

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 18, 2013

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Dale Adams, Attorney Cox, Cory Magnus, Tricia Nelson, Gordy Nygren, John Peterson, and Lisa Wolf. Also present: Gail Beach, Scott Fridly, Pat Hoey, and Bruce Werrbach.

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of February 4, 2013. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

VILLAGE ENGINEER – Lisa Wolf

Project Updates

New Well No. 10: Revisions per the IEPA have been made and resubmitted, and a request has been made to advertise for bids.

Athletic Fields – Football Field Grading and Seeding and Parking Lot Expansion: Plans and bid documents are complete, and a request has been made to advertise for bids.

Athletic Fields – Concession Stand, Sewer, and Water Extensions: Plans and bid documents are complete and submitted to IEPA for permits, and a request has been made to advertise for bids.

Street Maintenance 2013: Plans are in progress for street maintenance projects. It was discussed that \$276,000 will be MFT funds, while \$100,000 will be local funds.

RosRoc FRG / Lewis Right-In Right-Out Street Design: The design and construction plans are being worked on, and elevations where the public and private streets intersect will be worked out with the developer.

MAYOR ADAMS

Resolution 2013-102 – Supporting the “Reclaiming First!” Initiative to Enhance Amateur Sports Tournament and Recreation Venue within Winnebago County

This resolution was tabled for next time. Dale is meeting this week to negotiate for Rockton in the event that Rockton has a hotel someday, and the tax money generated would support local parks instead of parks in Rockford.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

Emergency Repair – 2004 Ford 550

Discussion was held regarding the repair costs of \$2561 for the 2004 Ford 550, as well as the need to replace that vehicle in the near future. The request for repair costs will be at the 2/19/13 board meeting.

Sidewalk Clearing

There was discussion among the members about the need to keep sidewalks cleared of snow in the downtown area.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. NELSON

Skate Park Update

Members viewed sample copies of designs for the new skate park that will be built at the athletic fields. Preferences include natural plantings and a street scape design, as well as using input from the people who will be using the skate park. No costs have been presented yet.

Farmer's Market - Old Settler's Park for Summer 2013

Discussion was held regarding the plans for the Farmer's Market this summer. Members would like to see a combination of farmer's market (plants and produce, etc.) as well as art booths, and blues or jazz music being played. This event could also include cooperation with Rockin'4 Rockton as well as provide fundraising for groups such as the skate group. These components would make it a higher quality event with a variety of interests for attracting the public. It was recommended that the Chamber should attend a future meeting to present their ideas for the event.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mr. Magnus expressed concerns about the entrances on the property of First Rockford Group because of how close the entrances are to Rockton Road.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson, to adjourn at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Praneis
Deputy Clerk