

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2011

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 P.M. Present were: Mr. Peterson and Mr. Fridly. Also present: Mayor Adams, Atty. Cox, Gordy Nygren, Bruce Werrbach, and Dennis McMullen, Atty. Michael Schultz, Anthony and Barbara Nozzi.

Motion by Peterson, second by Fridly to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the January 17, 2011, Public Works Committee meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 2-0.

MR. MCMULLEN

1. Construction Map. Mr. McMullen stated that he has updated the construction map showing all the jobs done in the last seven years and those jobs remaining to be done. It allows you to see where we have been working and future construction needs.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Construction Bond. This is ready to be approved by the full board.

2. Radium Issue. Mr. McMullen stated that with the operation measures that we have gone to we have kept the levels down. The last two times it has bumped up on us again. That could mean that the aquifer that is open right now is spilling more of it out. By the time we get to summer, we may be able to pump it down again. By doing that cycling, we bought ourselves another two years. When we get good numbers, we get another 6 months to a year every time we are fine. The alternative is looking at some type of treatment station which is multitudes of dollars. During the summer we pump about 7 million gallons a month and we are at about 3 million during the winter. We are total 10 million gallons down from where we were last year. We will continue the operational rates of flushing and try to keep it down with that method.

3. Asbestos. This refers to asbestos cement pipe. We have 7,380 feet of this pipe all in the west end of town. We will now start testing for it. In the sampling, they will be testing for corrosiveness so if you have a high alkaline content in the pipes, we may have to do something. Over the next five years, we need to get some plan together as we may have to remove that pipe and replace it.

4. EPA. Mayor Adams stated that we had received a compliance letter from the EPA that said that we are ok in reference to the alleged spill and there would be no fine.

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5. Depue Letter. Mayor Adams stated the Village of Depue is asking for a resolution supporting the investigation of the EPA. Their goal is to obtain a resolution from every county and municipality in the State of Illinois by August which will be submitted along with citizen petitions at a public hearing.

6. Zoning Map. Mayor Adams asked Mr. McMullen to e-mail a smaller version of the zoning map to a gentleman who is handling property from Barwood south to Roscoe Road.

7. Cannell Sub. He stated he received Plat 1 of the Cannell Subdivision with six lots. The county has approved this development and they are now getting ready to build. They want comments. It was passed after we commented previously so no comment will be made at this time.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. PETERSON

1. Salt Resolution for 2011. Mr. Peterson stated that he will be bringing this resolution to the board for approval.

BUILDINGS & PARKS – MR. FRIDL Y

1. Art in the Park Request. Mr. Fridly stated that the requests are their standard requests from previous events for the Art in the Park which will be held August 21. Chairman Alice Pearce will talk to Paula Bartz about closing the pool. This will be approved at the board meeting.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. FRIDL Y

1. Sewer Rate Increase. Committee members all ok with the sewer rate increase which will be brought to the full board tomorrow night for approval.

2. Athletic Field Maintenance. This is a bid item for mowing the ball diamonds, fertilization three times a year, weed control, mowing the large area once a week and the diamonds twice a week. Since it was seeded within the past year, they are not sure with that type of top soil whether overseeding will do any good and if we slip seed it with the roots being young, we may pull more grass out that we get in. It was recommended that we fertilize it heavily to get the root structure growing and go back in next fall to put some type of additional seed in there. Watering is a key issue and needs to be added in. If there are any accidents with personnel completing this work, Mr. Fridly asked that they be immediately reported to Gordy Nygren. This will be laid over to the next meeting.

3. Variance Request for a well at 11553 Old River Road. Atty. Michael Schultz and Anthony and Barbara Nozzi were present to address the committee regarding the

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variance for a well at 11553 Old River Road. The Nozzi's currently are still living in Durand but plan to move to the home at 11553 Old River Rd. as soon as they can get the water situation sorted out. The Nozzi's had a contractor give them an estimate of cost to replace the well but were told by the contractor that they needed to contact the Village and the County because of the close proximity to village limits. The property is a flag lot with a long lane with the house sitting back quite a distance from the road. The water main connection estimate by the contractor was in the thousands of dollars. They are asking for the village's support for a variance, which ultimately may have to come from the county. The Village code would require that the Nozzi's sign a pre-annexation agreement to receive village water; however, the county code does not. The water is located on the west side of Old River Road and would be about 100' to get from that location to the Nozzi's property line. It is 230-240' from the property line to the house. They are contiguous to Rockton. Mayor Adams questioned whether they could share the cost with the family in the Hinkel's home; however, the Hinkel's would have to provide an easement. The family in the Hinkel home are waiting until spring for extension of the sewer line. Mr. McMullen stated that their primary problem is sewer not the water; however, these issues seem to be prevalent in this area because of the numbers of septic fields and shallow wells. The property is zoned ag at this time and would not have to change if annexed. Mayor Adams stated that the village would research the cost for the extension of the water and contact the Atty. Schultz by the end of the week.

MR. NYGREN-PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

1. Reimbursement Henry Anderson. Since there was not agreement on the numbers and whether Mr. Anderson should receive a refund on the connection fees, more research will be done before reimbursing him. Mayor Adams stated that we agreed to pay half of the total cost of getting the water to Mr. Anderson's property.

2. L8000 Repair. Mr. Nygren stated that the rear spring broke on the L8000. He had previous authorization to repair at a cost of \$815.74. Motion by Peterson, second by Fridly to approve the repair of the rear spring on the L8000. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Hockey Rink. Mr. Nygren stated that after being told that the fire department will take care of the hockey rink, the village has now been requested to shovel the snow from the rink. Mr. Marella wanted to know if we could use our public service workers to shovel the rink a couple days a week. Mr. Marella had stated previously that they would take care of the rink. Mr. Fridly stated that when we have snow, our public works employees have other priorities and since we have public service workers on a regular basis, we have designated jobs for them to do. Mayor Adams wants to help them, but we cannot pull people away from higher priorities. Mr. Nygren reported that shovels have been broken and signs torn down. Mr. Marella stated that he is still allowed to take a truck from the fire department to flood the rink. It was agreed by the committee that we would help them when we can.

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Mr. Peterson stated that he had asked Roger to provide some parking and recreational parking ordinances for a resident on Bellview approximately three weeks ago and he has not even called the resident back. Mayor Adams will look into this situation.

On another note, Mr. Peterson stated that he felt the Public Works Department did a phenomenal job removing snow in the recent snowstorm.

In reference to the water main as built request from Fehr-Graham, Mr. McMullen stated that he has authorized ARC to release the as built to Fehr-Graham and a copy to the village as we do not have the plans in our office either.

Motion by Peterson, second by Fridly to adjourn at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Village Clerk