

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 P. M. Present were: Cory Magnus, Trisha Nelson, John Peterson, Bruce Werrbach, Atty. Phil Nicolosi, Mayor Adams, and Gordy Nygren. Also present: Blair Adami, Gail Beach, and Scott Fridly.

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson to waive the reading of and approve the Public Works Committee minutes of September 4, 2012, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Blair Adami, 105 Kothe Ct. Mr. Adami was present tonight to comment on the summer quarter water and sewer bills, particularly his own which went from \$161 last year to \$328 this year for the summer quarter. He did not put that excess water down the sewer but was charged for it. Mr. Peterson commented that the committee would be discussing these bills tonight. He did tell Mr. Adami that a minus meter is available for purchase to subtract the amounts that do not go down the sewer. Approximately two years ago the 30% credit to sewer was eliminated. This was not a problem last year because we did not have the drought.
2. Gail Beach. Mrs. Beach commented that even though she was previously on the board she was not aware that the 30% summer quarter credit had been removed and that it is not well known by residents that it is not on there any longer.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

1. 2012 Street Maintenance. All 2012 street maintenance projects have been completed.
2. Misc. Curb, Sidewalk & Inlet Repair. Stenstrom has completed removal and replacement of all curb and gutter. This week they will be working placing sidewalk on Prairie and Union Streets. The two additional concrete drives and inlet repairs should also be completed by the end of the week.
3. New Well #10. R.A.VanderHeyden Architects has completed pre-final architectural plans and have submitted them to Legacy Engineering to complete the electrical, plumbing and HVAC. SES will have the chemical feed equipment schedule to us sometime today and we will insert data into the plans. We would expect to have a completed set of plans for Village review by the next Public Works Committee meeting.
4. Athletic Fields-Football Fields. The initial design of the football field portion of the Rockton Athletic Fields site has been completed. Since this project will require extensive grading, we are awaiting the final location of the Concession Stand and any additional parking facilities the Village may want to complete in this phase. The final grading plan for the well house, concession stand, and potential parking is needed to determine how much excess materials will be available for the football fields. Initial design of the Concession Stand is complete and they are looking for guidance on how you want the interior finished. They have looked into extensions of water and sanitary for the Concession Stand and football fields. Both will be necessary for the Concession Stand but they assume you will want to extend water main near the location of the fields for watering of the new turf. They have had discussions with Rock Energy on electrical and gas demand for field lighting, scoreboards or gas heating for concessions and are looking for direction from the committee regarding these utilities.

Mr. Magnus commented that we have not yet seen an engineering price for doing the fields and Mayor Adams felt the engineers should be suggesting a location to us for the Concession Stand.

#### **MAYOR ADAMS**

1. Stoneridge Agreement. Mayor Adams stated that the developer wants to place the 2<sup>nd</sup> lift on the streets yet this year and is aware that he will be responsible for any damage done to the streets and curbs. We agree to waive \$500 for each water/sewer hookup if he builds all 18 lots within 5 years. Their engineering estimate for the work was \$60,000 and after receiving three bids, the low bid was \$85,000. They are setting up a homeowners association for lights, mowing, etc. The Village will still do the snow plowing except for the former Zentz property.
2. Annexation-Rockton Road. Tomorrow night is a public hearing on the annexation and depending on what comments are heard tomorrow night, we may want to tweak the agreement and prepare to pass it at the next board meeting.

#### **STREETS & WALKS-MR. MAGNUS**

1. Stop Lights. Mr. Magnus met with Mayor Adams today regarding a request from the State for a design review of the stop lights in town whether we want standard stoplights or decorative stoplights. The consensus of the committee was to go with decorative stoplights. We do not know the price difference. Mr. Nygren will check with Machesney Park since they have the decorative stoplights.
2. Parking Lot. Mr. Magnus stated there is an overage of \$69,000 for the costs of the parking lot out back which will be paid out of General Fund over a period of two years with 0% interest. Mayor Adams stated that we have saved money this summer in several areas.
3. Lights at High School. Mr. Magnus stated that the lights are being taken down at the high school and they are offering them to the Village. It was decided not to take the poles, however, we will take the lights. He stated that Ryan Riddell of the Stateline Athletic Group said members of his group would take them down if we gave them the go ahead. These lights could be used out at the diamonds. It was noted that there are 100 extra kids signed up for baseball this year.

#### **BUILDINGS & PARKS-MRS NELSON**

1. Signs. Mrs. Nelson stated that she is still waiting to hear from Shawcraft about the park signs as the owner is on vacation. She is also waiting for Michael Todd Company to give her a cost for the Rock River Trails signs.

On another note she stated that the Rock River Sweep was very successful. They removed 1,246 pounds of scrap iron. There is a huge sign near Rt. 2 which probably belongs to the State that someone needs to remove from the river as it was too large to remove. Mr. Nygren will look into this.

#### **WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE-MR. PETERSON**

1. Water/Sewer Bills. Mr. Peterson stated that there have been some extremely high water sewer bills this quarter due to watering and they are trying to figure out a 30% rebate for the people that were hit extremely hard. Even if we give a discount, in some cases, people will need to have a payment plan. After considerable discussion, it was decided to only look

at bills that were more than double compared to last year's bill. Those people will receive a 30% rebate on the sewer portion of the water/sewer bill. A letter will be mailed to all water/sewer users explaining the situation and explaining the availability of the minus meters and payment plans. The 30% credit will be placed on their next water/sewer bill. This will be a one- time deal. Residents are able to purchase a minus meter so that they will know exactly how much water was actually used that did not go down the sewer. This will create a great deal of extra work for the water clerk. Most of the municipalities had watering bans and the Village did not.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER-MR. NYGREN**

1. Back Up Generator-Hawick St. Mr. Nygren stated that the low bidder for the back up generator at the Hawick St. lift station was from McGilvra Electric in the amount of \$56,635.25. \$70,000 was budgeted and Mr. Nygren wondered if a shed could be built over the control panel on a cement pad with the excess. Mr. Nygren will check on costs to build the shed.
2. Tree Recycling. Mr. Nygren stated Northern Illinois Clean and Beautiful had called about our donation for Christmas Tree Recycling. Mr. Nygren was annoyed with how it was handled last year as they would not come back and take care of the trees that came in after the ending date and the Village had to deal with them. This will be discussed with them after we receive their letter requesting a donation.

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Peterson to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi  
Recording Secretary