

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**January 15, 2018**

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 pm.  
Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Jodi May and Don Self  
Staff present: Tricia Diduch  
Absent: Kevin Bunge

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of January 3, 2018. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barb Hough, resident at 113 W. Mechanic Street, spoke to the Committee about her concerns in reference to parking in the 100 block of W. Mechanic Street. Ms. Hough stated that there are safety issues and that it's difficult to see if traffic is coming when she is backing out of her driveway because there are cars parked all the way up to the end of her driveway. Ms. Hough stated that she would like to see no parking on the north side of the street. Mr. Fridly advised that Chief Dickson agrees that there shouldn't be parking on the north side of the street because the street is very narrow the entire block. Mrs. May stated that she would like to look at a comprehensive plan and address the issue because there has to be parking in the Village. Mrs. May also inquired if there were parking standards that the Village refers to for parking/no parking areas. Mr. Magnus stated that there used to be signs in that area that were identified as no parking between signs, but one sign was removed (possibly by IDOT) and never replaced. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. Barber to put the signs back that belong in that area and work with Chief Dickson as to what he would like done.

Mrs. May asked to move up the special events application for Yeti Fest since Ms. Diduch was in attendance. Mrs. May advised that Chief Wilson and Chief Dickson have signed off on the application and that there were a few additions to this year's event. Mrs. May stated that the special events application is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on January 16, 2018. The Committee was okay with this.

### **VILLAGE ENGINEER – KEVIN BUNGE**

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge was not in attendance. A copy of his report is on file with the Village Clerk's office.

Mr. Magnus stated that he had a few questions about the valve and hydrant numbers and that he was inquiring about them with Mr. Bunge.

### **MAYOR - DALE ADAMS**

None.

### **WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLIDY**

Motion by Mr. Fridly to ratify the consensus to purchase a new generator at a cost not to exceed \$999, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Mr. Fridly stated that the resident at 515 Grove Street is looking for consideration on their water bill due to a frozen pipe issue. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. Barber to see if they have a drain/pump to possibly remove some of the sewer charges. Mr. Barber stated that he will look into this and update the Committee at the next meeting.

Mr. Fridly discussed Ordinance 2018-4: An Ordinance Amending Section 50.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Regarding Charges and Rates for the Use and Service of Residential Trash Fee. Mr. Fridly advised that the rate change will coincide with when the garbage company increases their rates. Mr. Fridly stated that this is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on January 16, 2018. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Fridly discussed the sewer rate increase with the Committee. Mr. Fridly stated that he would like to raise the sewer rates 4% every year instead of a flat rate. Mrs. May said that she would like to consider the water and sewer rate increase at the same time. Mr. Fridly advised that he would like to table this item and discuss it further at the next Committee meeting when Jean Carlson, Water Clerk, can attend.

Mr. Fridly stated that the low bid for the Valve and Hydrant project was N-Trak in the amount of \$238,498.34. The low bid is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on January 16, 2018. The Committee was okay with this.

#### **STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS**

Mr. Magnus state that he attempted to speak with the homeowner at 321 Bunn Drive in reference to the property for the grade school bike path. Mr. Magnus advised that the son of the homeowner wouldn't allow Mr. Magnus to speak with the homeowner. Mr. Magnus stated that he spoke with Mayor Adams and Atty. Szeto about this and that Mayor Adams would like to move forward with the eminent domain process. The Committee stated that the Village should send a letter to the property owner with an offer for the property first before proceeding any further with hiring an appraiser. Mr. Barber added that he will attend the bid opening for the bike path that the school district requested so he has the new numbers for the project.

#### **BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY**

None.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER**

Mr. Barber gave an update on the new Public Works building. Mr. Barber stated that they sealed the floors and that they are putting in the floors in the office space area and that he hopes to be in the building by the first week of February.

Mr. Barber discussed the water usage at 220 W. Chapel Street. Mr. Barber stated that the Village requested that the homeowner run the water so the pipes didn't freeze because the water pressure was at 20psi. Mr. Barber stated that he recommends that this quarter the homeowner is charged the average from last year and would like the Committee's consideration. The Committee was okay with this. Mr. Barber stated that this should be placed on the next Village Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Barber stated that Chief Dickson would like solar crosswalk signs on Main Street for Old Settlers Days. Mr. Barber said that Chief Dickson obtained a quote for \$12,767 and that he would like to see if someone will approach the Rockton Lions Club to donate a portion of the funds to purchase the solar crosswalk signs. Mr. Barber stated that this is brighter and notifies passing cars that there are pedestrians crossing the street. Mr. Magnus stated that he will bring this to the Lions Club meeting on Thursday and see what they say. Mr. Barber commented that the Lions Club hasn't reimbursed the Village for the cost of the barricades that they donated.

Mr. Barber discussed garbage can transfers between old residents to new residents and stated that on a few occasions that the old resident has taken the garbage cans with them. Mr. Barber stated that the new resident, in turn, calls the Village for new garbage cans and the Village is being charged for them. Mr. Barber said that they were initially included with the garbage contract with Rock River Disposal, but the replacements need to be paid for after that. Mr. Barber said that a deposit could be paid for by the initial homeowner and then reimbursed when the new homeowner verifies that the garbage cans remained at the residence. Mr. Barber stated that this has only happened a few times that he is aware of. The Committee stated that this going to cause a lot more work than necessary and is a nonissue at this time. No further action was taken.

#### **PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF**

None.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk