

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 16, 2015

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30pm.
Members present: Dale Adams, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Tricia Nelson, Don Self, and Gordy Nygren(6:33pm)
Members absent: Kevin Bunge
Also present: Jodi May

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. Nelson, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of March 2, 2015. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VILLAGE ENGINEER – KEVIN BUNGE

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge was absent. A copy of his report is on file with the Village Clerk's office.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that he had received an email from Millicent Christopher earlier in the day in reference to the HOPE Foundation possibly wanting to hold another fundraiser and tie it in with the Purple and Gold event at the high school. Chuck Gilbert spoke to the Committee representing the HOPE Foundation. Mr. Gilbert stated that the HOPE Foundation needs to prepare and plan for the event and would like the use of the 100 block of E. Main Street. The Committee advised Mr. Gilbert that they would support an event for the HOPE Foundation, but that they no longer allow street dance festivities to be held in the downtown street area because they were getting multiple requests to hold events. The Committee suggested the use of Settler's Park for the event.

Mayor Adams discussed three utility bills where the residents of the Village were looking for some type of relief in regards to their bills. Mayor Adams stated that he received the letters within the last week.

1. 931 High Point Drive – the resident stated that while she was out of town someone turned on her outside water faucet and it ran for approximately three weeks unknown to her. Utility bill was \$508. Motion by Mr. Fridly to eliminate added sewer charge and rebate 50% of the difference of the water, second by Mrs. Nelson. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.
2. 621 W. Union Street – landlord lives in the Chicago area and has tenants that rent the house. There was a leaky toilet in the residence and the toilet was running for 3 months. Utility bill was \$465. The Committee denied any type of relief and suggested a payment plan if necessary.
3. 903 N. Prairie Street – the residence is a vacation home. The owner was not staying at the residence and a pipe burst due to the furnace failing. The caretaker located this after the owner was notified about the large water consumption by the Village. Utility bill was \$522.60. Motion by Mr. Fridly to deduct \$100 off the utility bill and pay the full sewer charge, second by Mrs. Nelson. Roll call. Ayes: Mr. Fridly and Mrs. Nelson. Nays: Mr. Magnus. Motion approved 2-1.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY

Mr. Fridly discussed changing Wells #7 and #9 to liquid from gas. Mr. Nygren stated that it would cost approximately \$3000 for plans and for engineering to get started and send it out to EPA for permits. This is

just getting it started. The \$3000 will come out of water funds. The Committee was okay with this. Mr. Fridly will take this to the full board for approval on March 17, 2015.

Mr. Fridly stated that the Village was quoted \$1,385 for 15,000 utility bill mailers. The Committee was okay with this as well. This is also going to the full board for approval on March 17, 2015.

Mr. Fridly also discussed a blanket purchase order for postage for the utility bills in the amount of \$1500 to replenish as needed. The Committee was okay with this and Mr. Fridly will take this to the full board for approval on March 17, 2015.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that he was going to go to the full board to open bids for resurfacing Rockton Road which will also include restriping on Hawick Street along with the driveway on Rockton Road. Mr. Magnus stated the estimated cost is \$146,000 for the project. Mr. Magnus will contact Mr. Bunge to get an engineering breakdown for the project.

Mr. Magnus added that he will be going to the full board for approval of Ordinance 2015-12 which is the IDOT land acquisition of two parcels for temporary easements for the Highway 75 project. Mr. Fridly requested that Mr. Self take photos of the parcels before the state begins work on the project.

Mr. Magnus stated that he received an email from Mr. Hoey in reference to the sidewalk that runs between Highway 2 and the grade school. The sidewalks are in bad condition and are dangerous. Mr. Magnus will talk to Mr. Bunge about this.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – TRICIA NELSON

Mrs. Nelson discussed the Rockton Athletic Fields concession contract. Mr. Self stated that there was never a signed contract for the concession stand last year with Brent Murray from the Dairyhaus. The Committee discussed their concerns in reference to the proposed contract. It was decided that the contract will be a one year contract instead of two years. The Village would like to change the monthly percentages on the contract as well (10%, 20%, 25% and 30%). Mr. Fridly added that Mr. Self should be the direct contact person if there is a cancellation at the fields and Mr. Murray can be contacted in addition to Mr. Self. Also, the Village will take care of the maintenance and repair (under \$150) on the equipment inside the concession building. Mrs. Nelson will take the changes to the full board for approval on March 17, 2015. The Committee also discussed the alcohol sales at the fields. Mr. Fridly stated that no alcohol is permitted to be sold at any youth oriented programs. There was also discussion on having a tent or wagon closer to the stadium for sales of alcohol. Mr. Magnus will discuss selling alcohol at the next Lion's Club meeting to see if they are still interested. Mr. Self also stated that they are looking into upping the amp service since they currently have a 100 amp service at the concession building and they have had several issues with fuses blowing.

Mrs. Nelson inquired about the engineering stamp for the skate park. Mr. Fridly stated that he spoke with Micah and Grindline does not have an engineer on staff. Mr. Fridly stated that Grindline will contact Winnebago County to see what they need to do in order to obtain permits. Mr. Fridly stated that it is in Grindline's hands to get the building permits. Mr. Fridly added that Grindline has not been paid in full. Mrs. Nelson also inquired about the \$16,000 that the Village had committed to paying for the skate park project.

PUBLIC WORKS – GORDY NYGREN

Mr. Nygren stated that bills for the Pinecroft Lift Station repairs totaled \$21,607.77. This is on the full board for approval on March 17, 2015. Mr. Nygren said that this has been submitted to the insurance company to see if this is going to be covered.

Mr. Nygren added that he got a price from Safety Kleen for a parts cleaner. Safety Kleen will maintain the parts cleaner in the amount of \$189 every three months. Mr. Nygren will have this added to the next public works agenda for approval.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that some of the playground equipment at the pool is broken and is dangerous. Mr. Self received a proposal from a Miracle Playgrounds representative and it will cost \$805.92 to replace the damaged parts on the playground. Mr. Self added that he would need allen wrenches to replace the parts. Mr. Self requested a consensus (not to exceed \$900) in order to make the repairs. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Self added that he had two donation requests come in last Friday. The first donation request is for the Northern Winnebago County Rotary Club for their Power of the Purse Event. Motion by Mrs. Nelson to donate a family pool pass and a dog park pass for one year, second by Mr. Magnus. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0. The second donation request is from Vets Roll for their April 17th fundraiser. Motion by Mrs. Nelson to donate 5 adult daily passes and 20 child daily passes for the pool, second by Mr. Magnus. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mayor Adams stated that the JRB met last week in reference to the proposed downtown TIF and it was approved for recommendation to move forward.

Mayor Adams inquired about the playground equipment and Mr. Magnus advised that he spoke with his association and they are figuring out what they would like to do. Mr. Self stated that he would not recommend the community build.

Mr. Fridly asked about the Lubrizol property and Mayor Adams advised that Lubrizol was okay with donating it. Mayor Adams spoke with the Winnebago County Forest Preserve and they don't accept donations of less than 200 acres. Mayor Adams would like to meet with their board in reference to this. Lubrizol would like to have access from the south to that site.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. Nelson, second by Mr. Magnus to adjourn at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk