

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 1, 2017

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:36 pm.
Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus (6:38 pm), Jodi May and Don Self

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Fridly to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of April 17, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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 inquired about his office completing inspections for the new Public Works building and if they should be doing them. Mr. Barber stated that he will check into this further and let Mr. Bunge know.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams discussed Bridge Street with the Committee. Mayor Adams stated that he still thinks that Bridge Street should be done and that it can be paid for over a 2-year period; pay half now and half next year totaling around \$280,000. Mayor Adams said that there would be a \$20,000 credit with IDOT for paving. Mr. Fridly questioned if this is where the Village needs to put their priority for this year and next year. Mr. Magnus said that this is the worst area for water on the road. Mrs. May stated that if they do this project that the Village will not have money for any other projects. Mayor Adams added that this project will cost \$50,000 - \$60,000 more if the Village tries to save up for it later. Mr. Magnus stated that the Village needs to look at the budget to see where the funds would come from to pay for the project.

Mayor Adams discussed the Hawick Street traffic flow and advised that they are going to keep it one way and access the businesses through the parking lot.

Mayor Adams stated that the Village received paperwork from IDOT about acquiring the dry cleaners property and that Atty. Szeto is going to review the paperwork and draw up a resolution to be approved by the Village Board.

Mayor Adams advised that IDOT was okay with the Memorial Day parade traveling on Highway 75 and down Main Street.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLTY

Mr. Fridly discussed the utility bill for 1297 Dixie Trail with the Committee. Mr. Fridly said that the homeowner stated that they had a damaged external faucet on their home and that they would like to be reimbursed for a portion of their bill. Mr. Fridly stated that the sewer portion of the bill was \$325.50. Mr. Magnus questioned if the homeowner was at home or out of town. Mr. Fridly stated that in the letter it doesn't say that they were gone. Mr. Magnus said that the Village should verify that it was an external faucet that was damaged. Motion by Mrs. May to refund the difference from the usage last year at this time (sewer portion only) if the homeowner can provide verification to the Village that it was a damaged external faucet, second by Mr. Magnus. Roll call. Ayes: Mr. Magnus & Mrs. May. Nays: Mr. Fridly. Motion approved 2-1.

Mr. Fridly stated that he put together some information regarding the water loan cost. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village would be drawing for the meters in July (\$545,000), the mains, hydrants and valves in August (\$2.4M), and the engineering costs for the towers in October (\$40,000) for a total of approximately \$3M. Mr. Fridly said that the Village could draw half of the funds this year and the other half next year when they complete the water towers. Mr. Bunge stated that he will check when the 20 years starts on the loan since they are drawing the funds in two phases. Mr. Magnus stated that he thinks the Village should just do the increase once and get it done with instead of doing the increase in bumps. Mr. Fridly stated that he didn't have a problem doing half this year and half next year. Mrs. May questioned if the Village should do something in regards to public relations to make residents aware of the increase so that it can be budgeted for. Mr. Fridly stated that is a good idea, but he would like to have better numbers before they do that.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that the streetlight signal upgrade that IDOT provided was for black paint only and that if the Village would like the decorative streetlights it will cost an additional \$55,000 - \$60,000. Mr. Magnus stated that the Village sent a letter on December 20, 2013 stating that the Village wanted the decorative streetlight signals like the ones on Highway 173 in Machesney Park. Mr. Magnus was able to pull this email up from his phone and verify the contents of the letter to IDOT. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on May 2, 2017. The Committee was okay with this because they felt that that streetlights need to go along with the downtown streetscape. Mr. Fridly stated that the Administration Committee agreed with this as well.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mrs. May stated that the special events application for the Rockton River Market is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on May 2, 2017. Mrs. May stated that Ms. Diduch has also arranged a shuttle from Hononegah High School to Settlers Park for the Rockton River Market. The Committee was okay with this.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber discussed the installation of the water line at the sewer plant and that the low bid was Bloyer Well & Pump in the amount of \$4,374.76. Mr. Barber stated that this will take care of the current needs at the sewer plant along with the future needs. Motion by Mr. Fridly to recommend the low bid from Bloyer Well & Pump to complete the water line installation at the sewer plant in the amount of \$4,374.76, second by Mrs. May. All Ayes. Motion approved 3-0. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on May 2, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Barber also informed the Committee about new legislation in the State of Illinois which would deregulate what can be charged for the use of antennas on water towers. Mr. Barber encouraged the Committee to let the legislators know how they felt about this.

Mr. Barber stated that Public Works will be doing some sewer jetting on Bunn Drive. Mr. Barber said that there were tree roots in the 200 foot of main and that they need to start doing this throughout the Village. Mr. Barber said that it needs to be cleaned, televised and lined so the Village needs to figure out how much they can afford to complete each year. Mr. Barber stated that he is going to divide the Village into sections and do a section every year.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk