pavilion area should be provided adjacent to or extending from the building.

**MAYOR ADAMS**

1. First Rockford Annexation Agreement. Mayor Adams stated that they have agreed to pay any engineering consulting fees and asked the engineer to put a number together so that it can be incorporated. The First Rockford Annexation agreement has been tweaked a little bit since last time. They have agreed to provide a sewer easement to continue to the east to the Lewis property, but they can't tell us this early in the game where it is going to be. They also agreed to follow all Village ordinances on signage and setbacks, almost all of the items that the Planning and Zoning committees wanted. They have agreed to cut back to a 10 year abatement starting when the first property goes in. We would get 100% of the sales tax the first year. 10 years after the first year 50% will be rebated back to them. This is on the agenda tomorrow night. When Mrs. Nelson questioned the bike path, Mayor Adams stated that is in our ordinance which they will have to follow. They had asked for this to be waived previously.

**STREETS & WALKS-MR. MAGNUS**

1. Rt In Rt Out in Front of Wal-Mart. Mr. Magnus stated that the State wants the right in, right out in front of Wal-Mart to be public with a maintenance agreement with Rockton LLC that they will be responsible for all maintenance. Signage would be our responsibility.
2. Rt in Rt Out-First Rockford/Lewis Properties. Mayor Adams stated that the north side the State does not have access control. Their access stops by the Lewis's first entrance. If we make that side public, then we would have to plow and maintain the rt. in, right out. If we make it public, we have control over it. Mr. Nygren stated that they can make it work. The road behind the businesses going east from Taco Bell will be private. This right in, right out will be used as it ought to be because of the raised median. Verbally both parties have agreed to 15' for the right in, right out which would be an advantage to both of them.

**BUILDINGS & PARKS-MRS. NELSON**

1. Engineering for RAF Expansion. Mrs. Wolf stated that she would have some numbers to Mrs. Nelson before tomorrow's board meeting.
2. Donation-Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful. Mr. Nygren stated that they did not come back last year to clean up. The Village hauled away five 5 yard loads of trees. Last year seemed to be an exception to have that many after the end date. Mr. Magnus feels all those trees look like crap there and feels it should be moved elsewhere. Gordy will check to see if there is a location on the asphalt on the boat ramp where this could be located. Motion by Mrs. Nelson, second by Mr. Magnus to approve the \$500 donation to Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful for the Christmas Tree recycling program. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Rock River Trails Signs. Mrs. Nelson stated that the cost for the signs was \$62.44 over the \$400 approved. Mr. Nygren stated that there would also be shipping of \$20-\$25 and \$78 an hour to create artwork. Mrs. Nelson will get the artwork to them. The Village will install the signs. The Village will cover the overage.

**WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE-MR. PETERSON**

1. Modification of Approved Sewer Credit. Mayor Adams stated that a credit will be given to anyone who used 1,000 cubic feet over their last year's summer quarter water bill and that would be a 30% credit on their sewer bill. Most of them will be \$5-\$7 range.

2. Shed-Hawick Lift Station-Mr. Nygren did a call around for the shed for the Hawick lift station. The shed will be \$7,448.70 which still leaves us \$6,000 under the budgeted amount. This will be on the agenda for approval tomorrow night.
3. Sands Nursery Water Issue. Mr. Sands has asked for a year extension to hook up to city water. Mr. Sands dug a well in November and hooked up to it in March. Apparently from November to March Mr. Sands has little need for water. Mr. Peterson wondered then why he dug a well in November when he knew we would be making water available to his property. Mr. Magnus stated that we had told him that we would do everything we can to get water to him and he was also told that he could not drill a well. He stated that he realizes that a nursery needs water this year particularly. Mrs. Nelson stated that she believes it is a state law that he cannot have a well within so many feet of a municipal well and that should take the whole issue out of our hands. Mr. Peterson stated that we asked him specifically not to drill a well. Mr. Sands stated that his word was his bond and when the water is there he will hook up to it. He was notified in June that the water was there. He dug that well in November, not notifying us or talking to us about it. It seemed like he did it secretly. He stated that he did not know that a sand point well was permitted but only if the Village allows it. We need to worry about all the people who are going to get water from the Village well. The engineer stated that when our well comes on line, you will want his well to be sealed appropriately. If we permit him to use the well, he still has to go through the health department to make it legal. His hook up would be a \$1,000 tap on fee and to run his line back about 500 feet would be additional. He paid \$3,200 to get power across the railroad tracks. He wants to work out an agreement for power for getting the water to him. The engineer stated that we need electric and gas across anyway at the same time for the generator for the well. Anyone who has a nursery has to have water and that is a cost of doing business. He could go five feet and put a spigot in and use a hose. We cannot give him a year extension because of the well going on line. We can have him hook up sooner and set him up with a payment plan for the hookup fee. He should not need water until spring. This will be discussed at the full board tomorrow night. If we can come up with an agreement tomorrow night we will act on it or we will table it. Mayor Adams stated that bottom line he has an illegal well. He is too close to the Village well and we are concerned about contamination. Mr. Magnus thinks we should figure out a way to help him.

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson to adjourn at 7:11 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi  
Recording Secretary