

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 19, 2015

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 pm.
Members present: Dale Adams, Kevin Bunge, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Jodi May, Gordy Nygren and Don Self

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of October 5, 2015. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

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.

Mr. Bunge stated that he spoke to Atty. Szeto about the Fat Wallet easement and Atty. Szeto advised that they had discussed a curved or diagonal easement, but Mr. Bunge hadn't received the information. Mayor Adams asked Mr. Nygren to work with Mr. Bunge and Atty. Szeto to get this taken care of. Mr. Fridly suggested that when Atty. Szeto is at the Village on Thursday that Mr. Nygren and Mr. Bunge go out to the site with Atty. Szeto and determine where the easement is going to be.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that he spoke with Lori Gummow from Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful (KNIB) and she stated that she hadn't received the donation from the Village yet for the Christmas Tree Recycling Program. The Village Clerk advised that the donation was approved on September 21, 2015 and a check should have been mailed. The Village Clerk stated that she would check with the Village Collector to make sure the check was issued and mailed.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLIDY

Mr. Fridly discussed the Rock River Water Reclamation District (RRWRD) letter of understanding. Mr. Fridly advised that RRWRD proposed \$204,000 in charges to the Village which would include televising all gravity sewers, manhole inspections, condition assessment, developing a cost of rehabilitation, and limited mapping. RRWRD also included a ceiling cost of \$5,000 for formatting and sharing the information with the Village in the event the Village chooses not to join RRWRD. Mrs. May inquired if the Village could use South Beloit's camera and do this as well, but Mr. Nygren stated that he doesn't have the manpower and the Committee wasn't sure if RRWRD would accept someone else televising the sewer pipes. Mr. Bunge commented that having this information on every pipe in town is wonderful data to have if the Village is going to choose to go with RRWRD, but if the Village chooses not to go with RRWRD then the data isn't valuable and will eventually be outdated. Mr. Bunge stated that the sewer crews can advise where the bad pipes are in the Village. Mr. Bunge stated that he received refined numbers from Trotter for two different Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP). Mr. Bunge stated that he will get the numbers to the Village. The Committee discussed their options once again for the WWTP. Mr. Fridly suggested looking into the cost to update our treatment plant. Mr. Fridly inquired about the cost to fix the grid chamber at the sewer plant. Mr. Magnus stated that the Village could possibly get 10 more years out of the system by replacing the grid chamber. Mrs. May suggested getting three estimates for replacing the grid chamber. Mr. Fridly questioned if the Village would have to bid out the work for the grid chamber and Mayor Adams stated that the Village should get prices from three different manufacturers. The Committee agreed that this would buy the Village some time and would allow the Village to build capital for improvements down the road.

Mr. Fridly stated that he put together some numbers for a sewer study. Mr. Fridly took the expense number (\$538,820) and deducted the capital cost (\$47,012) to come up with the operating expense. Mr. Fridly then took the operating expense to come up with the base rate revenue of \$15/quarter. Mayor Adams stated that the Village has approximately 2200 homes and if the Village increased the sewer rate \$5/month or \$15/quarter this would generate \$135,000/year. This would be in addition to the annual revenue for sewer.

Mr. Fridly also discussed purchasing a 1 ton service truck. Mr. Nygren provided numbers for a 3 year (\$15,689) versus a 4 year (\$12,000) lease. The Committee stated that they thought the interest rates were high. Mayor Adams said that he would like to have the truck paid for in 3 years. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. Nygren to get numbers from Finley to see if they could get a better rate. Mr. Nygren will have numbers for the Committee at the next meeting.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolution for the overlay will be completed in the spring. Mr. Bunge stated that the Village will advise IDOT that we are spending \$0.

Mayor Adams advised the Committee that Joe Vanderwerff is looking for direction on how to proceed with the Old River Road project. The Committee discussed the phases of the project and decided to start with phase #1 which is from Highway 75 to the athletic fields. Mayor Adams will let Mr. Vanderwerff know what the Committee decided.

Mr. Magnus stated that he will start working on the next list of streets for the annual street maintenance program in the Spring.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mrs. May stated that Resolution 2015-119 is up for approval at the next Village Board meeting on October 20, 2015 in reference to the Special Event Application. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Nygren stated that Professional Electrical Service has done the rooftop lighting for the downtown businesses every year and provided a proposal not to exceed \$3,200. Mr. Magnus inquired if the Village received any other proposals. Mr. Magnus recommended getting a proposal from Gates Electric. Mr. Fridly stated that Professional Electrical Service is familiar with the downtown rooftop lighting because they have done this many times. Mrs. May stated that it wouldn't hurt to ask around and get a few other proposals. Mr. Nygren will get additional proposals and this will be up for approval at the Village Board meeting on November 3, 2015.

Mayor Adams inquired about playing Christmas music for the holiday season at Village Hall and Mr. Nygren stated that it will be taken care of.

PUBLIC WORKS – GORDY NYGREN

Mr. Nygren stated that the Village spends \$700-\$800/year for decorating the trees with Christmas lights. Mr. Nygren stated that the Chamber used to pay for the lights, but they no longer do so. Mr. Fridly stated that he just spoke to Ryan Rydell in reference to the Christmas Walk and Mr. Rydell was advised that he needs to touch base with Mr. Nygren and Mr. Self about the event.

Mr. Nygren requested a consensus to purchase oil from Rainbo Oil Company in the amount of \$572. Mayor Adams stated he may be able to get it for less, but if he can't the Committee was okay with purchasing it from Rainbo Oil Company.

Mr. Nygren stated that he received a letter from a resident that lives on University Parkway that has a sewer problem; the pipe broke between the Village's main and resident's home and he was looking for some help from the Village. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village can't get in the habit of doing this and this is the responsibility of the homeowner. Mr. Nygren suggested that the homeowner contact his insurance company.

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 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk