

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 6, 2017**

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

Also present: Tim Bronn (McMahon Engineering), Curtis Cook (Chastain & Associates) and Jeff Flemming (Rockford Architecture)

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Fridly to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of February 20, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Herringer from the Rockton Lions Club spoke to the Committee in reference to the hockey rink. Mr. Herringer stated that he would like the hockey rink to be in nice working order for the kids in the community and is willing to donate his time and fix it up. Mr. Herringer also stated that some of the members of the Rockford Icehogs hockey team are also willing to donate their time and complete an evaluation of the rink and help with the repairs in their off season. Mr. Self stated that he would help coordinate with Mr. Herringer on this project.

### **VILLAGE ENGINEER – KEVIN BUNGE**

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

Mr. Bunge stated that he would like the Hawick Street sewer replacement approval removed from the agendas at this time because the project is coming in higher than the estimated \$70,000. Mr. Bunge stated that he is going to look into this further and have more information at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

Mr. Barber advised the Committee that there will be an IDOT construction meeting at Rockton Village Hall on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-6 pm.

Mr. Bunge stated that the Quail Trail and Rockton Road projects need to be decided on soon. Mr. Magnus added that Salem Street by the high school needs work done as well. Mr. Magnus stated that he will talk to Ms. Quimby to see where the Village is at with funds.

### **MAYOR - DALE ADAMS**

None.

### **WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY**

Mr. Bronn spoke to the Committee in reference to the bids that came in for the grit chamber building. Mr. Bronn stated that the 20' x 26' plain block building is the size of a garage and that according to the numbers the cost of the building is \$485/square foot. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village had budgeted \$400,000 for the entire project to include the equipment, building and engineering costs. Mr. Bronn said that when the grit chamber was being discussed a while back that he told Mr. Nygren, the former Public Works Manager, to budget \$500,000 for the project. Mr. Magnus stated that the Village will eventually have to complete the project and Mayor Adams added that it's not going to get any cheaper. Mr. Bronn mentioned that he has put packages together using contractors that they know would do a good job and he would be willing to do this as well. Mr. Bronn stated that he will also talk to Scandroli Construction and ask for an itemized list and try to squeeze the numbers.

Mr. Fridly stated that he would like to get approval at the Village Board meeting on March 7, 2017 to write off a water bill in the amount of \$556.18 for 421 E. Main Street. Mr. Fridly explained that the house went into foreclosure and that Fannie May had it before the Village was notified. Mr. Fridly stated that a water

break occurred in the basement of the home and that the charges incurred were \$556.18, but that it would cost the Village more to go after Fannie May to try to recover the funds. Mr. Fridly said that board action is necessary to eliminate the debt. The Committee was okay with this. Mr. Barber added that he would like Ms. Carlson, Water Clerk, and himself to review the lien process and have Atty. Szeto look it over as well.

#### **STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS**

Mr. Magnus discussed moving the electrical line to the street lamp in the Hawick Street parking lot. Mr. Magnus stated that the meter would have to be moved 10 feet away to a new pole and that he believes it shouldn't cost more than \$500. Motion by Mr. Magnus to move the meter at a cost not to exceed \$700, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

#### **BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY**

None.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER**

Mr. Barber updated the Committee about the new Public Works building. Curtis Cook (Chastain & Associates) and Jeff Flemming (Rockford Architecture) also attended the meeting and answered questions regarding the building. Mr. Barber commented that the plans for the new building have been reduced to a smaller building, but the cost is still twice as much. Mr. Cook provided site plans for the Committee and the total opinion of cost was \$3,595,275.54. The Committee discussed different ways to reduce cost such as removing offices from the new building to looking into different construction types for the new building. Mr. Flemming stated that in order to decrease the cost they can remove what can be lived without, but the Village will not get everything under roof because there is not a way to do it. Mr. Flemming said that he can add in alternates such as extra bays and a generator. The Committee decided that they would like site plans for a total package cost of \$2.3M and make the building so that it can be expanded upon in the future. The Committee also discussed keeping the property where the current Public Works building is located and using that for overflow, cold storage and vehicle storage.

Mr. Barber stated that he will discuss the drainage on Moloney Drive with Mr. Bunge.

#### **PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF**

None.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

Mr. Barber advised the Committee about the power outage that will be happening at Village Hall next week for 3 hours. Mr. Barber stated that he has everything set up to be run on a generator during this time and that the computers should be okay while this is happening. Mr. Barber stated that the generator is on a trailer, but that he feels each building should have an emergency back up generator. Mr. Magnus stated that there is no reason why Village Hall should not have a stand by generator in it and that he would like to see some numbers for next year's budget for this building.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk