

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**September 8, 2015**

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 pm. Members present: Dale Adams, Kevin Bunge (5:38 pm), Scott Fridly, Jodi May, Gordy Nygren, and Don Self

Also present: Dave Winters

Absent: Cory Magnus

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Fridly, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of August 17, 2015. All ayes. Motion approved 2-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Reininger, South Beloit Public Works Superintendent, spoke to the Committee about a possible Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) with South Beloit. Mr. Reininger discussed possible options and ideas with the Village of Rockton. Mr. Reininger added that South Beloit should have hard numbers in November from Fehr Graham as to the cost of the WWTP. Mr. Reininger stated that if anyone had questions that Mr. Nygren has his telephone number to contact him. Mayor Adams stated that he would like Mayor Rehl from South Beloit to come to a meeting at the Village to discuss the WWTP with the trustees.

### **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 asked Mr. Nygren to look into the insurance claim in reference to the accident at Rockton/Dorr Roads that damaged the retaining wall.

### **MAYOR - DALE ADAMS**

None.

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

Mr. Fridly stated that there are purchase requisitions up for approval at the Village Board meeting. The first purchase requisition is for a root cutter from Michael Todd & Company in the amount of \$1,639. The Committee was okay with this. The second purchase requisition is for Fehr Graham to give the Village a proposal for the WWTP with South Beloit. Mr. Fridly stated that he spoke with Mick Gronewold from Fehr Graham and Mr. Gronewold agreed to complete his proposal not to exceed \$15,500. Mrs. May felt this was a lot of money to spend. Mr. Fridly added that he spoke to Dana from Rock River Water Reclamation District (RRWRD) and that he would like an official letter of intent from the Village of Rockton to take to his board for approval to enter into negotiations into cost sharing for investigations. Mr. Fridly stated that he would like to get numbers from both Fehr Graham and RRWRD so that the Village Board can make an educated decision on what the Village is going to do. Mr. Fridly stated that it's going to cost the Village to do our due diligence and the numbers are needed to justify it. Mr. Fridly stated that there are funds in Sewer to cover this. Mrs. May suggested getting a not to exceed number from RRWRD. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Fridly provided the Committee with a spreadsheet that contained estimated costs for a new plant, sharing a plant with South Beloit and going to RRWRD. Mr. Fridly also discussed a sewer rate increase and stated that it needs to be done. Dan Barber provided a sewer rate data sheet at the last meeting. The current base rate is \$15 and Mr. Barber suggested raising it 50% to \$22.50 which would generate \$198,000/year. Mr. Fridly stated that all that is needed is a motion to change the rate at the Village Board meeting. Mayor Adams suggested that Mr. Fridly prepare numbers for the Village Board to study to make a decision. Mrs. May

suggested raising the rates in a tiered type plan and having Mayor Adams explain in a letter that the Village is being proactive.

Mr. Fridly added that if the Village completed all of the water capital improvements, the Village would have to charge an extra \$25/quarter per customer. Mr. Fridly wanted the Committee to be aware of this.

Mr. Fridly stated that he received a couple of emails in reference to the easements from Atty. Szeto and Craig Erdmier is asking that he will not have to pay for stop lights in the future. Mr. Fridly recommended that Atty. Szeto tell Mr. Erdmier that for the next 15 years the Village will not ask him to do anything specific to his property that the Village is not asking every other property on Rockton Road to do. The Committee was okay with this.

**STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS**

None.

**BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY**

None.

**PUBLIC WORKS – GORDY NYGREN**

Mr. Nygren stated he did a call around for a fuel tank from Howard Lee & Sons, Inc. The purchase requisition is up for approval at the Village Board meeting in the amount of \$1,878.08. The Committee was okay with this.

**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF**

None.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Fridly to adjourn at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk