

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 19, 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: Arianne Honkamp (left at 6:53 pm)

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of June 5, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Oster, resident at 301 S. Ferry, stated that he would like to conduct his business (Hononegah Archery) at Settler's Park in the Village or be able to obtain a variance to teach from his personal residence. Mr. Fridly stated that in order to obtain a special use permit he would need to speak with Ms. Diduch, Planning and Development Administrator for the Village. Mrs. May added that in order grant a special use permit that his landlord would have to submit the forms to the Village since he is not the homeowner. Mr. Self stated that in order for Mr. Oster to receive approval to use Settler's Park he must submit three things; certificate of liability insurance naming the Village as insured, a class list and payment for his students. Caratina Mayor, a friend of Mr. Oster, also spoke to the Committee and verified what the Village was asking for. Mr. Magnus advised Mr. Self to send Mr. Oster a certified letter outlining what he needs to do in order to be in compliance with the Village. Ms. Mayor also requested a copy of the letter. Mr. Self stated that he would get this done.

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 construction may come to a halt on Highway 75 if the state doesn't approve a budget by June 30, 2017. Mayor Adams stated that he believes they will approve some sort of stopgap measure.

Mr. Barber inquired about the project on Bridge Street and stated that he would like to get it going. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. Bunge to get proposals for the next meeting in order to move forward.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams discussed the stop lights at the intersection of Main Street and Blackhawk Boulevard with the Committee. Mayor Adams stated that the trustees may have received emails or letters from business owners and that they are requesting the Village to send another letter to IDOT opposing the stop lights at the intersection. Mayor Adams said that he spoke with the Administration Committee earlier in the evening and they agreed not to send another letter to IDOT. Mayor Adams stated that the Village already sent a letter to IDOT in 2013 opposing the installation of stop lights. The Committee was okay with not writing another letter to IDOT as well.

Mayor Adams stated that IDOT is going to be auctioning off the church near Main Street and Blackhawk Boulevard after its tore down. Mayor Adams advised that the potential buyer is no longer going to purchase the building because the starting bid was going to be \$80,000. Mayor Adams said that he hasn't confirmed this information with IDOT.

Mayor Adams advised the Committee that he is going to talk to Atty. Szeto about drawing up a right of first refusal to the potential buyer the Village has for the old Public Works building. Mayor Adams stated that he was concerned because he heard that someone else may want to purchase the property when the Village is

ready to sell it. Mrs. May added that the potential buyer will be given 14 days to decide whether or not he wants to purchase the property.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDL

Mr. Fridly discussed the GPS/GIS field collection proposal from C.E.S. in the amount of \$25,000. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on June 20, 2017. The Committee was okay with this, but Mayor Adams requested a copy of the information collected as well. Mr. Bunge stated that they sent the information that was gathered to WINGIS so that it could be entered into their system, but that he would get a copy to him as well.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mrs. May discussed the purchase requisition for William Charles for the traffic light fixture replacement at Highway 2 and Rockton Road in the amount of \$4,244. Mr. Barber stated that the traffic light sustained wind damage from the storm that came through several weeks ago. Mr. Barber added that this may be turned in as an insurance claim as well. The Committee was okay with this.

Mrs. May informed the Committee that the forms need to be completed for the downtown streetscape consultant presentation so that they can determine who the Village is going to begin negotiations with.

Mrs. May added that she spoke with Mr. Barber in reference to a 5-year plan for street projects within the Village. Mr. Barber stated that he will need the assistance of the Village Engineer at some point with the projects. Mrs. May stated that she would like to take a proactive stance instead of a reactive stance when it comes to street projects. Mr. Barber stated that they can also make adjustments to the projects at any time.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber stated that he has a meeting on June 20th with Chastain & Associates and N-Trak in reference to tree removal at the new Public Works building. Mr. Barber added that all of the information that the bank needed for the loan was sent over and that it will take 3-4 weeks for the approval before they can start making payouts.

Mr. Barber also discussed the Highway 75 water main relocation project. Mr. Barber said that it was less expensive for the Village to order the material through Ferguson Waterworks at a cost of \$16,335.47 and have N-Trak complete the project at a cost of \$99,150. Motion by Mr. Fridly to have this approved as presented at the Village Board meeting on June 20, 2017, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion approved 3-0. Mr. Barber added that the Village Board had previously approved \$70,000 for this project, but the final cost for William Charles would have been \$135,000.

Mr. Barber stated that there is a tree located at 318 E. Mechanic in the alley, which is the Village's right of way, that is entwined with another tree that needs to be removed before it comes down. Mr. Barber stated that Mark's Tree Service looked at it and won't touch it, but that Busy Beaver and Tree Care were going to bid the work. Mr. Barber asked the Committee for a consensus to have the low bid remove the tree. The Committee was okay with this. Mayor Adams stated that once the tree is removed the Village should look into vacating the alley.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self spoke to the Committee in reference to a shelter that Scott Wallace would like to donate to the Village. Mr. Self said that Mr. Magnus brought this to his attention and he would like the input from the

Committee on what they would like to do. Mr. Self stated that the shelter is 20'x44' and that he looked into the cost of moving the shelter to Village Green Park next to the pool. Mr. Self said that it would cost approximately \$5,500 to move the shelter, but there would be additional cost for permits and concrete work at the location where they would like to put it. Mr. Self said that the shelter is worth around \$70,000 but it would cost the Village around \$20,000 to relocate it. Mr. Fridly told Mr. Self that the Village should pass on it at this time. Mr. Magnus suggested trying to get the site work donated because the pool needs something. Mr. Fridly advised to wait until the bids come in and see if some work can be donated and the Committee will make a decision at that time.

Mr. Self added that he met with Visit Beloit about hosting the 2018 Regional Flag Football Tournament at the athletic complex. Mr. Self said that this would draw thousands of people to the Village, but that it would fall on the same weekend as OSD and he wanted to make sure the Committee was okay with this. Mr. Self stated that the tournament could possibly be held the previous weekend, but for now they were thinking it was going to be the same weekend as OSD. The Committee was okay with this because it would draw in more people into the Village for business and possibly attending OSD as well.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to adjourn at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk