

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 4, 2011**

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 P.M. Present were: Mrs. Bloodworth, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Fridly. Also present: Mayor Adams, Dennis McMullen, Gordy Nygren, Brenda Warren, and Atty. Phil Nicolosi.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of December 20, 2010, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

**MAYOR ADAMS**

Mayor Adams stated that he had met with Senator Syverson last week and he claims that money will be there for the Rockton Athletic Fields. Mr. McMullen stated that virtually everything is done for the sewer and water to go from Old River Road to just across the service drive. If we are getting \$150,000, we might be able to extend the water out to the ball diamonds. It is 660 feet to get to the center of the four diamonds at about \$38,000, with \$142,000 to get at least out there to water the diamonds otherwise you need 660 feet of hose or you fill up a truck to take the water out there. Mr. Fridly stated that with engineering and permits the total would be \$155,000. Mr. McMullen stated that the permits for EPA and the railroad are timed out and would have to be renewed which should not be a large issue. This would just get the sewer across the tracks. It would be 180' to where the restrooms would be located. The main thing is to get the water to the ball diamonds for the dry part of the season especially if you are setting up a maintenance program. We will have to get a permit from the county to cross the road. This would be cutting Old River and pushing the tracks. It would be an additional \$17,000 if we have to push Old River. Sewer is across the road and water is on our side. Mr. McMullen stated that you need a 30 day window to get everything ready to go, putting it out for bids in March so we can get started the early part of the season. The sewer will be there to serve the one large concession and restroom. Mr. McMullen stated that while we are boring you definitely want to put the pipe under the tracks. We could dead end it on both sides of the tracks. That would save about \$11,000. Mr. McMullen stated that at least you need to punch the sewer through. Mr. McMullen recommended bidding the sewer punch as an alternative. The railroad is still requiring the steel casings rather than a directional bore

which is more costly. Mayor Adams requested the engineer give them options. In regard to the parking lot, Mr. McMullen recommended putting in gravel for a while rather than paving and set up some barrier so that people are not driving out to the new diamonds. As you do these components keep in mind that you have a master design and you may have to do more than just the parking like some of the drainage and some of the detention pond in order to install the parking lot. Mr. McMullen will look into options and the maintenance plan for the next meeting. Mr. Fridly feels the best option is to not do anything with the sanitary and get some gravel parking instead.

Mayor Adams stated that the Whitehouse is talking about purchasing the Spectrum Shelving facility. The owner, Jerry Eckel, is wondering if Rockton will offer incentives to annex to Rockton. He stated that Roscoe offered to waive fees and give him a property tax abatement something Rockton has never done. We might consider a sale's tax abatement. There is a recapture agreement and if he paid that we could possibly waive fees. The Mayor just wanted everyone to start thinking about this. Mr. Eckel feels he will do about \$800,000 in sales with the better visibility at this site. To us that would only be \$8,000 in sales tax. It would be nice to have that whole parcel.

Mayor Adams stated that another site we are considering for the Public Works building would be the 7 acres at the Rockton Athletic Fields that Rock Energy owns. If we acquire Rock Energy, this would be no problem; otherwise, we could try to purchase the property. Mr. Nygren was concerned with the safety issue of children at the entrance which would have to be shared with families using the Rockton Athletic Fields.

Mayor Adams stated that he had received information about a Soil & Water Conservation tree sale which we might want to look into. He felt we could acquire some trees and plant them somewhere for future use possibly in the Stu Hall property between the Summit Condos and Rt. 2.

Mayor Adams commented on the water survey meeting on January 25 at 1:00PM which was given to Mr. Nygren and Mr. McMullen.

Mayor Adams stated that possibly we should get rid of the vending machines at Village Green Park because of vandalism issues. There are no snacks in there any longer only pop and power drinks and last year we did not make a lot of money there. Mrs. Bloodworth stated that the kids cannot bring snacks into the pool and they then would have to walk to

the gas station. Mrs. Bloodworth will contact Paula at the YMCA and see if they have input on placement of snacks; however, they do have to eat outside.

Mayor Adams reported that he, Judy and Brenda had met with Dave Syverson of Williams-Manny regarding the health insurance. A proposal will go to Blue Cross Blue Shield which hopefully we will have numbers by January 14<sup>th</sup> with a possible approval at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January. He has moved some of the people who would cause our rates to be higher onto their own plans.

### **STREETS & WALKS – MR. PETERSON**

1. Taco Bell. Mr. Peterson stated that he had a conversation with Chief Dickson about people leaving the Taco Bell going west and then making a u-turn at the median to go back east. He suggested talking to Taco Bell for some signage directing them to streets they are supposed to be using especially Quail Trail. A no u-turn sign will be ordered to place west of the entrance. The attorney will check to see if an ordinance is required for the sign.

Mayor Adams discussed the lighting being an issue with the neighbor to Taco Bell, placement of bushes and trees, junk cars being parked there, and the owner possibly placing a fence there.

Mr. Peterson stated that he is hearing nothing but positive things about the hockey rink. Mr. Nygren noted that the hockey nets had already been vandalized.

### **WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLID**

1. Sewer Rates. Everyone in the committee agreed with Mr. Fridly's proposal. Capital project approximate costs were as follows; clarifier-\$40,000; building a new Chlorine Room-\$45,000; Y-Chamber-\$10,000; electric and outdated controls-\$50,000; update Prairie St. Lift Station-\$200,000; install a screen system at Hawick Lift Station to collect debris-\$200,000 rather than a grit chamber at the plant which would be \$500,000; update controls for Pinecroft Lift Station-\$40,000. Mr. Peterson stated that the first year you will have \$65,000 and would you complete a couple of small projects or save up to do a larger project down the road. Mr. Fridly has asked engineer, Tim Bronn, for a price to prepare a 10 year

comprehensive improvement plan. This will be presented at the full board tonight.

**MR. NYGREN**

1. Hardox 500. Mr. Nygren requested purchase of a Hardox 500 for the Volvo loader at a cost not to exceed \$1,236.80. This will be approved at the board meeting tonight.

2. Pump System Well#8. Mr. Nygren had gotten estimates for the pump system from SES and Columbia Pipe with a substantial difference in price between the two.

Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to adjourn at 6:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi  
Village Clerk