

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 5, 2016

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present: Mayor Adams, Kevin Bunge, Scott Fridly (left at 6:13 pm), Cory Magnus and Jodi May
Staff present: Dan Barber, Tricia Diduch and Don Self

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of June 20, 2016. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark West, owner of 15111 Terrapin Trail, attended the meeting. The Committee discussed the issues Mr. West has been having with his driveway. Mr. Fridly stated that when Norwest recently completed the paving at the bottom of Mr. West's driveway they covered a sprinkler head. Mr. Fridly questioned if the sprinkler head was in the Village right of way. Mr. Magnus stated that Norwest needs to repair it and confirmed with Mr. West that he was okay with the sprinkler head being moved slightly from its original location. Mr. Barber and Mr. Bunge went and looked at the section of the driveway that is sinking next to the sidewalk since the sidewalk has been replaced. Mr. Barber stated that he spoke with the public works employees that worked on the original water service repair in January and they advised that there was no water penetration under the sidewalk, therefore, they don't know why Mr. West's driveway is sinking on the other side of the sidewalk toward his residence. Mr. Bunge also provided pictures to the Committee on his phone that showed the area in which the public works employees dug the initial water service repair. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. West that there is no definitive proof either way as to what has caused his driveway to start sinking in the area in question and that he needs definitive proof before spending taxpayer money to repair it. Mr. Bunge said that sometimes there are issues like this if the ground is not compacted enough before it's paved. Mr. West stated that there was nothing wrong with his driveway until the sidewalk was ripped out and replaced. This was when the area on his driveway started sagging or sinking. Mr. West stated that his driveway is less than two years old and that he would like it to look like it did before the repair work was completed. Mr. Bunge stated that he also tried to check google maps to see if there was an aerial view prior to Mr. West's driveway issue, but all of the aerial views were taken prior to his driveway being installed. Mrs. May asked if Mr. West would be content with the Village repairing that corner of the driveway by patching it and Mr. West stated that there would be a seam and he doesn't want a seam in his driveway because it would decrease his property value. Mr. West stated that he would like the entire driveway replaced or he may have to result in suing the Village. The Committee stated that they would have liked to see pictures of the driveway before it started sagging or sinking and asked Mr. West if he had any photos that he could provide. Mr. West stated that he may have pictures at home and that he will check and advise Mr. Barber if he finds any. Mr. Magnus stated that hopefully they can resolve the issue at the next meeting. Mr. West stated that he understands the whole burden of proof, but he feels that he has been inconvenienced by this and would like his driveway fixed as soon as possible.

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 he would look at the east parcel on Bunn Drive to see what can be done as far as a 5 foot sidewalk. Mr. Fridly would like to know what can be done as far as a sidewalk or path without having to get permission from the homeowner. Mr. Magnus stated that the homeowner of the west parcel had given the Village permission to complete the initial path/sidewalk to the school.

Mr. Barber advised that he has two representatives coming to speak to the Committee on July 18th and August 1st in reference to the radio read meters. Mr. Barber stated that he has 90% of the specifications completed and is sending the information to Mr. Bunge to review.

Mr. Bunge presented an updated map of the area where the intern completed the GIS/GPS mapping project. Mr. Bunge advised that the intern is moving into the downtown area which is going to slow it down a bit.

Mr. Barber stated that he received a request from Mobilitie to construct a 120 foot tall antenna in the Village right of way in the commercial area by Auto Zone on Rockton Road. Mr. Bunge stated that the property is currently vacant. Ms. Diduch advised Mr. Bunge that the special use permit application needs to be processed through her. Mr. Barber will forward the information to Ms. Diduch.

Mr. Bunge discussed the repairs to be completed at Torchpine Drive and Fernridge Drive in reference to the drainage issue. Mr. Bunge added that there is a 2-3 inch lip on the shoulder of the road after the overlay was completed. Mr. Bunge stated that the homeowner would like stone put down after they complete the drainage repair near the ditch. Mr. Bunge said that the homeowner's request is reasonable, but it will be an additional cost to the Village. Mr. Barber stated that the Public Works Department could also complete this portion of the job by adding road rock to the shoulder of the road after the drainage issue is repaired. Mrs. May questioned if adding road rock to the shoulders of the road should also be included when the Village completes overlays. Mr. Barber stated that this portion can be completed by the Public Works Department and he will look into a roller.

Mr. Bunge and Mr. Barber also looked at a lot under construction in Stoneridge Subdivision in reference to a grading issue. The existing lot to the south is experiencing drainage issues because the lot under construction placed fill in their side yard. The owner of the existing home had her attorney call the builder and the builder said that it's not his problem. Mr. Bunge said that there is a grading plan as part of the approved construction and inquired how the Village is enforcing this. Ms. Diduch stated that she doesn't have a copy of the grading plan nor is she an engineer to enforce grading plans. Ms. Diduch stated that it would be a good idea to get a copy of the grading plans to the builders (Silverthorne Development and Youssi Construction) who are out there. Mayor Adams asked how the situation can be rectified now. Mr. Bunge stated that he spoke with the builder and the builder advised that he is willing to go 3 or 4 feet into the adjacent property to make it right so the properties work well together and drain appropriately. Mr. Magnus asked how this is the Village's issue. Ms. Diduch stated that the Village has a responsibility because there was an approved grading plan and it doesn't meet that. Mr. Bunge stated that the Village is one of the only communities that doesn't inspect grading plans. Ms. Diduch suggested that the Village facilitate a peaceful resolution. Mr. Bunge feels that this can be worked out, but that in the future we need a plan on how to enforce grading issues. Mr. Bunge added that other communities have put this entirely back on the builder and the builder signs the forms acknowledging the grading plan and that the criteria has been met.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that IDOT plans on buying the church next to the dry cleaning building off of Highway 75. Mayor Adams advised that IDOT is going to give the dry cleaning building to the Village, but it won't be until the project is complete in 2018 or 2019. Mayor Adams added that the church will be auctioned off at that time and that the Village should be thinking about purchasing the property for additional parking.

Mayor Adams said that he spoke with Bob Stenstrom in reference to adding parking on Hawick Street up to Bridge Street. Mr. Stenstrom stated that he would do a payment plan similar to the current Hawick Street parking lot. Mr. Stenstrom advised that his engineers are coming up with a plan to present to the Village, but that because of the slope of the property there would have to be a retaining wall which could incur more cost.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY

None.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mayor Adams stated that IDOT would like to give the property located at Blackhawk Boulevard and Green Street to the Village.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mrs. May discussed the Rock River Sweep that is up for approval later in the evening at the Village Board meeting. The Rock River Sweep will be held on Saturday, September 10th and Mr. Self stated that the dumpster will be placed at the boat launch. The Committee was okay with this.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber stated that the 2001 GMC pickup had been overheating so he took it in to Finley Dencker to have them look at it. Finley Dencker stated the repairs would not exceed \$4,100. Mr. Barber also received another quote from DES not to exceed \$3,400 but Mr. Barber said that the vehicle is only worth \$5,000 so he recommended that it does not get repaired and to get rid of the vehicle. Mr. Barber said that he has \$38,000 in his budget for a new vehicle and the Village can use whatever they get from selling the 2001 GMC pickup and put that towards the new truck. Mr. Barber said that he would like a new truck by this winter. Mr. Barber stated that this item can be removed from the Village Board agenda later in the evening.

Mr. Barber advised the Committee that he had an emergency repair for an actuator at the sewer plant in the amount of \$675. Motion by Mrs. May to approve the purchase requisition for Johnstone Supply in the amount of \$675, second by Mr. Magnus. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 2-0.

Mr. Barber stated that Norwest gave the Village an invoice for the repairs at 15111 Terrapin Trail. Mr. Barber said that Norwest needs to repair the sprinkler head that was damaged during the repair and asked the Committee what they would like to do about the invoice. Mr. Magnus advised Mr. Barber to not pay the invoice until the repair was complete.

Mr. Barber provided a handout to the Committee in reference to the monthly hours of the Public Works Department so they could see where time was being spent.

Mr. Barber advised the street maintenance agenda item will be held over until the next meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that he has a purchase requisition for pool furniture that he would like to order that has been budgeted for in the amount of \$2,858. Mrs. May stated that she would get a consensus at the Village Board meeting later in the evening.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to adjourn at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk