

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 PM. Present were: Mr. Magnus, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Peterson, Gordy Nygren, Atty. Cox, Lisa Wolf with CES, and Mayor Adams. Also present: Gail Beach.

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of November 7, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT – LISA WOLF**

1. Prairie St. Improvements. This project has been completed with the exception of a couple of concrete pieces that still have to be replaced. CES will retain enough funds from the next pay estimate to cover any seeding or punch list items that will need to be completed next year.
2. Athletic Field Water. Notice was received on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, that our grant for \$100,000 has been approved. The Village will be required to get new clearance letters from the IDNR and Illinois Historical Preservation before proceeding to bids. The CES office has contacted them to get these approvals and this should take around thirty days. The final project will either just be water or water and sanitary if the new well is located at the Athletic Fields. The grant was pretty general and could be used for sewer, water and or parking lot.
3. Miscellaneous Concrete Sidewalk and Curb Repair. Both sections of the miscellaneous sidewalk, curb and pavement patching have been completed.
4. Well #7 Repairs. Layne Christensen contacted our office and they will be onsite the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>. It will take approximately three days to setup and remove the existing pump assembly. Once removed, it will receive an initial inspection and then be transported to their yard in Aurora for cleaning and dismantling of the pump. A report on required repairs will follow.
5. New Well. The Illinois Water Survey has contacted Layne Christensen that the water samples have been run and the report should be here by week's end. The new well should be finished by summer. You have to tie into water line along Old River Road along with upsizing the pipe size. The money to connect the well lines to the existing lines could be part of the well project. You will still have to punch the water from the well house to the fields. The well will be close to the park fields. The parking lot, if done, will not be done until next Spring.

**MAYOR ADAMS**

1. Governor's Home Town Award Signs. Mayor Adams stated that he would like to order 4 more Home Town Award Signs at \$125 each. Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mr. Magnus to approve the purchase of four Governor's Home Town Award signs at a cost of \$500 to be placed at the entrances to the Village. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.
2. \$100,000 Grant. Mayor Adams stated that the grant can be spent any time we want but it has to be park development.

3. Graceffa Property. Mayor Adams reported that the Graceffa building is in foreclosure and he had heard that they would be asking for \$800,000. In talking with Scott Graceffa, he felt that the Village could purchase the building for less, possibly \$300,000. Mayor Adams talked to the bank who is handling the property and it has been appraised at \$650,000. It was suggested that we make an offer since it is in foreclosure as banks don't really want to hang onto these properties. Mr. Nygren stated that it is first class construction, but we would need more land.
4. RBR Property. RBR has leased their property for 18 months with an option to buy.
5. Center Street Survey. Lisa Wolf from CES will contact Batterman about the Center St. Survey. Mrs. Nelson stated that it has been surveyed. The building is to be taken down and the new building basically built where the old building sat. If it is encroaching on the right of way and you have been given set back variances, the right of way could be vacated there if the board chose to do that. Lisa will call Bob at Batterman to clear up this survey issue.

**BUILDINGS & PARKS-MRS. NELSON**

1. Sonoco Contract. Mrs. Nelson had questions about the Sonoco Contract, but was told that this would be tabled and a new agreement will be drawn up and taken into consideration at the next meeting.

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

1. Sensus Water Meter Readers. Mr. Peterson will make a motion tomorrow at the board meeting to approve the cost of \$1,970 for repair and recalibration of the water meter readers. Mr. Magnus stated that we need to look at getting the radio frequency readers. Mr. Nygren stated that you could even sit at your desk and get them read and save two guys. This repair will be approved tomorrow night out of water.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – MR. NYGREN**

1. Light Bar. Mr. Nygren would like to replace the light bar on his truck as the one he has completely ices up on the front of his truck during a snow storm. Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mr. Magnus to purchase a light bar for Mr. Nygren's truck from Whelen at a cost not to exceed \$868.00. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Hearing no further business, motion by Peterson, second by Magnus to adjourn at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi  
Recording Secretary