

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 15, 2017

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 pm. Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Jodi May and Don Self Also present: Curtis Cook (Chastain & Associates), Jeff Flemming (Rockford Architecture) and Arianne Honkamp

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of May 1, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

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.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that IDOT's original plan was to tear the church down on N. Blackhawk Boulevard, but they are going to leave the building and auction the property off. Mayor Adams said that the property is being appraised and that IDOT cannot sell it for less than 80% of the appraised value. Mayor Adams advised that IDOT will let him know when the appraisal is completed.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDL Y

Mr. Fridly stated that the purchase requisition for McGilvra for an emergency pump replacement at the sewer plant in the amount of \$18,800 is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on May 16, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Fridly added that another purchase requisition for Blood Hound to locate a water main in the amount of \$1,595 is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on May 16, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Fridly discussed the purchase requisition for William Charles Construction in the amount of \$50,000 to move a water main on Highway 75 from Adams Street to the railroad tracks. Mr. Barber stated that IDOT needs the water main moved out of their way because they are putting in storm sewer and it will be too close to where the water main is. Mr. Barber said that they are going to move the water main under Highway 75 and that water main quality pipe needs to be used. Mrs. May asked if there was any recourse and Mr. Barber stated that IDOT owns that right of way. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village doesn't have a choice and this needs to be done. Mr. Barber advised the Committee that he switched the budget around for next year in order to pay for this. Mr. Fridly stated that he would like Mr. Bunge to get a more accurate number and let Mr. Barber know so that he can present it to the Village Board on May 16, 2017.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that Resolution 2017-105 is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on May 16, 2017. Mr. Magnus said that this would authorize the Village to enter into a letter of intent with IDOT regarding the transfer of property (former dry cleaners property at Blackhawk & Main). The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Magnus also discussed his concern about the stoplights at the intersection of Main & Blackhawk for traffic traveling northbound from the bridge. Mr. Magnus recommended that Mr. Barber or Mr. Bunge speak with IDOT in reference to drivers being confused when they see the flashing yellow light that states "proceed with caution" at the intersection as they are going north. Mr. Magnus suggested that IDOT may want to put

another green light at the intersection so that drivers keep moving instead of stopping at the flashing yellow light.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mr. Self stated that the Smithco super rake is at the dealer for repair and that the parts are covered under the warranty so the Village only needs to pay for labor in the amount of \$2,453.98. Mrs. May stated that this is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on May 16, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber stated that he gave everyone a copy of the Public Works monthly report.

Curtis Cook and Jeff Flemming went over bids for the new Public Works building. Mr. Cook advised that Rockford Structures was the low bid, but Mr. Flemming was going to talk to Rockford Structures and verify that their numbers were accurate. Mr. Fridly stated that he was going to table the approval of the low bid at the Village Board meeting on May 16, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Barber stated that the Public Works jetter truck has no suction and hardly any jetting on it anymore. Mr. Barber advised that if there any back-up problems he would need to call in Collins to handle it.

Mr. Barber discussed the Public Works equipment assessment with the Committee and stated that would like to purchase software in next year's budget to help manage this. Mr. Barber said that a lot of equipment has not had major maintenance on it.

Mr. Barber also discussed the utility bill for Chemtool and stated that for whatever reason the software was dropping off two digits in their billing so they owe \$17,902.67. Mr. Barber stated that Chemtool contacted him and advised that they were using more water than what their bill stated. Mr. Barber said that when their usage totaled \$12,786 they were only being billed \$122. Mr. Barber stated that last quarter their bill was \$47.15 and it they should have been billed for \$5,286. The Committee stated that \$17,902.67 was their usage and that's what Chemtool owes the Village. Mr. Barber stated that the Water Clerk is looking at all of the commercial accounts and making sure that this isn't happening with other utility bills.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that they started painting the pool and that they are about one week ahead of schedule.

Mr. Self said that the Rockton Rush start playing this coming Saturday and they have a double header at 2 pm and 7 pm. Mr. Self added that there is a rugby tournament as well on Saturday at one of the alternate fields. Mr. Self said that he also has a 3 on 3 soccer tournament coming up in July.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to adjourn at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk