

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 15, 2019**

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, Sheri Kosmos (C.E.S.), Cory Magnus and Jodi May

Also present: Jake Costello (P.W. Department)

Absent: Kevin Bunge & Don Self

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of July 1, 2019. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Several concerned residents that reside on Indian Trail in the Village addressed the Committee in reference to a drainage issue that is coming from a residence located behind the China Palace Restaurant at 339 Indian Trail. Mike Hayes, resident at 335 Indian Trail, stated that he has lived in his home for 23 years and was living there before the pool at 339 Indian Trail was installed. Mr. Hayes said that the previous owners of 339 Indian Trail put patio blocks along the back of the property after the pool was installed and that water runs off of that area and has affected the drainage easement along his property. Mr. Hayes added that this is also affecting several neighbors on the east side of Indian Trail. Mr. Hayes stated that the water has washed his land out and that his culvert pipe cannot handle the water when there are heavy rains. Pat and Pam Brewer, residents at 317 Indian Trail, provided pictures of the drainage issue on their property and stated that they have spent hundreds to thousands of dollars trying to correct the issue because their property keeps getting washed out as well. Mr. Brewer added that he also has a drainage problem behind his property since School Street was raised three inches. Mr. Brewer stated that his backyard is washing away because there is curb and gutter on the east side of School Street, but not on the west side of the street. Ken Tatge and Cynthia Boelens, residents at 323 Indian Trail, stated that the water flows through their property like a river as well and that they are concerned about what future issues this could cause. Mayor Adams recommended that the village engineers take a look at the drainage easement and the property at 339 Indian Trail. Mr. Barber stated that he would take a look at it as well and make sure that there isn't anything in the utility easement. Mr. Barber added that he would check to make sure that the sanitary manhole wasn't covered up as well. Mr. Barber indicated that this could also be a code enforcement issue and that he would make contact with the new homeowner regarding the issues.

### **VILLAGE ENGINEER – KEVIN BUNGE**

Village Engineer Sheri Kosmos gave her report. A copy of her report is on file with the Village Clerk's office.

### **MAYOR - DALE ADAMS**

Mayor Adams discussed purchasing vehicles for the Public Works and Parks/Recreation Departments with the Committee. Mayor Adams said that the Village is getting bids from both Finley GMC and Enterprise. Mr. Barber advised that he didn't have the numbers yet, but that he would have them broke down before the next meeting and that they were still looking as leasing the new vehicles. Mr. Barber added that if they don't use the funds budgeted to purchase a mini excavator that the Village would be able to purchase seven vehicles. Mayor Adams commented that the Village would be saving a tremendous amount of money on vehicle maintenance.

### **WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLIDY**

Mr. Fridly discussed the water rates with the Committee. Mr. Fridly provided a handout outlining the current water system maintenance fees and stated that they would have to be increased 72 cents in order to cover increase in the loan with the IEPA (\$406,000). Mr. Fridly said that they could also increase the water rates.

Mrs. May stated that this is not a good time for a water rate increase and that the Village has a regular rate increase every year. Mayor Adams said that the rate increases should have been done at the same time. Mr. Fridly explained that it wasn't an option at the time and that the state mandated the Village to show how the loan was going to be paid for. Mr. Barber stated that instead of increasing the rate again this year that the water rate could be bumped up a little bit more, but that it would have to be passed by the Village Board. Mr. Fridly asked that this be placed on the next Village Board agenda and that he will have the correct base numbers for the increase.

**STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS**

None.

**BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY**

Mrs. May stated that the special events application for the "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Julie's Archers for Autism" to be held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from noon – 9 pm in Settlers Park is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on July 16, 2019. Mayor Adams stated that Mr. Oster needs to provide proof that he has insurance for the event along with vendor insurance. The Committee was okay with this.

**PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER**

Mr. Barber advised the Committee that he and Jake Costello, Public Works Assistant Superintendent, were reviewing insurance coverage for the department and making sure that everything is covered. Mr. Barber commented that some items were not valued properly in the coverage and that they are working on correcting those items.

**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF**

None,

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to adjourn at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk