

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 5, 2017**

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:35 pm.  
Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Kevin Bunge, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Jodi May and Don Self  
Also present: Arianne Honkamp

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of June 19, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim Ehlers, Director of Facilities for Rockton School District #140, spoke to the Committee about the plans/phases for the driveway and parking lot at the grade school and elementary school. Mr. Ehlers stated that they have been working with architects and Fehr Graham in reference to possibly adding a drive directly across from Aspland Drive to alleviate the traffic issues at the schools. Mr. Ehlers also provided copies of the drawings for Phases 1-5. The Committee asked questions regarding the plans and shared their concerns. Mr. Ehlers stated that they would like to start construction on the project next summer. Mr. Magnus stated that the police chief is meeting with the school district on Monday because he hasn't seen the plans yet. Mr. Fridly recommended that someone meet with the police chief and go over the plans with him. Mr. Ehlers stated that they are open to any suggestions to make this work and that he will be in touch.

Brian Hansmeier spoke with the Committee in reference to the Hanz Brew Fest. The Village Clerk stated that she received a copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the event. Mr. Barber advised Mr. Hansmeier to let him know how many feet of fencing he needs and how many poles and he will have that dropped off at the event location behind the bank in Settler's Park. Mr. Barber also inquired where Mr. Hansmeier would like the electrical panels. Mayor Adams stated that the police chief signed off on the special events application. Mrs. May added that it looked like everyone signed off and that the application is the same from last year with no changes. The Committee was okay with this.

### **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 advised that the IDOT funding was put on hold because of the budget, but that it may turn around in a couple days. Mayor Adams stated that he spoke with Eric from IDOT and they will be back to work by Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> if the budget is passed on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee discussed going out to bid for the water projects. Mr. Barber stated that he was concerned that if the Village went out to bid, he doesn't want it to go past the 120 days before the Village gets the money because the bids would be invalid and it would have to go out to bid again. Mayor Adams said that it would just have to go out to bid again. Mr. Fridly inquired if Mr. Bunge was ready to go out to bid and he stated that he was. Mr. Fridly said that he would get a consensus at the Village Board meeting later in the evening to do this. The Committee was okay with this.

The Committee also discussed moving along with Bridge Street. Mr. Bunge stated that he needs 30-45 days to get the plans and specifications done for the project. The Committee agreed to proceed with this. Mr. Magnus stated that he will get a consensus at the Village Board meeting later in the evening to proceed with the design and contract documents for the project.

## **MAYOR - DALE ADAMS**

Mayor Adams stated that the radar speed signs were discussed in the Administration Committee and they decided that they didn't want to move forward with purchasing them.

Mayor Adams said that he spoke with Mr. Self about converting the concession stands at the athletic complex into a possible senior center. Mayor Adams said that the concession stand has not been used in two years and he would like to see it put to use and the senior center may be an option. Mr. Self stated that he will take some measurements and that if the middle section is taken out that the room is quite large. Mr. Self added that his only concern is that the seniors would have to access the bathrooms from the exterior of the building. Mayor Adams said that there may be 15-20 people there at a time.

Mayor Adams stated that he was contacted by a resident that would like to see a splash pad at the pool. Mayor Adams inquired what the cost would be to install one and Mr. Self advised that they are quite expensive. Mr. Self stated that the kiddie pool is used a lot and that if they added a splash pad it could be in the park area. Mr. Magnus said that if a splash pad was installed in the park then that would decrease attendance at the pool. Mr. Self stated that splash pads in other communities were tied into their beach or pool area. Mayor Adams asked Mr. Self to look into this further.

Mayor Adams added that on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> that the Village is meeting with the high school and that they are close to purchasing the old grade school and asking if there is a possibility of vacating Salem Street. Mr. Fridly stated that is one of the main thoroughfares in the Village. Mayor Adams said that it can be discussed later when they bring plans to the Village, but that they would be looking at several more hundred parking spots for the high school. Mr. Barber added that the Village needs easements in that area for water and sewer because there are mains over there.

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

Mr. Fridly stated that there is a purchase requisition for McGilvra Electric up for approval at the Village Board meeting later in the evening for Well #5 and #7 repairs in the amount of \$1,922. Mr. Barber said that this is to repair the controls. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Fridly said that there is another purchase requisition for Balsley Printing for utility mailers in the amount of \$2,424.70 up for approval as well at the Village Board meeting. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Fridly discussed the blanket purchase orders for the Public Works Department up for approval at the Village Board meeting. Mr. Barber stated that he and Ms. Hughes went over them together. The Committee was okay with this.

## **STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS**

The Committee discussed the tree removal at 318 E. Mechanic Street. Mr. Magnus would like this added to the next agenda for Village Board. Mr. Barber stated that he will have a purchase requisition for this. Mr. Magnus inquired if the Village wants to proceed with vacating the alley. Mr. Barber stated that there is sewer close to that alley so the Village would need to have an easement. Mayor Adams asked Mr. Barber to look into this further.

Mr. Magnus stated that the decorative stoplights came in \$364 more than what was approved at the Village Board meeting. The Village Board approved \$66,000 and the total cost is \$66,364. Mr. Magnus stated that he would get a consensus at the Village Board meeting later in the evening to approve the additional cost. The Committee was okay with this.

### **BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY**

Mrs. May discussed the Teska Associates contract with the Committee that is up for approval at the Village Board meeting later in the evening. The Committee was okay with this.

Mrs. May stated that a purchase requisition for Buck Brothers/John Deere for a utility tractor is up for approval in the amount of \$44,517.04 at the Village Board meeting as well. Mr. Self stated that this is state bid and he has already spoken to Ms. Quimby to make sure that the funds are available. Mayor Adams asked Mr. Self to look into financing options and pay the cost of the utility tractor over 2 years so that the Village would have funds to pay for the shelter that Scott Wallace is donating. Mr. Self stated that he should be able to get 0% financing on the purchase.

Mr. Fridly inquired what the Village is doing about the shelter donation. Mr. Self stated that is completely up to the Village Board and what they would like to do. Mr. Magnus stated that Mr. Wallace needs an answer soon because he is looking to have a new shelter installed at his residence. Mr. Self said that he can get the shelter moved to the park and that the mover can finish the construction of it at a later date. Mr. Magnus stated that Josh Normington has agreed to donate the site work and the gravel and Paul LaBree gave Mr. Magnus a price of \$8,500 for the flatwork. Mr. Magnus said that the Rockton Lions Club may pay for the concrete. The Committee discussed the total cost of the project is in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 range. Mr. Magnus added that Mr. Wallace would like it appraised once the shelter is up. Mrs. May stated that she would get a consensus at the Village Board meeting later in the evening. The Committee was okay with this.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER**

Mr. Barber stated that the Public Works building is on schedule and under budget at this time. Mr. Barber said that they are having an issue with the trees and who is paying for the removal of them. Mr. Barber said if there are a few trees over eight inches in diameter that the Village will pay for it. Mr. Barber said that the contractor is reevaluating the issue with the trees.

### **PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF**

Mr. Self advised that he spoke with the Village Attorney and that he let the pool manager go. Mr. Self said that he wanted the Committee to be aware of it in case anyone inquires about the situation.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

None.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk