

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2011**

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 PM. Present were: Mr. Magnus, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Peterson, Atty. Cox, Bruce Werrbach, Gordy Nygren, and Mayor Adams. Also present: Gail Beach, Brenda Warren, Zach Baker, and Judy and Gene Truman.

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of October 3, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

1. Prairie St. Improvements. All straight line curb and gutter have been completed. Inlets have been adjusted and curb pieces will be poured today and tomorrow. Sidewalks and aggregate base should be completed this week. Weather providing, paving should start next week, with final restoration to follow.
2. Athletic Field Water Extension. No change from previous report.
3. Miscellaneous Concrete Sidewalk and Curb Repairs. This project is complete.
4. Test Bores. The status report has been submitted to the EPA and we are still awaiting the results of the mineral analysis from the Illinois Water Survey. We have contacted Illinois Water Survey and they said it will probably be another two weeks before our test results are ready. A meeting has been scheduled with Layne Christensen to go over potential costs to develop a well at the Athletic Fields. That information will be presented at the next Public Works meeting.

**MAYOR ADAMS**

1. Trip to Sonoco. Mayor Adams reported that they got everything they asked for in their meeting with Sonoco except the selling price. They did agree to let us use their buildings for storage, use their lot for municipal parking or for impounded cars. They agreed to have the property appraised to come up with a more valid price. They also did not have a problem with rezoning the property to commercial. They did ask that we secure the building between the public parking and the building. Mayor Adams did ask if they would donate the property; however, they asked for \$500,000 for the property. He stated that it might be a possibility that they would sell the portion that is out of the flood plain and donate the portion that is in the flood plain. At this time, we are waiting for the results of the appraisal.

**STREETS & WALKS – MR. MAGNUS**

1. 914 Armstrong. Mr. Magnus talked to the owner at 914 Armstrong who stated that we are just trying to blow him off like he has been blown off the last 4 years. He told him right now the village does not have the funds to do this project. The engineer agreed that if the owner wanted to do something that he could. He stated he had no intention of doing something himself. Mr. Peterson reported that he had not been able to locate the builder. There was discussion of cutting a swale to create a ditch; however, Mayor Adams stated that a ditch is supposed to be there to move the water not for it to sit there. If that was the case, then the property owner may complain of the standing water and a mosquito problem. Mr. Nygren stated that he had gotten a locate so that the owner could place a dry well near his mail

2. box. Mr. Peterson stated that he drove all over town after the rainfall last week and there was water standing on the side of the road all over town because that's what happens when it rains. This house was built without a ditch or culvert. Based on the fact that the village did not create the problem that is causing the standing water, Atty. Cox did not feel that the village would have liability for it. Mr. Magnus will tell him this was discussed, and the Village is not doing anything.

**WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. PETERSON**

1. Ratify Consensus for Tree Replacement in front of Eccentricities. Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mr. Magnus to ratify the consensus to place a Gingko tree in front of Eccentricities at a cost of \$200. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.
2. Add Full Time Employee to Public Works Dept. Mr. Nygren reported that the employee in question has gotten his permit for CDL on his own. In checking the budget, Mrs. Warren reported there is enough money in the budget for benefits and in Parks for salary, \$10.00 per hour. Committee members did not have a problem with the hiring of this part time employee. Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mr. Magnus to hire Michael Slack full time at a cost of \$10.00 per hour plus benefits. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Street Sweeping. Mr. Peterson expressed the wish to have the downtown swept once a month. He would like to get the bar owners to get their cigarette butts into the street the night before so that they could be swept up. Mr. Nygren stated they will try this; however, when the weather gets bad, this will not work.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – MR. NYGREN**

1. Update VGB Act. Mr. Nygren stated that he has the plans for the new drains in the pool which have to go to the State. We are now waiting to see if the State approves them.
2. Emergency Rebuild Meter Well #9 and #7. The meter has been sent away for repair. Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mr. Magnus to authorize the expenditure of \$868.00 for the repair of the micrometer meter for Well #9 and 7. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Tree Planting. Mr. Nygren stated that he has a letter from Lawrence Becker who lives on Parkview Court who would like to plant an Australian Black Pine on Woodlands Park property so that he can see it from his home. He will plant and maintain the tree. The committee gave approval for Mr. Becker to plant the pine tree.

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Peterson to adjourn at 5:52PM. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi  
Recording Secretary