

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 4, 2015

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30pm.
Members present: Dale Adams, Kevin Bunge, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Tricia Nelson, and Gordy Nygren
Also present: Jodi May
Absent: Don Self

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Nelson, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of April 20, 2015. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Stewart, a Compliance Monitor with Indiana-Illinois-Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting, came to speak in reference to Resolution 2015-107: Resolution in Support of Local Government. Mr. Stewart was advised by Mayor Adams that the resolution had been tabled at this time. Mr. Stewart commented that he had shared some information in regards to the resolution with Mayor Adams that he obtained from the internet which was provided by the University of Illinois. Mr. Stewart requested that the information be distributed to the appropriate people for them to review if the resolution should return to the agenda in the future.

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. Fridly inquired if Mrs. Nelson had heard anything from Grindline in reference to the skate park. Mrs. Nelson advised that she hasn't heard anything in reference to the permits. Mr. Fridly verified that the Village was holding back \$4,000 - \$4,200 for the job.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams discussed the preliminary budget proposal. Mayor Adams stated that he had some concerns about the MFT and water. The Committee agreed to make some revisions to the preliminary budget and advise Ms. Quimby of those changes.

Mayor Adams stated that he had spoken to Mrs. Peterson in reference to their water bill and he advised the Committee that they may want to consider a compromise with them. The Village has paid approximately \$100 to have the old meter tested. Mr. Fridly would like to discuss this at the next committee meeting. Mr. Nygren will be able to read the new meter prior to the next meeting and the Committee will have more information to make a final decision in reference to this.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLIDY

Mr. Fridly discussed his concern with vehicles driving on the bike path in Settler's Park. Mr. Fridly stated that the bike path is not built for vehicle traffic and that they will need to figure something out before Music in the Park next year.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that the section of road on Salem Street by the high school between Union Street and Main Street is getting bad. Mr. Fridly stated that they can look at the MFT numbers. Mayor Adams stated that

someone is looking at purchasing the old grade school so there may be TIF money, but that is further down the road.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – TRICIA NELSON

Mrs. Nelson discussed purchasing portable bleachers for the athletic complex. Mr. Fridly stated that this was low on the priority list at this time. Mayor Adams thought that there was money left over in the loan and said that there was \$14,000 in the loan, but that was from the end of March. Mayor Adams said that they can talk about this at the next meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Nelson to donate a family pool pass to the Rockton Warriors Booster Club, second by Mr. Magnus. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved.

Mrs. Nelson stated that First National Bank would like to hold “Movies on the Lawn” in Settler’s Park on Saturday, September 19th at dusk. The Committee was okay with this. This is up for approval at the next Village Board meeting on May 5, 2015.

PUBLIC WORKS – GORDY NYGREN

Mr. Nygren discussed hiring Carole Linne to help maintain the downtown planters along Main Street. The Committee discussed hiring her at a rate of \$9.00/hour for 5-8 hours/week. Mayor Adams stated that Mr. Self has the money in his budget to pay her and this would help free up one of Mr. Self’s employees. Mayor Adams stated that this is a minimal fee to have the downtown area look nice. The Committee agreed that 5 hours would be appropriate. This is up for approval at the next Village Board meeting on May 5, 2015.

Mr. Nygren also discussed the tree at 318 E. Mechanic Street that is in the alley way. Mr. Nygren provided invoices as to what it would cost to remove the tree. Mr. Nygren stated that Mark’s Tree Service looked at the tree and they advised that the tree was not dead and that there were only a few dead limbs that needed to be trimmed. Mr. Nygren stated that he had taken care of trimming the dead limbs, but that the owner was still not pleased with this. No further action will be taken.

Mr. Nygren requested to purchase some road stone that the Public Works Department uses for the shoulders of the roads and water main breaks. Mr. Fridly suggested that Mr. Nygren have one load delivered and then when some of his employees are freed up that they pick up the rest of the road stone and haul it themselves to save on delivery fees.

Mr. Nygren stated that the resident at 121 Green Street is requesting permission to add blacktop near her existing driveway where her daycare kids get dropped off because the area gets muddy and is holding water. The Committee discussed the area she is requesting to add the blacktop and Mr. Fridly stated that Ms. Diduch should look at this and see if the owner of the residence may need a zoning variance. Mr. Magnus wants to make sure that if this is done that there is not going to be a drainage issue.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mr. Nelson to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk