

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 5, 2018

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:32 pm.
Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus and Don Self
Absent: Kevin Bunge & Jodi May

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Fridly to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of February 19, 2018. All ayes. Motion approved 2-0.

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 received a letter from IDOT today about the church property on Blackhawk Boulevard going to auction on April 4, 2018. Mayor Adams advised that the property was appraised at \$22,000 and that Ms. Diduch stated that there are funds available in downtown development.

Mayor Adams advised the Committee that he was contacted by William Charles in reference to the Highway 75 project and that they would like to completely shut down Highway 75 from Main to Bridge Streets. Mayor Adams advised that he also spoke with IDOT and they would like to do this as well. Mr. Barber stated that he thinks that this is a good idea and that the fire department is in favor of it as well. Mayor Adams said that they would keep Union Street open and not allow truck traffic on Bridge Street. Mayor Adams stated that trucks would be rerouted to Highway 2 and Wagon Wheel Road. Mayor Adams said that he will advise William Charles to get something to the Village with their request.

Mayor Adams discussed the possible bill that is trying to get passed in Springfield that would allow the Rockford Airport to tax all municipalities within the county the airport is located.

Mayor Adams stated that Atty. Szeto will cover information regarding the 9-1-1 center at the Village Board meeting on March 6, 2018.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLIDY

Mr. Fridly stated that Ordinance 2018-6: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rockton, Illinois to Change Water Billing from a Quarterly Basis to a Monthly Basis and to Institute a Water System Maintenance Fee is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on March 6, 2018. Mr. Magnus stated that he is still not comfortable going to monthly billing as far as what it's going to add to administrative costs. Mayor Adams added that he is not in favor of a large increase to residents. Mr. Fridly stated that the long-term benefits are going to outweigh the cost.

Mr. Fridly discussed the blanket purchase order for NIEA (\$3,000). Mr. Barber stated that the Village has a blanket purchase order for Collins and that NIEA has a television camera for a decreased cost to the Village. Mr. Fridly questioned the amount of the blanket purchase order and stated that he thought it couldn't exceed \$2,500. Mr. Barber stated that he has other blanket purchase orders that are \$3,500. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. Barber to check the ordinance for the amount.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that the son of the resident on Bunn Drive wanted to meet with him in reference to the easement and the \$3,000 offer from the Village. Mr. Magnus met with him and showed him the area in question. Mr. Magnus stated that he didn't want to see 10 feet of asphalt on their property and agreed to allow a 7 foot easement to get the sidewalk away from the curb. Mr. Magnus stated that, in return, he also requested a fence to be constructed similar to Woodward Governor across the street. Mr. Magnus advised that he would recommend going with a 5 foot wide sidewalk up to the curb because he doesn't feel like it's worth it at this point. Mr. Fridly agreed with Mr. Magnus. Mr. Barber went over the numbers from the school district from their bid opening for the Rockton Grade School path project and that N-Trak was their low bidder at a cost of \$49,704.50 and construction is to begin on May 29th. Mr. Barber stated that there is a resolution up for approval at the Village Board meeting on March 6, 2018 for an intergovernmental agreement with the school district and its up the Village Board to approve the resolution or not. Mayor Adams stated that he would rather put the money in roads than a \$50,000 sidewalk and added that he would like to do the project once and do it right. Mr. Magnus advised that he sat down with Ms. Hughes, Village Collector, and Mr. Barber to go over MFT Funds (approximately \$209,000/year). Mr. Magnus explained the upcoming projects and the funds that are available. Mr. Fridly stated that he thinks the Village should pass on the sidewalk project at this time. Mr. Barber said that he will let Mr. Terry know what the Village decides. The Committee questioned where the funds would even come from for the project. Mr. Fridly added that Rockton Road needs to be a priority and Mr. Magnus agreed with him. Mr. Magnus stated that he will remove the intergovernmental agreement with the school district from the Village Board agenda on March 6, 2018.

Mr. Magnus discussed the lighting in Settlers Park for OSD and other events. Mr. Magnus explained that McGilvra Electric would like to install three lights along the east side of the park by the railroad tracks and that the Rockton Lions Club will pay for it, but they need approval from the Village. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on March 6, 2018. Mr. Fridly was okay with this.

Mr. Magnus stated that the ITEP Resolution 2018-103 is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on March 6, 2018. Mr. Barber explained that in order to get the grant the Village needs to show that the funds are appropriated for in next year's budget. The total grant is \$137,790 and the amount that needs to be budgeted for is \$53,500 because \$80,000 in engineering costs have already been paid. The Committee was okay with this.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

The Committee discussed the purchase requisition for a new garage door for Avery's storage building that the Village rented. Mr. Barber stated that he received three quotes for a new door and that Cropp's was the least expensive in the amount of \$1,260. Mr. Barber stated that the garage door had been hit several times. Mr. Fridly and Mr. Magnus stated that this is the right thing to do and the door should be replaced. The Committee was okay with this. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on March 6, 2018.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber stated that everything is out of Avery's storage building and the small garage. Mr. Barber said that the police department is in the small garage and has the keys for it. Mr. Barber advised there are still a few things to settle at the new building (computers, exterior of building, gas pumps) and that it should be done by the end of next week.

Mr. Barber stated that there was a resident at 96 Autumnwood Drive that is currently in Florida and is requesting an adjustment on his water bill because he had an issue with his water softener and the water bill is approximately \$9,000. Mr. Barber said that he will add this to the next agenda for discussion.

Mr. Barber added that he has a list of uncollectable bills that will be added to the next agenda as well. Mr. Barber advised that Ms. Carlson and Ms. Quimby would like them removed from the system and that they total \$1,457.31.

Mr. Barber also advised the Committee about a sewer backup at 941 Armstrong Avenue. Mr. Barber stated that he met with the residents and that they would like the Village to have our insurance company review the claim again. The residents of 941 Armstrong advised that if the claim is denied once again that they are going to sue our insurance company. Mr. Barber advised the Committee that the residents are also requesting the last 3 years of cleaning the lines.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that the Farm & Fleet mulch bid is up and that S&H Nursery would like to extend their contract at the same price for an additional 3 years (\$10,000). Mr. Fridly and Mr. Magnus agreed to extend the contract. Mr. Fridly advised to have S&H Nursery send over a new contract and it can be placed on the next set of agendas for approval.

Mr. Self stated that the Christmas decorations in the park are down and put away for the season.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mr. Magnus stated that C.E.S. is costing a lot, in his opinion, and that he would like the Village start looking at other firms.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Fridly to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk