

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 15, 2011**

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30PM. Present were: Trisha Davey, Cory Magnus, John Peterson, Gordy Nygren, Bruce Werrbach, Mayor Adams, and Atty. Cox. Also present: Brenda Warren, Gail Beach, Zachary Baker, Judy and Gene Truman and Gary Sands and his family.

Motion by Magnus, second by Davey to waive the reading of and approve the Public Works Committee minutes of August 1, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

1. Prairie St. Improvements. The project will be underway this week with materials being shipped to the site and actual construction could begin Tuesday morning. All residents, Illinois Central Bus Company, and all authorities have been advised of the construction schedule.
2. Athletic Field Water. We are still waiting for the formal release of funds and grant agreement. Hopefully, we will hear in the next few weeks and get this project out for bids.
3. Misc. Concrete Sidewalk and Curb Repairs. Stenstrom Excavation and Blacktop Group submitted the low bid for this project in the amount of \$17,882.75 which will be approved at the board level tomorrow night.
4. Radium Well #8. Layne Christensen was the only proposal received in the amount of \$19,956.00 for the drilling of two test holes approximately 110 feet deep. If the athletic fields test comes out favorable, showing a good possibility to supply 500-900GPM, the second test hole would not be pursued. This will be sent to the board for approval tomorrow night. Testing will proceed within three weeks of contract approval with reports due within 30 days after drilling. Any well located in the athletic fields could have an influence on any well within 1000 feet. In addition, a protective Maximum Setback Zone MUST be established per EPA regulations. With village water located along the east side of Old River Road and soon to be extended into the athletic fields, connecting to the village water supply seems to be a better option than allowing an irrigation well for Sands Nursery.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Gary Sands. Mr. Sands has submitted a request to drill an irrigation well for his property abutting the Rockton Athletic Fields. He wants to move plants to the Rockton site and in

order for his plants to survive he needs water. He is willing to share his phase 3 electrical hook up with the village for lighting for the athletic fields.

**MAYOR ADAMS**

1. Request from Kristin Krieger. Ms. Krieger has asked that stop signs be placed on the corners of Stamford Lane and Kensington Way and an additional stop sign be placed at Kensington Way and Wynstone Way to help keep people from speeding through her neighborhood. This was forwarded to Chief Dickson for his consideration of the signs. She also asked about park space for this large subdivision. Mayor Adams suggested using Kelley Meyers Park; however, she stated there is nothing there for younger children. Mayor Adams wondered about the property behind Goldie Floberg or partnering with Roscoe to place playground equipment in Kelley Meyers Park.

**STREETS & WALKS – MR. MAGNUS**

1. Sidewalks. Mr. Magnus stated that he had gotten footage for the sidewalk repairs from the engineering firm to see if there were any short pieces that the Public Works Department could replace on their own; however, there were no short pieces. This project will cost the village \$17,822.75 and will be approved tomorrow night.

**WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. PETERSON**

1. Irrigation Well Permit for Gary Sands Property. Mr. Peterson stated that we have to find a place to dig a well for the village which is a bigger priority for Rockton. My concern for digging another well out there is the possibility of contamination of the municipal well. He did not know if there would be an EPA issue if there is already a well there, not being able to put another well. He pointed out that he is not telling Mr. Sands no but is concerned about having water for the residents of Rockton without the high Radium. It sounds like we are pretty close to getting city water at your doorstep . It is already within 200 feet of your property. Mr. Sands stated that once city water is available, his well will be history. Mr. Sands is willing to sign an agreement to that affect to abandon his well when city water is available. Mr. Peterson is concerned that he will change his mind and not close the well. Mr. Sands stated that he could help with the 3 phase lighting for the park also. Mr. Peterson stated that we are trying really hard to get the water to the park. Mr. Peterson stated that he does not know of an instance where city water is available where a municipality allows someone to dig a well. Mr. Magnus agreed with Mr. Peterson. He does not want to tell someone no who is trying to make a living. Mr. Sands stated that he would sit down with the Village Attorney to come up with an agreement that both parties are happy with. Ms. Davey questioned whether we can come up with a temporary compromise to give him some temporary water. Ms. Wolf stated that the Health Department controls the drilling and capping of wells. Hopefully, the water main goes in this fall and he hooks up to that.

Ms. Wolf asked about his fertilizer usage. He felt he was not using any more than is used on the athletic fields. If our well goes in, the draw down from that well would take water from you. Mr. Sands stated that he has a few thousand plants that need to be watered. Mr. Magnus stated that possibly water could be trucked in to tanks to keep his plants watered until he can get municipal water. Mr. Sands stated there would not be massive usage and felt that he would not in any way cause any contamination. This is a family operation with two people and hand watering. He stated that he felt they were reluctant to approve an irrigation well because someone else wants the property. Mr. Peterson stated that the Village does not have any active interest in his property. Mayor Adams and Mr. Sands had some heated words about previous discussions about selling plants and watering. Mr. Peterson stated that what he was hearing was that Mr. Sands was not open to any other suggestion other than he wanted his well. What I am hearing is that this is a small operation with a small amount of plants and that a small amount of water to keep your plants alive for a short amount of time is your goal. What I also am hearing is that within the next month or so we will have city water right at your property line. He asked Mr. Sands to be open to other suggestions other than your way or no way because there are other suggestions to be considered and it is a reasonable concern to have another well close to the municipal well because of EPA guidelines. Mr. Peterson's number one concern is the people of Rockton and your issue is a concern, too. We are trying to find a compromise but every time something else is mentioned or comes up, you saying we are being unreasonable, ridiculous and we are not using common sense and you are insulting this board by saying that. Mr. Peterson asked him to listen to other suggestions before you insult the people whom you are asking to bend the rules for you. Mr. Sands stated that he needs to know where the tanks would come from, would there be a pumping device and hoses, etc. Mr. Sands stated that he was told the land was useless to him, but the law states otherwise. He stated he wants to be a good neighbor and a good citizen of Rockton. He wants to find a common sense solution that will actually work. Mr. Peterson stated that is what we are trying to do. It might not be the solution that you came in here thinking that you wanted, but it might be one that will work. We owe it to ourselves before you have the expense of digging a well. Mr. Peterson stated that this will be laid over to the next meeting. In the meantime, he will work with Mr. Sands to look into other options to get him through the short window until the water is extended into the athletic fields.

2. Bobcat Tires. The correct tires are on the Bobcat. This expense will be approved tomorrow night.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – MR. NYGREN**

1. Tree at 1007 High Point Dr. Mr. John McVay has requested removal of a live tree at 1007 High Point Dr. Mr. Magnus and Mr. Nygren inspected the tree and felt that since it was alive and did not feel if it fell that it would reach his condo, that they would not remove the tree.

2. Tree Removals. Mr. Nygren stated that two trees need to be taken out and stump ground at Village Green Park, 7 trees need to be cut down on Blackhawk Blvd., and also three trees need to be trimmed in back of 1033 and 1035 High Point Drive with a bucket truck. Mr. Nygren will get proposals for the tree removals and the trimming.
  
3. FEMA Grant. \$24,993 was received from FEMA for the snow removal for February 1, 2 and 3, 2011. Mr. Magnus stated that he knows that money goes in the General Fund, but wanted to make sure it goes to Public Works. He recommended that the Public Works building be fenced with the FEMA money.

Hearing no further business, motion by Magnus, second by Davey to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi  
Recording Secretary