

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 17, 2017

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:33 pm.
Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Jodi May and Don Self
Also present: Curtis Cook (Chastain & Associates), Chief Dickson and Arianne Honkamp

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of April 3, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave and Paula Hundley addressed the Committee in reference to a parking issue in the 400 block of Green Street. Mr. Hundley stated that students from the high school are parking on the terrace of their property and that its tearing up the grass and the area is muddy. Mr. and Mrs. Hundley requested that the Village put up signs that state there is no parking allowed there. Chief Dickson stated that this has been an ongoing issue and that it is an issue that the high school needs to address. Chief Dickson explained that adding signs to the requested area will only shift the parking issue over another block, the same problem will continue and it's not really addressing the issue. The Committee recommended talking to the high school and attending school board meetings so that the issue can be addressed. Mr. Hundley stated that he spoke to the high school about the parking issue already and that the high school advised him that it's a police issue. Chief Dickson stated that he would like to see the high school take responsibility, make more parking and get the high school students where they belong. Mr. Magnus requested some time to look into this more and advised Mr. and Mrs. Hundley that he will not let the issue get dropped.

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.

Mayor Adams stated that he spoke with Laura Connelly with IDOT in reference to the ITEP Rockton Road path and that it won't go out to bid until November for construction. Mayor Adams advised that the only problem that she saw was that the crossings were angular, but mayor Adams thought they were straight and not angled.

Mr. Bunge advised that William Charles Construction cannot reduce the amount by \$28,000 for the Hawick Street sanitary crossing project. Mr. Bunge stated that the total cost of the project will be \$91,000. The Committee was okay with this. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on April 18, 2017.

The Committee discussed the potential 2017 road/pavement projects that Mr. Bunge was checking into. Mr. Barber advised that the only project that he left in the budget was Bridge Street. Mr. Barber stated that the other projects are too expensive so the Publics Works employees will be doing patchwork where it's needed. Mr. Bunge stated that Bridge Street project will cost approximately \$300,000. Mayor Adams said that the Village may be able to divert some of the funds from the Old River Road project to the Bridge Street project because Winnebago County (SLATS) doesn't have the funding for the project and it could be many years down the road before they can begin construction.

Mr. Bunge inquired if the Village has heard anything from the homeowner on Prairie Street that would like to install a fence near the easement. Mayor Adams stated that the Village needs to see some diagrams before they install the fence. Mr. Barber said that he will stop at the residence and speak with the homeowner about this.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams discussed the preliminary budget for streets, parks and buildings & grounds with the Committee. Mr. Barber advised that he needs to make some changes to the streets budget and will provide the information at the next Committee meeting. Mrs. May stated that she would like to see Ms. Diduch have an intern for the summer to help her with code enforcement. Mr. Fridly stated that would fall under the administration budget if it's for code enforcement. Mrs. May stated that she will talk to the Administration Committee about this. Mr. Barber discussed the new Public Works building (\$2,600,000.00) and stated the cost was included in his numbers that he provided to the Committee. Mr. Barber also explained the salary decrease. The Committee discussed the cost of the generator (\$55,000) for Village Hall and Mr. Magnus stated that the police department should pay for part of the cost of the generator. Mr. Self went over the parks budget with the Committee. Mr. Fridly requested Mr. Self to break down his tools and equipment expenses for the next meeting. Mr. Self also discussed the pool budget with the Committee and stated that he would like to put up a shade structure this year. Mr. Fridly also requested all of Mr. Self's actual revenues for the pool at the next meeting.

Mayor Adams stated that they discussed restricting fundraisers at Main Street and Blackhawk Boulevard while they are doing construction. Mayor Adams stated that they also discussed alternate locations such as Union and Salem Streets. Mr. Fridly stated that he preferred the alternate location over having fundraisers out on Rockton Road due to the increased traffic speed in the area of Walmart. Mr. Magnus stated that he would prefer not to have fundraisers at all at Main Street and Blackhawk Boulevard when the traffic signals go in.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY

Mr. Fridly discussed the utility bill for 627 Wynstone Way with the Committee. Mr. Barber advised that the customer at that address is current on their bill, but was looking to possibly receive a refund. No further action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Fridly went over the numbers for the water system maintenance fee with the Committee. Mr. Fridly stated that the increase would be \$10.52/month or \$31.54/quarter for 20 years. Mrs. May inquired about increasing the sewer rates for the sewage treatment plant now while they are increasing the water rates. Mrs. May stated that a one-time increase would be better. Mr. Magnus stated that the Village needs to worry about the water right now and not the sewer. Mr. Fridly stated that if the \$31.54/quarter is not implemented then he is afraid the Village will not have the funds when they are needed later. Mr. Fridly said that he will review the math before the Village Board meeting and see what \$35/quarter would do for the Village. Mr. Fridly stated that there are 2200 residential accounts, 494 senior accounts and 162 commercial accounts in the Village. Mr. Bunge stated the number of sewer accounts is different than the number of water accounts and to keep that in mind. Mayor Adams added that residents would be more comfortable with a gradual increase over time rather than a one-time increase.

Mr. Fridly discussed the low bid from N-Trak for the site work at the new Public Works building in the amount of \$640,371.88. Mr. Barber and Mr. Cook discussed the bids and the variations between the bids with the Committee. This is up for the approval at the Village Board meeting on April 18, 2017. The Committee was okay with this. Mr. Barber added that on April 24th the bids go out for the building, May 3rd is the pre-bid meeting, and on May 12th is the bid opening at 2 PM. Mr. Barber said that the low bid will be approved at the Village Board meeting on May 16th.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that the amount to have Frontier move the utility pole is \$4,919.54. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on April 18, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

The Committee also discussed the driveway issue on Terrapin Trail. Mr. Barber stated that he spoke with Atty. Szeto and Atty. Szeto advised that the homeowner, Mark West, wasn't clear about what the Committee

was offering to do to repair his driveway. Mr. Fridly stated that Mr. West's attorney contacted the Village attorney and wanted to know if the offer was still on the table. Mr. Fridly said that as soon as Mr. West left the Public Works meeting that evening and commented that he was going to sue the Village, that the offer was off the table. Mrs. May said that the offer was to repair the damaged area of the driveway and sealcoat the entire driveway after it was repaired and Mr. West stated that was unacceptable. Mr. Magnus stated that he will make contact with the homeowner and see what he would like done.

Mr. Magnus stated that the Rockton Lions Club would like to purchase and install 3 LED light poles on the east side of the fence in Settlers Park to be used for special events and they would like it completed before OSD. Mr. Fridly stated that the Public Works Committee needs more information regarding this before it can be approved.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mrs. May discussed the special events application for Old Settlers Days with the Committee. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on April 18, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

Mrs. May stated that there are two purchase requisitions up for approval at the Village Board meeting on April 18, 2017. Mrs. May verified that the Committee was okay with pool paint from SCP in the amount of \$1,723.34 plus shipping and a line striper from Game Time Athletics in the amount of \$1,472.55.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

None.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that a rugby tournament and a three on three tournament were added this year to the athletic complex so word is getting out about the facility.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk