

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**September 19, 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, Cory Magnus, Jodi May and Don Self  
Staff present: Bruce Werrbach  
Absent: Dan Barber

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of September 6, 2016. 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 advised that the MFT #2 letting will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM at Rockton Village Hall.

Mr. Bunge discussed the Hawick Street parking with the Committee. Mayor Adams advised that IDOT needs to know if Hawick Street is going to be one-way parking. Mayor Adams stated that he also spoke to someone in reference to the parking study and it won't be completed until December or January. Mr. Fridly suggested letting IDOT do what they want to do and that the Village can change it later if they need to since there are two studies that need to be done before a final decision can be made. Mrs. May added that she would like to see what the Business District plan is going to be before a decision is made. The Committee advised Mr. Bunge to speak with IDOT and let them know that the Village would like 40 feet in width on Hawick Street. Mr. Fridly stated that this would allow enough space for a two-way street, but that it can also be changed to a one-way street if that's what the Village decides to do.

### **MAYOR - DALE ADAMS**

Mayor Adams advised the Committee that he spoke with Lynn Gibson and she advised that Hononegah High School would like to buy the old grade school and put high school maintenance and parking in that area. Mayor Adams added that he explained to Ms. Gibson that the old grade school is in the TIF district and that if they purchased it no one would be getting any taxable money from it. Mayor Adams stated that if the old grade school was developed into a senior center it would be a boost for all of us.

### **WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLIDY**

Mr. Fridly asked if there were any questions regarding the intergovernmental agreement with North Park Water District. The Committee was okay with this. A motion to ratify the consensus to accept the agreement will be made at the Village Board meeting on September 20, 2016. Mayor Adams stated that the bids were supposed to be opened today and they should have a number before the Village Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Fridly advised that there were a couple emergency purchase/repairs at the sewer plant. Mr. Fridly discussed the purchase requisitions for McGilvra Electric for a gearbox in the amount of \$2,368.49 and for Evoqua for a skimmer arm in the amount of \$2,240. Both purchase requisitions are up for approval at the Village Board meeting on September 20, 2016. The Committee was okay with this.

### **STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS**

None.

### **BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY**

Mrs. May discussed the special events application for Midwest Oktoberfest that will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from noon until 6 pm at Settlers Park. Mr. Self stated that they had already paid (which included their deposit) so they are ready to go. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on September 20, 2016. The Committee was okay with this.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER**

None.

### **PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF**

Mr. Self discussed the purchase requisition for Johnson Tractor for a Kubota Lawn Mower in the amount of \$16,275. Mr. Self stated that the state bid pricing for the lawn mower is over \$10,000 so by Village ordinance it needs to go out to bid. Mr. Self said that he is more than willing to go out to bid, but the pricing is not going to change. Mr. Self explained that he contacted all the local vendors for pricing and that they were in a couple hundred dollars of each other except for the John Deere dealer. Mr. Fridly stated that this is the purchase policy and the policy is there for transparency. Mrs. May stated that she understood that, but if the Village is obtaining several bids that there is still transparency there. Mr. Magnus stated that if this is the case then the Village needs to go out to bid for new police cars and public works vehicles even though the Village is getting state bid pricing on those. Mr. Magnus added that the Village has waived the purchase policy for purchasing those vehicles in the past. Mayor Adams said that the purchase policy can be waived for state bid pricing and that by going out to bid for this would just be adding a \$400 bill for advertising it in the newspaper. Mrs. May inquired if the Village has to go with the low bid and Mr. Self stated that it was up to the Committee. Mr. Fridly stated that if the purchase policy isn't going to be followed then it should be thrown away. Mrs. May stated that she will talk to Atty. Szeto about the policy and how it can be changed. Mr. Magnus stated that he didn't have a problem going through with the purchase of the lawn mower and looking at the purchase policy again. The Committee agreed that they would discuss the purchase with the other Village Board members to see who they would like to go with for the purchase. Mr. Fridly commented that Mr. Self did a fantastic job getting prices for the lawn mower. Mr. Self added that the lawn mower was budgeted for and the funds are currently available.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

Mr. Magnus inquired about the Public Works garage roof and Mr. Werrbach advised that they were waiting for more bids. Mr. Magnus advised that he looked at it and for a complete replacement it would cost approximately \$45,000 - \$50,000 with the skylights. The Committee advised to get rid of the skylights completely.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk