

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 18, 2017

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

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of December 4, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VILLAGE ENGINEER – KEVIN BUNGE

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge was not in attendance. A copy of his report is on file with the Village Clerk's office.

Mr. Fridly asked if anyone had questions in reference to Mr. Bunge's engineering status report. Mrs. May stated that she emailed Mr. Bunge with a question in reference to the bike path width that he answered for her. Mayor Adams questioned why Mr. Bunge was collating copies of the Committee minutes for IDOT when the Village Clerk could be doing that. Mr. Magnus thought that maybe Mr. Bunge was referring to the minutes in reference to the walk through with IDOT. Mr. Barber stated that he will look into this for clarification.

Mr. Barber advised that he met with Superintendent Glenn Terry about the grade school path. Mr. Terry advised that he went to the school board and that they will add the bike path from Highway 2 to their drive as an addendum to the bid and this should decrease the quotes substantially. Mr. Barber said that the Village would have to come up with some sort of agreement with the school board about the payment. Mr. Barber stated that Mr. Terry also discussed going past Whitman Post Elementary School and the properties that they are buying with the bike path. Mr. Terry advised that the school district would most likely pay 50% of the cost and split the cost with the Village. Mr. Barber said that this doesn't have to be done right away. Mrs. May questioned if this eventually would be tied into Dorr Road. Mr. Barber said that eventually it would be, but in the meantime the school district would run sidewalks to the school from the bike path on Rockton Road where the path ends. The Committee agreed to see what the prices would be for the project.

Mr. Barber stated that he spoke with IDOT in reference to the Highway 75 project. Mr. Barber advised that there is a galvanized line that runs from Union Street that will have to be replaced and that IDOT stated that this could be added to the loan for the project. Mr. Barber also discussed the removal of a tree by the Historical Society building on Green Street for the project. Mr. Barber hopes to have more information regarding prices at the next meeting.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams advised that he gave the Committee copies of the 9-1-1 letter that was being sent from the surrounding communities. Mayor Adams stated that the price increased to \$207,000/year for the Village's portion to the 9-1-1 center. Mr. Magnus stated that he doesn't know why they can't do a base price and a price per call. Mayor Adams said that the price will change, but that they are wanting the changeover to take place within the next 6 months.

Mayor Adams stated that he had some residents of Sturbridge Subdivision (off of Old River Road) come in and talk to him about renewing a pre-annexation agreement with the Village because they do not want to be in Rockford. Mayor Adams said that the pre-annexation agreement was signed in 1994 and that it expired in 2014. Mayor Adams stated that property can only be pre-annexed within 1.5 miles of the Village's boundary.

Mayor Adams stated that the annexation agreement is up for approval on December 19, 2017 at the Village Board meeting for the 200 W. Hononegah Road. Mayor Adams advised that the property is contiguous to the Village from the south side of the property.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY

Mr. Fridly stated that the purchase requisition for Nelson Carlson for a blower replacement (not to exceed \$21,000) is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on December 19, 2017. Mr. Barber said that Nelson Carlson had all the specs for the job and that this is a specialized item so he is comfortable with waiving the bid process. The Committee was okay with this.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the purchase requisition for Menards for picnic table boards at a cost of \$634.05, second by Mr. Magnus. Mrs. May stated that Mr. Self had budgeted for this. Roll call. All eyes. Motion approved 3-0.

Mrs. May stated that the purchase requisition for Custom Manufacturing for picnic table frames in the amount of \$1,000 is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on December 19, 2017. Mrs. May said that Mr. Self is going to put the picnic tables together himself. The Committee was okay with this.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber gave an update on the new Public Works building. Mr. Barber stated that they are getting really close to finishing, but they had a few problems with the regulators for the gas. Mr. Barber advised that the garage doors are up and that they need to get a concrete sealer on the floors. Mr. Barber said that they may be able to start moving into the new building by mid-January.

Mr. Barber stated that the letter from the resident in the 100 block of W. Mechanic Street has nothing to do with Public Works Department and that the police department determines the areas for “no parking”. Mr. Fridly stated that this is a police issue and that Public Works would need a recommendation from the police department to put up a “no parking” sign. Mr. Barber stated that he will talk to the Chief Dickson in reference to the letter.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

The Committee briefly discussed the downtown streetscape master plan comments.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk