

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 P.M. Present were: Mrs. Bloodworth and Mr. Fridly. Mr. Peterson came a few minutes late. Also present: Mayor Adams, Atty. Galluzzo, Gordy Nygren and Dennis McMullen.

Motion by Bloodworth, second by Fridly to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the August 16, 2010, Public Works Committee meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

MR. MCMULLEN

Mr. McMullen stated that all the projects for this year are done except for the crack seal on Hononegah Road and a little patch work on Union Street.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Taylor Company. Mayor Adams and Mr. McMullen will meet this week with Taylor Company regarding another entrance to their plant. Taylor will be adding another 150 jobs; therefore, will be adding about 100 parking spaces. They already have an access there by a garage on their property which is on Dingman.

2. Main St. Complaints. Mayor Adams stated that he is receiving all kinds of complaints about the excessive number of handicapped spaces downtown. Mr. McMullen stated that those meet standard parking requirements by the State. There is a grouping of two near Minnihan's; however, you have the walk out areas which take up extra spaces. He stated one handicapped stall was added and one eliminated and 3 total spaces close to the intersection were eliminated. Two extra spaces were marked on Prairie St. as that wasn't marked.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. PETERSON

1. Bag Tournament. Mr. Peterson stated this will be taken to the board for approval.

2. Easement Markers. Mr. Fridly stated that the ordinance specifically states that markers are for the safe plowing of streets. He feels

they all ought to be removed. It is up to Gordy whether he needs something to keep his people out of the ditches. The ordinance also states that we have the ability to charge people for pulling them. Since most of them are in a rural section it was not meant for them to have grass up to the street. The main reason people are putting them out there is that they do not want people driving on their pretty grass. These streets are virtually built with gravel shoulder. It is their grass, but our easement. We will have the code officer send letters; however, those markers that present a safety issue will be pulled before the letters are sent. Those that are not a safety issue, the letters will be sent prior to removal. Mr. Nygren stated that we also need to check on the posts at the athletic field that surround the football field. Mr. Peterson commented that he does not think the Village should sell markers, but we could provide information where they could be purchased when asked. Mr. Fridly stated that if we allow citizens to put them up, we will have to amend the ordinance. The ordinance is for the Village to put them up to make snow plowing easier. Mr. McMullen stated we could allow them on each side of their driveways for their plowing convenience and to mark their driveways in the winter.

BUILDINGS & PARKS – MRS. BLOODWORTH

1. Village Hall Deck Material. Mr. Winters obtained an estimate of cost for the deck materials from Menards in the amount of \$1,229.79. It was decided to get prices from Lowes and Home Depot also. Mr. Fridly along with others will volunteer their time to build the deck. He stated that in the past we have postponed the purchase of a backup pump for the pool in the amount of \$2,640 and the removal of the trees on High Point Drive at a cost of \$500. He feels that the deck is a very low priority.

He stated that he had e-mailed Jaye about the sewer projects. The General Fund will be able to pay the sewer extras this month. The General Fund will start to falter in January or February depending on the timing of state payments. With that knowledge he stated we do not need to be spending a whole lot of money on fluff.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLY

1. Rework Electrical. Motion by Fridly, second by Bloodworth to ratify the consensus to rework the electrical at the Hawick Street Lift Station at a cost of \$797.50. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

2. River Street Lift Station Extras. The dewatering cost, request #2, was lowered to \$22,214. The new control building, request #3 is \$2,417. Previously, digging by that lift station we did not hit any water. Once they dug the hole, it filled up with water and they had to put pumps in there to pull the water out so they could do their job. The river was high and it came through that rock from the Woodlands into the 22 foot hole. This work is already done. It was decided to remove the driveway cost.

The new control building was a lack of communication. After the high bid we took out everything we did not have to have so we took the shed out. The shed the Village had was not useable. We will eliminate the \$400 metal door. We will pay for these extras with \$52,000, in payback to Sewer Fund from the General Fund. The General Fund owes the Sewer Fund \$198,577. We have \$26,000 in extras which we can pay some time this month with approval tonight. Mr. Bronn, the engineer, called it an unforeseen condition. This was all groundwater and it had to be pumped from the hole to enable the men to work. The pumping cost would have been included in the project had they expected to hit water.

3. Clarifier-Sewer Plant Extras. After showing everyone a picture of the switch gears for the clarifier, Mr. Bronn explained that it appeared that it was wired for hand or auto control. We had no idea that it was not truly wired for auto control. We need auto control because if something falls in that tank and the clarifier drive jams, it will twist that collector mechanism in the bottom of the tank into a pretzel if it doesn't stop on overload. It does have shear pin in it as a final fail safe. If you change that out a put a bolt in there, you can end up with a clarifier that is junk. The switch has an auto position on it, but it doesn't work. We have a new clarifier and we want to protect it. Mr. Bronn will provide free time to reimburse the village whatever is necessary for this repair in the amount of \$1,770. Mr. Fridly stated this also calls for an alarm. Mr. Bronn stated they may go to a flashing light instead of an alarm because of complaints about the alarm from across the Race. A clarifier can go 16 hours between shifts without a problem. Atty. Galluzzo stated that if you have a siren, somebody may get annoyed and call someone but if you have a flashing light and it may be ignored. We don't want to have something happen again where the EPA comes in. There is no dialer there either. If the power goes out, someone gets called. In a perfect world, it would be great to have the clarifier on a dialer. Mr. Bronn stated that he did not feel we would compromise effluent quality if we were out 16 hours. We have to have some kind of alarm or flashing light which ultimately might notify the

wrong people. Verizon has a wireless version of a dialer which may have to be explored.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – MR. NYGREN

1. Bicycle Tire Repair. A request from a bicycle rider for repair of a tire on his bicycle was turned down.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to adjourn at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Village Clerk