

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 17, 2014

Mr. Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: Dale Adams, Kevin Bunge, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Tricia Nelson, Don Self, and Gordy Nygren.

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of November 3, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VILLAGE ENGINEER – KEVIN BUNGE

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge gave his report. A copy of his report is on file with the Village Clerk's office.

Mr. Bunge state that Norwest came out to complete the road repairs and brought out 30% more material than what they needed and that they fell short by the time they got to the third patch. Norwest said that the patches must have been a lot deeper than what they were told. Mr. Nygren stated that they came out at 3:30 or 4:00 in the afternoon and that he knows the patches were only 2.5 to 3 inches deep. They will try to complete the jobs if they can get the material, but if not they will use cold patch until they can complete the work in the Spring. Mr. Bunge stated that CES has been in constant contact with Norwest in reference to the jobs. Now that the weather has been extremely cold, it is unknown if anyone will be producing material. Mr. Bunge added that sometimes you don't get the best finished product if you are trying to bond the material when it's cold outside. Mayor Adams stated to keep this in mind when looking for contractors to bid future projects for the Village.

Mr. Fridly inquired where CES was with the dates for completion for WWTP. Mr. Bunge stated that they were on time or maybe slightly behind, but that CES feels good about where they are at with it. Mr. Bunge will look at the schedule and have that information for the next meeting in time and dollars.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that Chemtool will be hooking up to the Village water and that the \$8000 will be taken from the TIF Fund to pay for running it into their building. This is up for approval at the Village Board Meeting on November 18, 2014. Chemtool, in turn, will be paying monthly water bills to the Village.

Mayor Adams was notified that there will be a FEMA open house on December 17, 2014.

Mayor Adams advised the Committee that they had discussed the possibility of removing some of the four-way stops on Union Street. There was a concern if someone is traveling west on Union Street that they assume Blackhawk Boulevard is also a four-way stop and pull out. Mayor Adams spoke with Chief Dickson about this and Chief Dickson seemed to think that the four-way stop at Bridge and Union Streets could be eliminated. Mayor Adams stated that they would leave the four-way stop at Union Street and Salem Street by the high school. Mayor Adams stated that this would be something added to the Village Board agenda for approval in the future once it's been looked at by the Committee.

Mayor Adams also discussed the 2015 meeting schedule and wanted the input from the Committee about holding the first meetings of the month on Mondays and Tuesdays and the second set of meetings on Tuesday

only. Mr. Fridly and Mrs. Nelson felt that the meetings may get rushed if they combined them all into one meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Magnus is okay with having them either way.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDL

Mr. Fridly confirmed that members were comfortable with rejecting the bids for Well #7 & 9 and approving the blanket purchase renewal for \$2500. Both items are on the Village Board agenda on November 18, 2014.

Mr. Fridly also discussed the Right of Way Permit application. Mr. Bunge created the application and Atty. Szeto drafted an excavation ordinance in order to assess fines. Mr. Bunge stated that he could review the ordinance if needed and that he and/or Mr. McMullen can go out with Ms. Diduch to show her how to complete inspections. The total fee will be \$800 (\$50 for permit, \$250 for inspections and \$500 as a deposit) and will be administered by the planning administrator. Mrs. Nelson felt that \$300 for the permit and inspections was reasonable. Mr. Bunge stated that if a resident is using a contractor that is bonded that they would not have to pay the \$500 deposit. The deposit is intended for those who are doing the work themselves and not using a bonded contractor. Mr. Magnus wanted to verify that the \$250 would be enough to cover inspections. Mr. Nygren stated that he could have notifications printed on the Village water bills so that residents are aware of this. Mr. Fridly said that once the ordinance is passed that notifications can be put on water bills and from that point forward if Public Works notices something that they should notify Ms. Diduch. Mayor Adams stated that maybe contractors should be approached to get bonded in Rockton now and Mr. Bunge said that this would be a possibility. Contractors will need to make sure that the homeowners have a permit if they are going to do work in the Village right of way.

Mr. Fridly also gave Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Magnus a copy of the misdemeanor offenses, provided by Mr. Winters, that would disqualify an applicant from receiving a liquor license if they were convicted within the last five years. Mr. Winters sat down with Chief Dickson and Deputy Chief Hollinger to compile the list. Mr. Fridly added that an applicant could also be disqualified if they owe any money to the Village.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus expressed his disappointment with Norwest regarding the patchwork.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – TRICIA NELSON

None.

PUBLIC WORKS – GORDY NYGREN

Mr. Nygren stated that they used the lift from Chemtool and that the lights are completed downtown and in the trees. He also thanked Mr. Magnus for getting some of the decorations. The Public Works Department started some of the work in the park and they are moving forward.

Mr. Nygren also stated that in the Spring he would like to run a line in the park coming off the parking lot to fill the ice skating rink with a farmer's faucet. Mr. Nygren stated this would be much easier in the future rather than using a fire hydrant and it would be permanent. Mr. Fridly confirmed this was a good idea.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that he was approached by Open Arms Church in reference to a community garden plot. They discussed possible locations. Mrs. Nelson stated that the Rockton Township has already offered land for this purpose. Mr. Self will speak to Open Arms Church about the property offered by Rockton Township.

Mr. Self also stated that he would like to put a rain barrel at Barwood since there are gutters on the north side of the first shed. Barwood currently does not have any water in this location. Mr. Self will proceed with this in the Spring.

Mr. Self is currently getting prices on lights to light the gazebo externally year round and/or seasonally. Mr. Self added that he would like red and green lights for the Christmas season. Mr. Self stated that he may do a call around with different options because he would like to have this done before the holidays.

Mr. Fridly inquired if Mr. Nygren has had any contact with the Rockton Chamber of Commerce in reference to the Christmas Walk. Mr. Nygren stated that he spoke with Mr. McCorkle, but that he has not received any paperwork from him. Mr. Fridly stated that they may not be doing anything if they don't get approval from the Village Board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson, to adjourn at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk