

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 7, 2011

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 P.M. Present were: Mrs. Bloodworth, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Fridly. Also present: Mayor Adams, Atty. Galluzzo, Bruce Werrbach and Dennis McMullen.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of February 21, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

MR. McMULLEN

1. Radium Well 8. Mr. McMullen stated that the Village has now been formally sited for the radium being above 5.0 at Well 8. The EPA wants us now to complete some type of plan that we are either going to close the well, redo the well the with treatment or something like that. He would rather respond to them within 45 days and give the a couple other alternatives that we could look at. One would be continuing with what we have been doing all of 2009, pumping more water and we were under the entire year. Something happened again in 2010 and the numbers started bumping right up after January in the sixes and low fives. The combined average over the entire year is about 5.4 although anything over five is considered six. They no longer allow you to round up. One thing we might want to try is installing some type of orifice or ramping device for the pump to actually decrease the amount of rate of pumpage. It will pump longer but pump the same amount of water. What it will do is not draw down that whole as far. It will give us an opportunity to see if that radium is coming from a lower level. We may be able to bring it up from 155 feet to 80 feet. It is something a couple other communities have tried that so far has worked for them. That option will be in the \$15-16,000 dollar range. If we close the well, you are looking at spending another \$300,000 for a new well. A treatment facility could run you up to 1 million dollars. Blending is out as we have no sand or gravel out there. Drilling to a lower level in rock doesn't get you away from the radium. Mr. McMullen will give everyone a copy of the report. He will prepare a letter with the points we want to continue trying, along with the water results for the last 2-3 years. If they disagree with the suggestions, we will call for a meeting and see what other options we might have. In 2009 we were in the 4 range. In 2010 we had approximately 5.5 for three

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tests and one 6.2. Atty. Galluzzo stated that the old rate was 10PCI which got change in 2003. They decided 10 was too much and they made it 5. Everyone in N. Illinois and southern Wisconsin has these issues. The shallow wells will become popular because the VOC's and SOC'S have been controlled for 15 years. We do have an interconnection across the river which is not on right now. Mr. McMullen will have something for the board to approve at the next meeting.

2. Prairie St. Prairie Street has actually already been designed and includes Prairie St. from Main St. to Union, Mechanic from Center to Blackhawk and then Center St. Center St. has the old asbestos cement pipe which if we redo the road, will also be replaced. The extra cost that has come up now is what to do with the spoil because of new requirements for soils. Disposal is fine on ROW, our land or shop. If it goes to approved landfills or disposal sites and there is a problem 10 years from now, everyone will be liable from the EPA. All the areas will be required to keep daily charts, etc. To protect yourself, you can do a testing procedure for \$1,500 or take the spoil to a licensed landfill. The Village will have to document where it goes and how much and whether it is tested. On the Prairie St. job, you will generate about 3,500 cubic yards of material at an extra cost of \$15 a cubic yard. Atty. Galluzzo questioned whether your insurance would cover you in a lawsuit down the road. Along with the increased gas prices and these new regulations, he feels the project will end up at around \$550,000. Only the most northern part of Prairie could be removed from this project. Center and Prairie will be 30' wide back to back with full curb and Mechanic will be 24' with depressed curb with all new paving. This piece would complete the major downtown area. The small streets back in there with low traffic counts can be done with 24' streets and depressed curbs. This project will have to go to the State. This follows our 10 year plan.

We may have to reduce the overlay project to \$100,000 but will have to do some of the Woodlands streets and Franklin, Chapel and Ferry Streets. We have accomplished a lot in the last few years with lots of dollars from grants. We have cut down on our patching tremendously.

3. Maintenance Bid. Mr. McMullen stated that 14 people have picked up packets to do the maintenance at Rockton Athletic Fields.

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4. Nozzi Water Extension. Everyone else that we dealt with has taken the lead, getting the permits, contractors, etc. and we reimbursed them. Mr. McMullen felt that it is cleaner if they handle it, and we reimburse them. The Village would pay up to \$12,000. It would be cheaper if they got the bid for contracting.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Budget Process. Mayor Adams would like to put \$100,000 in the budget for the following projects: a. Purchase dry cleaning building and put a parking lot in there taking in part of Tony's property if he will donate it to make it a larger lot. You would need at least a Phase 1. b. Bite the bullet and put the water into the Rockton Athletic Fields so we don't have to haul water there this year. c. Purchase land for the Public Works building to take a step forward in that project.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. PETERSON

1. Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Peterson will bring this before the full board for approval of the request by the American Legion for the Memorial Day Parade on May 30th at 9AM.

BUILDINGS & PARKS – MRS. BLOODWORTH

1. RoRo. Mrs. Bloodworth stated that we have a good booth location this year and asked committee members to volunteer some of their time for RoRo. She wishes to show the road projects that have been finished and those planned for the future, Rockton Athletic Field information, and pool information. She convinced the committee members to purchase flashers with Rockton Rocks or Village of Rockton on them, 200 for \$350. Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to approve the purchase of 200 flashers for \$350 to be given away to children at RoRo. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0. This will come out of Economic Development-Special Events.

2. Gary Sands Property. Mrs. Bloodworth stated that she had talked to Gary Sands about the Alliant property he purchased. He will have to come to the Village for any request for water or zoning which he was aware of before purchasing the property.

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3. Surgery. Mrs. Bloodworth reported that she will have surgery on March 17th and will be on temporary disability which will not permit her to attend meetings as that would be considered work. She will be off work until April 28th.

ATTY. GALLUZZO

1. Brownsfield Grant. Atty. Galluzzo wondered about getting a Brownsfields Grant for the cleaners property; however, Mr. McMullen felt it was not a large enough property to acquire such a grant, but will look into it.

Mayor Adams stated that Mr. McMullen and Roger met with the Farm and Fleet people today and it looks real promising with a planned opening of May, 2012.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to adjourn at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Village Clerk