

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 6, 2017

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, Jodi May and Don Self
Staff present: Arianne Honkamp

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of October 16, 2017. 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 went over the plans for the RGS/WPES entrance with the Committee. Mr. Bunge stated that the school district was looking for an okay with the preliminary plans so that they can move forward with the final engineering plans. Mr. Fridly stated that as long as Mr. Bunge was okay with it then he was okay with it. Mr. Bunge said that the only thing he would recommend changing is the 25 foot radiuses and making them bigger because of the school bus traffic. The entrance is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on November 7, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

None.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDL Y

Mr. Barber stated that he had a screw pump repair at the sewer plant and that this fell under the blanket purchase orders in the amount of \$1,900. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Barber said that the blower at the sewer plant needs repairs and that it was making a different noise than how it normally sounds and that the seals were bad in the blower. Mr. Barber said that he is working on getting other quotes to repair this. Mr. Barber advised that he has one quote for repair in the amount of \$26,788 and another to replace the blower for \$36,000.

Mr. Barber stated that they had a hydrant go bad at Union and Bleacher Streets and they had to do a line stop, but he hasn't received a bill for it yet. Mr. Barber said that they had to do it and that they didn't have a choice.

Mr. Barber stated that the Village had to have J & R Construction locate the water mains for the Highway 75 project so they know if they are or aren't in the way. Mr. Barber said that this couldn't wait and that he anticipates the cost to be \$1,600 - \$2,400. Mayor Adams asked if the location of the water mains were being documented and Mr. Barber advised that the Village Engineer should be getting them on the map this time. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on November 7, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Fridly stated that Ordinance 2017-31: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property Owned by the Village of Rockton is also up for approval at the Village Board meeting. The Committee was okay with this.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mr. Barber stated that he would like to remove the purchase requisition for McGilvra Electric for the generator at Village Hall because he is waiting on two more quotes. Mr. Barber said that the purchase requisition was for setup work for the generator and that they would purchase a generator next year for Village Hall. Mr. Barber stated that \$55,000 was budgeted for the project and that the total cost for the project will be approximately \$75,000. Mr. Barber said that he knew that he wouldn't have all of the money for the project and that additional funds were needed for the Bridge Street project so he suggested having the setup portion of the generator completed this year and bring in the generator next year. Mr. Barber explained that the setup work will be compatible with the generator that was chosen. Mr. Barber added that if there was a major catastrophe that the Village could rent a generator, hook it up and it would be good. Mr. Barber said that he hopes to have the other quotes by the next meeting.

Mr. Barber stated that the purchase requisition for Wintergreen Corp is to purchase the new lights in the amount of \$1,181.02. Mr. Barber stated that Ms. Diduch sent out letters to the owners of the downtown businesses asking if they would like the lights on their buildings. Mr. Barber said that some of the business owners don't want the lights on the buildings and he needs them to respond so he knows if they have permission to go on the rooftops and work on the lights. Mr. Barber added that he hasn't had any type of response at all. Mr. Magnus questioned if the Village should do this anymore and use the money to purchase more lights for the park or somewhere else that the Village doesn't need permission. Mr. Barber said that if he doesn't get a good response then the Village will not be doing the Christmas lights, but if he does get a good response then he will go ahead and do it. Mr. Barber said that they can always find a place to use the lights that are being purchased. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on November 7, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber discussed the new Public Works building with the Committee. Mr. Barber stated that in the last few weeks N-Trak was supposed to be hitting certain targets and that they are dragging their feet and not meeting deadlines. Mr. Barber advised that he has a meeting with them in the morning to discuss this. Mr. Barber said that they have another problem with the salt shed and that N-Trak was requesting an additional \$20,000. Mr. Barber advised that this wasn't going to happen and that the Village will take them to court if necessary. Mr. Barber said that he has called numerous times throughout the day questioning why they don't have a crew working at the site and that Jeff Flemming (Rockford Architecture) is aware of this also. Mayor Adams asked if there was a penalty built into their contract if they don't finish the building by a certain date. Mr. Barber said that he would check into this, but he believes there is.

Mr. Barber said that when Stenstrom had to move the fire hydrant downtown that they had to do extra work to complete the project, but that they are going to honor their original price that they gave the Village to for the project.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self advised that the fire department will be filling the hockey rink. Mr. Self said that he and his part-time employee will be installing the other ice rink in the park. Mr. Self stated that C.E.S. donated the ice rink liner last year.

Mr. Self discussed the splash pad with the Committee and the possible location in Settlers Park. Mr. Self spoke with Sue Cook who works for one of the leading companies to design splash pads, and that she can come up with a plan for the Village at no cost, but she needs a budget along with the square footage of the possible location for the splash pad. Mr. Self said that realistically a splash pad would be in the \$200,000 range, but that he is looking for a commitment from the Committee and Village Board if this is something they even want to pursue. Mr. Self said that he is also going to a conference in January and that he will come back with more ideas. The Committee advised to get some ideas from Ms. Cook since it won't cost the Village anything at this point. Mr. Self said that Ms. Cook will be able to show him some ideas of parks that they have built for that number. Mr. Self added that they can incorporate themes if that is something that the Village is interested in doing as well. Mr. Self stated that he is doing what he was asked to do and he understands if the Village doesn't want to spend the money on a splash pad. Mayor Adams said that it doesn't hurt to get ideas and it's not costing the Village anything to do this. Mrs. May stated that this is important information to have if any sponsorship was to be considered for the project in the future.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk