

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 1, 2015

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:33pm.
Members present: Dale Adams, Kevin Bunge, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Jodi May, Gordy Nygren, and Don Self

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of May 18, 2015. All ayes. Motion approved 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 provided the Committee with two maps of the WWTP conceptual site layout along with the potential site for a public works facility. Mayor Adams stated that he met with Tom Hartley with the Winnebago County Forest Preserve and they would like more information about the trade and make sure that the site is environmentally clean. Mayor Adams contacted the EPA to see if they could provide something to show that the property doesn't have any contaminants on it. Mayor Adams added that in order to obtain the site, there needs to be unanimous approval from the Winnebago County Forest Preserve Board and they don't meet again until September. Mayor Adams also met with South Beloit and they are interested in partnering with the Village of Rockton for a WWTP. Mayor Adams was concerned that if this doesn't go through for the WWTP, what is Plan B for the Village. Mr. Fridly stated that Plan B is to jump on the other side of Highway 75. The engineer from South Beloit is looking into what would be necessary to take in the Village for a WWTP. Mayor Adams said that he also spoke with Steve Graceffa from Rockford a few weeks ago, but that he hasn't heard back from him yet so he will try calling him again. Mr. Bunge stated that he is at a standstill right now in reference to the WWTP until the Village has further information. Mr. Fridly commented that the Village needs to hear back from South Beloit and Mayor Adams said that he should know more in two weeks. Mayor Adams questioned if the Village would maintain the collection system or let the sanitary district board handle it. Mayor Adams also questioned if the Village would still want the 5 acres for the public works building if the WWTP doesn't go through. Mayor Adams added that he contacted the EPA on the status of the parcel that they want to trade and they are supposed to be getting back to him. Mayor Adams said that they want to see a newer plant as well. Mr. Bunge stated that the vast majority (90%) of the study still applies.

Mr. Bunge stated that when he compiled the engineering report he had not heard from the IEPA, but he received an email afterwards and their target is the end of July.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams verified the Committee was okay with the budget. There is a public hearing in reference to the budget during the Village Board meeting on June 2, 2015. The budget is also up for approval that evening.

Mayor Adams inquired if Carole Linne will be able to take care of the gazebo in Settler's Park. Mr. Self advised that she will be able to take care of it, but that she may go over her 5 hours/week.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY

Mr. Fridly discussed the ROW permit and would like to know what needs to be fixed in order to use it again. Mayor Adams stated that it was put on hold because of new construction. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village Board approved the ROW permit and Mayor Adams said that the Public Works Committee put it on hold because they weren't sure how to enforce it. The Committee decided that the ordinance protects what the Village owns. Therefore, if the Village has not taken over the streets or the utilities in a new construction area then the ROW permit does not apply. Mr. Fridly stated that the Public Works Manager can waive the fee if he wishes to do so. An example of this would be if someone is putting in a mailbox. Mr. Fridly will talk to Atty. Szeto to have this amended in the ordinance and verified that the Committee was okay with this. Mr. Fridly inquired if the Village has a list of fees (green space, hookups, etc...). Mr. Bunge would like to see a copy of the fee schedule as well. The Village Clerk will email this information to them. Mr. Bunge added that in the future when the Village accepts the roads or pavements that the Village should get a 2 year maintenance bond.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

None.

PUBLIC WORKS – GORDY NYGREN

Mr. Nygren stated that he has a proposal from Cropps Door Service for the garage door repair at the public works building for \$4,123. The door panels are rotted out at the bottom. Mr. Nygren added that he tried to get a few other proposals, but they weren't able to get the same panels to replace them. This is up for approval on June 2, 2015 at the Village Board meeting.

Mr. Nygren also had a proposal for a new fire hydrant for in front of Chemtool. The proposal is from HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. In the amount of \$2,095. This is also up for approval on June 2, 2015 at the Village Board meeting. Mayor Adams questioned why they can't use the other fire hydrants that are bagged and not being used. Mr. Nygren stated that the fire hydrants are different depths.

Mr. Nygren stated that he received a letter from the resident at 649 Bayfield Road in reference to putting a pool in the detention area. The resident stated in their letter that they would not hold the Village of Rockton liable for any damage to the pool should the detention area fill with water. The Committee stated that there cannot be any structures in the detention area. Mr. Nygren stated that he would let the resident know this.

Mr. Nygren presented an invoice from J&R Underground for the work they completed at 406 W. Union Street. Mr. Nygren didn't think that there was going to be a charge, but they sent an invoice for \$612 and Mr. Nygren feels that this is reasonable. Mr. Fridly requested a consensus and the Committee was okay with this. This will be placed on the next agenda.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that the Talcott Library was requesting 120 day passes for prizes for their summer reading program or they were okay with 6 day passes. Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve donating 6 day passes for the Talcott Library, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Mr. Self said that he would like to have \$1,500 transferred from the general funds to “The Hut” for expenses. This is also up for approval on June 2, 2015 at the Village Board meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mr. Nygren stated that the tree for Mrs. Nelson has been planted in Settler’s park. Mrs. Nelson is supposed to provide the plaque that is to be placed next to the tree in recognition of her service to the Village of Rockton.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Fridly to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk