

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 20, 2020

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

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Fridly, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of January 6, 2020. All ayes. Motion approved 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VILLAGE ENGINEER – KEVIN BUNGE

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge gave his report. A copy of his report is on file with the Village Clerk's office.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that he spoke with Atty. Szeto in reference to the Farm & Fleet easement for the bike path. Mayor Adams advised that he will have Ms. Hughes, Village Collector, send an invoice to the Rockton Township for the portion that they agreed to pay for.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDL Y

Scott Wallace, owner of 624 N. Blackhawk Boulevard, spoke to the Committee in reference to the sewer line break that occurred on his property. Mr. Wallace stated that he put the sewer line in to spur growth and development for the Village, but that he didn't believe he was responsible for the maintenance of the line. Mr. Wallace stated that the broken sewer line would have never occurred if it wasn't for the work that the state completed on Highway 75. Mr. Wallace said that he believes that the state should be gone after for the expenses to repair the broken sewer line and that he shouldn't have to pay for it. Mr. Wallace added that he never received a first bill for the repairs that were completed in the amount of \$4,929.03. Mr. Magnus stated (in the previous meeting that Mr. Wallace attended) that he believed an agreement should have been signed to determine who is responsible for this in the future. Mr. Fridly stated that there is already an ordinance that has been in place that states that the Village is not responsible for the maintenance of the sewer line. Mr. Magnus stated that the repair has already been paid for by the Village and that it won't hurt to look into this further and see if the state will take some responsibility for the break. Mr. Barber advised that he will contact the state and see if he can set up a meeting with them and that he will talk to the Public Works employees who worked on the break and see if the Village took any photos when the break was repaired.

Mr. Barber spoke to the Committee about a leak at 103 E. Franklin Street. Mr. Barber stated that the owner passed away and the water was left on and a leak was discovered. The owner's brother is asking for relief on their utility bill in the amount of \$142.60. Mr. Barber advised the Committee that the water didn't go into the sewer. Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the \$142.60 refund to the account, second by Mr. Magnus. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 2-0.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that he called and got information regarding the 1% road tax and that he would like to have information available for RORO coming up in March.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mr. Self spoke to the Committee in reference to his purchase requisition for a fiberglass pitching mound. Mr. Self stated that he had already submitted the purchase requisition before he was made aware of only making emergency purchases due to low funds. Mr. Self said that he can wait to make the purchase, but that the price may increase in the spring. Mr. Fridly asked that Mr. Self hold this and bring it back later (beginning of April) for approval.

Mr. Fridly stated that the special events application for Yeti Fest is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on January 21, 2020. The Committee was okay with this.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber stated that he spoke with Atty. Szeto in reference to Stone Ridge Subdivision and that Atty. Szeto has been in contact with Mr. Youssi, the developer, and the Homeowners Association (HOA). Mr. Barber stated that Atty. Szeto would like to know if the Committee would like him to send a letter to Mr. Youssi in reference to possible litigation if he doesn't complete what needs to be done in order for the Village to take over the streets in the subdivision. Mr. Fridly stated to go ahead and have Atty. Szeto send Mr. Youssi a letter from the Village.

Mr. Barber added that there are expenses for the Wagon Wheel water tower project for Mr. Storm's property(\$8,049) and his attorney(\$1,311) totaling \$9,360. Mr. advised that there is money in the water funds, but that the Village is going to see if it can be included as part of the loan with a change order.

Mr. Barber discussed the Stone Ridge Subdivision grading and drainage with the Committee. Mr. Barber stated that there is another issue with water draining from a house onto the neighbor's property. Mr. Bunge said that typically the community looks at the grading when a home is being built to make sure the builder is following the grading plans. Mr. Barber advised that he will speak with the code enforcement officer in regards to this because there is an ordinance that states that you cannot have water drain to your neighbor's house.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self updated the Committee in reference to the PARC grant that the Village is applying for. Mr. Self stated that he is going to pick up the paperwork in the morning and deliver it to Springfield. Mr. Self went over all of the improvements that he included in the grant for the swimming pool and stated that the total estimated cost is approximately \$460,970 and that the Village's responsibility would be approximately \$115,243 if the Village is awarded the grant.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Fridly to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk