

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 16, 2016

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

Members present: Mayor Adams, Kevin Bunge, Scott Fridly and Jodi May

Staff present: Dan Barber and Don Self

Absent: Cory Magnus

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Fridly, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of May 2, 2016. All ayes. Motion approved 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Colton Davies presented information to the Committee to build "little free libraries" for an Eagle Scout project. Colton spoke with Mr. Self about the possible locations of the "little free libraries" and thought that Settler's Park would be a good location. Colton added that the Talcott Free Library will donate books to start off the project and that he would check the locations once a month for the next two years and after that he would like his Eagle Scout troop to continue the project. The Committee stated that his plans were good and he was set to go.

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.

The Village Clerk advised Mr. Bunge that she received the signed contract back from IDOT in reference to the road projects. Mr. Bunge will contact Rock Roads to get started.

The Committee discussed the sidewalk on the south side of Rockton Road between Route 2 and the school entrance. Mr. Magnus advised the Village Clerk earlier in the week that he still hadn't spoken to the homeowner. Mrs. May stated that she will try and make contact with the homeowner.

Mr. Bunge stated that he would get the numbers to Mr. Fridly as to the dollars to date paid for the water loan projects.

Mayor Adams stated that IDOT has figured out a way to give the Village the dry cleaning building with the stipulation that the Village dedicates 10 feet on the south side of the building for parking for the church. Mayor Adams said that IDOT will tear down the building and put down asphalt if the Village stripes it. Mayor Adams stated he also spoke with Sonny Sylvester and that Mr. Sylvester would like to speak with IDOT about this because he has some concerns about this.

Mayor Adams also discussed the property just past the railroad tracks on Highway 75 by the barber shop. Mayor Adams had a diagram of the area and stated that IDOT was going to take some of the property and that the barbershop is going to lose about six parking stalls. Mayor Adams stated that IDOT advised that the Village has owned the property since 1858 and that IDOT would like the Village to propose a transaction with the owner of the barbershop and that he would have to buy back 10 or 20 feet from the Village. Mr. Bunge will check into this. The Village will need to meet with IDOT about this in the future.

Mr. Barber stated that Norwest had completed part of the project on Terrapin. Mayor Adams asked if the asphalt could be done with the other projects that Rock Road is doing. Mr. Bunge stated that he would look into this and see what is left for concrete work to be done.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that the budget is getting pretty close and that it looks like the reconstruction of Center Street will have to be removed. Mayor Adams discussed the drainage issue on Foxfire Place with the Committee and stated that this should remain in the budget because it's a pretty high priority. The Village Engineers looked at it and stated that it needs to be regraded and seeded.

Mayor Adams also discussed the changes in the Public Works Department. Mayor Adams stated that Dan Barber will be the Public Works Manager and that he has his sewer and water license and over 30 years of experience in the public works field. Mayor Adams added that there should be very few changes in the budget in regards to the public works department. Mrs. May inquired if another public works employee was going to be hired and Mr. Barber advised that he would like to see how everything is going and evaluate the situation before he considers hiring another employee.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY

None.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mrs. May discussed the special events application for the Rockton River Market in Settler's Park. The Committee was okay with this. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on May 17, 2016.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber stated that the official switch with Mr. Nygren will take place on May 31st. Mr. Barber advised that he is in the process of training Mr. Nygren at the sewer plant. The Committee also discussed how they will use the pick-up trucks in the fleet for public works.

Mr. Barber advised the Committee that they need additional parts(sprockets) for the grit chamber repair not to exceed \$2000 from Allied-Locke Industries. Mr. Fridly stated that he will get a consensus for this at the Village Board meeting on May 17, 2016.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that he met with Brian Hansmeier in reference to the Hanz Brew Fest and that the special events application has been given to Chief Dickson. Mr. Self said that this should be on the next agenda for approval.

Mr. Self added that the pool has been painted today and it has sufficient time to dry. Mr. Self added that they did about \$2200 and \$1500 the two Saturdays in pre-season sales for the pool.

Mr. Self added that Nason's is doing a great job mowing, but that he will be speaking with S & H Nursery in reference to Farm and Fleet because it looks terrible out there.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Fridly to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk