

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2010

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30PM. Present were: Mrs. Bloodworth, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Fridly. Also present: Denny McMullen, Bruce Werrbach, Gordy Nygren, Mayor Adams and Atty. Cox.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of September 20, 2010, with one change in Paragraph 2 under Mr. Fridly "Sick Time Amendment for Public Works Salaried Employees". All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

MR. MCMULLEN

1. Union St. Mr. McMullen reported that the free repairs have been completed on Union St.

2. DCO Grant. Mr. McMullen stated that he was contacted by Winnebago County reference recapturing \$5,300 on the 2008 flood program from FEMA. You would spend \$2,500-\$3,000 to get the \$5,300. They actually came out and said that the low to moderate income survey had to fall within 51% in order to get money and we would not qualify. He will inform them that we are not going to participate.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Wind Generators. Mayor Adams stated that this will go back to Planning and Zoning for their recommendations after receiving further information. Mayor Adams will remove these two items from the agenda tomorrow night.

2. Capital Plan. Mayor Adams reported that the Village received a little over \$32,000 from the capital plan released by the governor. This will be deposited the middle of October in our MFT fund.

3. T-6 Letter. Mayor Adams received a letter from T-6, a wireless broadband provider who is interested in antenna space on one or more of our water towers. He will check with some of the communities who they are using to see what they are paying them. They possibly could

provide wireless service for us. They offered us \$30,000 over the next five years.

4. Gleasman Road. Mayor Adams reported that out on Gleasman Road the County has used a spray on, better than asphalt, type of thing, experimental technique. Mr. Nygren and Mr. McMullen will check it out.

5. SLATS Meeting. Mayor Adams stated that funding seems very promising for the bike path. There is 80 million dollars, 40 million for Chicago, and 40 million for down state.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Tim Miller-233 Halford. Mr. Miller stated that his property backs up to the portion of Woodlands Park that comes across Falcon Point. He and his neighbor have maintained this property since they moved in. He is asking to donate trees to the Village to be planted behind his property as he wants to block the Highview sign from his property. Atty. Cox stated this should not increase the village's liability. Mr. Miller would be hiring S & H Nursery to plant evergreen trees after getting Julie to do a locate. He stated he will do the watering of the trees and work with Gordy for the placement of the trees which will be 6-10 feet tall and will also continue to mow and maintain the property.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. PETERSON

1. Wenlock Pl. Mr. McMullen stated that Wenlock Pl. has a 14% drop and when it rains, the rain jumps the drives and erodes the lots. There are also a bunch of flag lots. He is considering placing a 12 inch slotted drain which will be aimed up to catch the water. It will help in 50% of the storms, but not in a monsoon. He contacted Contact and they said it would be 2-3 week for delivery of the drain and also contacted two contractors, one of whom verified his guesstimate of cost. The slotted drain delivered is \$55 per foot. If you want to use MFT to pay for this, it will have to be sent down to IDOT for a section number which will delay construction until Spring. If you want to do this, this year, we can get formal proposals out, it would be the first or second week in November before we could get this put together and then you have to be concerned about the availability of blacktop. After discussion, it was decided to get it out in March using MFT and place the project on a hot list to have it done before May 1, 2011. This possibly could be placed with our road projects next year for a lower cost. Mr. McMullen will check on a

larger slotted drain and discussed the issue of cost sharing with the residents.

BUILDINGS & PARKS – MRS. BLOODWORTH

1. Weed & Feed. Mr. Nygren stated that S & H stated that the Weed and Feed will still work on the major weeds this fall despite the frost. We did save \$400 on the watering. Mrs. Bloodworth will bring this before the board tomorrow night at a cost of \$1,200.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLY

1. Employee Benefit Policy. We made a change in salaried sick time. Thirty days paid per year, June 1 to May 31. The first 23 days are considered non-accumulative and the remaining 7 days may accumulate up to a maximum of 50 days, 400 hours, which is in line with the rest of the Public Works employees. This is basically two paragraphs which were left out of the new handbook. The sentence beginning "No compensation will be paid to salaried full time employees for any used sick time" will now state "No compensation for IMRF purposes will be paid to salaried full time employees for any used sick time."

2. 8' Pro Plow. Mr. Nygren stated the 2001 GMC $\frac{3}{4}$ ton has a bad mold board on the plow which will cost \$1,300 from Monroe. Diesel Specialists will make a mold board for \$1,500. He priced out new plows with Northland and Monroe. Northland is low with a quote of \$4,478 with everything included. Mayor Adams suggested poly on the plow to prevent rust and at only an additional \$200. We will sell the old plow at auction. This will go to the full board for approval.

3. Youth Baseball Association. Mr. Fridly reported that the temporary backstops have been pulled by Youth Baseball Association members who asked when they can take them to the new diamonds and install them. S&H Nursery owner stated they can do this anytime.

4. Snow Plowing. Mayor Adams talked to Mr. Nygren today about setting aside one route in the Village for contract snow plowing. Mr. Nygren stated that he now has spare equipment and might not have to do that. We will have a spare five yard. The way were hiring our contractors for snow plowing as vendors is not feasible to allow them to use our equipment without being on the payroll. Mr. Fridly stated that we will hire the five people that we have now as seasonal employees so that

Gordy has them when needed. He stated that if he does not have these employees, you will have a lot of overtime. Mayor Adams commented with a contracted route, you don't pay overtime, insurance, fuel, or equipment costs, or for damaged mailboxes. We do want to control overtime and do not want them damaging our equipment. Mr. Peterson suggested that if you are going to bid out the lawns that need mowing to find someone who does both the mowing and snow plowing for the next summer and winter season.

5. Easement Markers. Mr. Peterson stated that we should not be in the business of selling yard markers, but have an approved design which is acceptable. Mr. McMullen reminded everyone that our ordinance states there will be no obstructions in the right of way except for what the Village may need to mark areas for plowing purposes which eliminates the residential portion.

Hearing no further business, motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Village Clerk