

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 5, 2015

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:37 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 September 21, 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.

Mrs. May stated that she thought the sewer and water rate study was high (\$5,000 - \$7,000). Mr. Bunge explained that there is potentially 5 years of audits and line items that has to be collated. Mayor Adams questioned if the Village was going about this the right way. Mr. Fridly wanted to know why the Village is concerned about a rate study right now. Mrs. May explained that the Village should have a guideline as to where we are supposed to be rather than raising the rates at an indiscriminate amount. Mrs. May added that this would give the Village some guidance as to what we should be charging now and what we should be charging to go towards capital for whatever the Village chooses to do for a WWTP. Mr. Fridly stated that in February the sewer rates will go up twenty cents. Mrs. May asked if Mr. Fridly could look at that again and figure in capital costs. Mayor Adams stated that the Village can't do anything until we know what it is going to cost. Mr. Fridly stated that the Committee had agreed that a sewer rate increase was necessary and possibly in a three tier system. Mayor Adams would like better numbers so that he can justify a rate increase to the residents. Mr. Fridly stated that it's necessary to raise the rates no matter what the Village chooses to do. Mrs. May doesn't want to spend a lot of money on different research studies and that the Village should wait for some of the other proposals to come back from Fehr Graham and Rock River Water Reclamation District (RRWRD).

Mayor Adams sked the Committee what they thought about the letter from RRWRD. Mr. Fridly stated that he would like to have some idea as far as cost because it seems a little open ended. Mr. Fridly questioned how long it was going to take them to look at everything. Mrs. May suggested that they could possibly put a cap on the cost at what the Village can afford. Mr. Bunge suggested that they can add a "not to exceed" number in paragraph three. Mr. Bunge added that RRWRD should not have to televise every line in the Village. Mr. Magnus suggested going back to RRWRD and asking them what their hourly rate is. Mayor Adams will contact Steve at RRWRD and talk to him about this. Mr. Bunge stated that he is not going to worry about Trotter at this point. Mayor Adams advised that the Village may want to attend the meeting in December for the Winnebago County Forest Preserve Board in reference to the possible property exchange.

Mr. Magnus stated that he spoke with the second homeowner's son in reference to the sidewalk south of Rockton Road from Highway 2 to the school entrance. Mr. Magnus advised that he didn't think that they would just give the Village the property. Mr. Magnus added that he doesn't think the homeowner realizes that a large portion of the property is already easement that belongs to the Village. Mr. Bunge stated that he would flag the area for the east property so the homeowner would get a better idea of where the sidewalk would be.

Mr. Bunge will speak with Atty. Szeto in reference to the Fat Wallet easement.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that he would like to change the meeting dates in December to November 30th & December 1st and December 14th & 15th. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on October 6th. The Committee was okay with this.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLID

Mr. Fridly stated that the sewer plant needs a Bobcat bucket. Mr. Nygren advised that he was able to find a used bucket for \$1,100 instead of a new one for \$1,408. The Committee was okay with the purchase of the used bucket. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on October 6th.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that the IDOT MFT Resolutions are up for approval at the Village Board meeting on October 6th. The Committee was okay with this.

Mayor Adams gave everyone copies of the proposal for Old River Road. Mayor Adams advised that Joe Vanderwerff would like the phases done in the order it was proposed with the first phase costing \$1.2 million. Mayor Adams stated that the next meeting for SLATS is November 19th and they would like an idea of what the Village is thinking in reference to their proposal.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mr. Self provided the Committee with an updated copy of the Special Events application, different from what was sent to the trustees in their packets. There were some revisions made by Sgt. Camacho and Mr. Self. Mr. Fridly stated that he had some revisions (fireworks permit) he would like made to the application as well. Mr. Self advised to get any changes to Ms. Diduch. Mr. Fridly asked if the fire department has looked at their part of the application. Mayor Adams will bring a copy to the fire department for them to look at. Mrs. May stated that she will table the approval of the application on October 6th and it can be approved at the following Village Board meeting on October 20th.

Mayor Adams stated that he has been in contact with the Rockton Lions Club in reference to them making a donation of \$30,000 which can be used for a shelter, playground equipment or a portable skate park.

Mayor Adams added that some changes are going to be made to the special event and special use permits that affect the parks. There will be a standard fee of \$25 for the permits.

PUBLIC WORKS – GORDY NYGREN

Mr. Nygren advised that he and Mr. Costello from Public Works attended a sewer show in Chicago and Mr. Nygren said that a new collection system installed would range from \$400,000 - \$750,000.

Mr. Nygren stated that he had a resident at 1126 Aldrin Road that has a problem with their utility bill. Mr. Nygren advised that the homeowner had a leaky toilet that her daughter didn't tell her about and her bill was \$319.88. Mr. Nygren stated that the resident already paid \$100 of her bill and Mr. Nygren waived the late fee for her, but she is requesting some sort of relief. Mr. Fridly stated that the resident can set up a payment plan for the balance of her utility bill. The Committee was okay this.

Mr. Nygren advised the head is gone on the meter for Well #10. Mr. Nygren stated that he hasn't purchased this yet, but that he has to have it and Sparling Instruments provided a proposal to replace the head only at a cost of \$848. Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the purchase of the replacement well head at a cost of \$848 from Sparling Instruments, second by Mr. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Mr. Nygren added that he has been getting complaints from residents about the train track issue on the northeast side of Union Street and Franklin Street in reference to the storm sewer that is on the railroad's

property. Mr. Nygren contacted the railroad in reference to the 12x12 area that needs to be taken care of. The area has a hole and is full of weeds and the residents are concerned that someone is going to get hurt. The railroad is supposed to get back in touch with Mr. Nygren to determine how it will be fixed and who is responsible for it. Mayor Adams believes that when the Highway 75 project is completed that they may be redoing the drainage in that area. Mr. Bunge will take a look at it as well.

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 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk