

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 4, 2017

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:34 pm.
Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Jodi May and Don Self
Absent: Kevin Bunge

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of November 20, 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. Barber reviewed the engineering status report with the Committee. Mr. Barber advised that the water meters and readers are on order for the IEPA water project. Mr. Barber stated that a federally mandated lead notice was sent out to residents in the Village and that he has been receiving a lot of phone calls regarding this. Mr. Barber advised that there is not a lead problem in the Village.

The Committee stated that they would like Mr. Barber to attend the Highway 75 project meeting with IDOT, but Mr. Barber stated that he may need Mr. Bunge for a few items to discuss with IDOT.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that he received a phone call from Mr. Terry and that the school district will be going out to bid in February 2018 for their parking lot project. Mayor Adams questioned if the Village can do a 5 foot concrete sidewalk from Highway 2 to the school. Mr. Magnus stated that the Village should talk to the school about this. Mr. Barber advised that he will check and see if there are funds available to do this.

Mayor Adams advised the Committee about Winnebago County wanting to charge the Village \$197,000/year for their portion of the 9-1-1 call center. The county is basing their price on the number of sworn police officers each municipality has. Mayor Adams stated that the Village currently has 19 sworn police officers.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDL Y

Mr. Fridly stated that there is a purchase requisition for JWC Environmental for a mini monster cutter cartridge for the sewer plant in the amount of \$6,726 up for approval at the Village Board meeting on December 5, 2017. The Committee was okay with this

Mr. Fridly said that Ordinance 2017-32: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 52 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Regarding Groundwater Protection is also up for approval at the Village Board meeting. Mr. Fridly stated that this ordinance is adding Wells #9 and #10. The Committee was okay with this.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

None.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber gave an update on the new Public Works building. Mr. Barber stated that the building exterior is going up and that it should be done shortly and the interior of the building will begin. Mr. Barber said that either tomorrow or Wednesday they will be adding electrical to the building as well.

Mr. Barber also provided the Committee with a copy of the Public Works monthly report.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self advised that the shelter is being erected at Village Green Park and that he is also working on the ice rink.

Mr. Barber stated that approximately 1,500 bulbs were replaced on the buildings downtown.

Mayor Adams stated that he was at the IML Conference in Chicago and that a big topic of discussion was phone companies placing wireless antennas on downtown light poles known as “small cell wireless”. Mayor Adams stated that state legislators are going to okay this, but IML is opposed to this because municipalities wouldn’t have the right to control what happens in their downtown areas. Mayor Adams stated that the Village doesn’t own the light poles and that Rock Energy does, but most municipalities own their light poles. Mayor Adams said that the Village rents the light poles for \$6/month per pole. Mayor Adams stated that the Village may want to explore purchasing the light poles from Rock Energy.

Mayor Adams advised that Public Works put up the bicentennial flag in the Village.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk