

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 14, 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 and Jodi May
Staff present: Arianne Honkamp, Bruce Werrbach, and Charles Williams
Also present: Bud Andrews, Bob Donlon (Standard Equipment) and Jeff Fleming (Rockford Structures)
Absent: Don Self

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of July 31, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bud Andrews inquired about how the Village was going to handle the permit parking at the boat ramp. Mr. Barber explained that the Village is only going to issue 40 permits for student parking at the boat ramp and there will be parking stalls for vehicles with boat trailers. Mayor Adams stated that this will leave plenty of other parking for fishermen at the boat ramp. Mr. Andrews said that he heard there was going to be a walleye tournament held on a Friday and he was concerned about parking for the event. Mayor Adams stated that no one has told the Village about this and that special arrangements will have to be made. Mr. Fridly stated that something can be worked out with Mr. Self so that the event can be held. Mr. Andrews also inquired about the amount of money the Village put in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant for the boat ramp. Mayor Adams said that the information should be around, but the grant was back in the 1960's. Mr. Andrews said that the Village may not be able to charge down there if it was a certain percentage. Mayor Adams stated that even if there was a time limit on that he is sure it would have expired by now. Mayor Adams added that the fishermen are not being charged for parking permits and that this only applies to high school students. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village is trying to come up with a solution to the problem. Mr. Andrews stated that the high school should be taking care of the parking problem and he feels the Village is giving in to the high school.

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. Magnus stated that something needs to be done with the grade school path because there is still a 5 foot patch of sidewalk that is gravel. Mr. Bunge stated that this was going to be completed with another project. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. Barber to keep an eye on it and put some cold patch on it for now so that its not a tripping hazard.

Mr. Barber asked the Committee for permission to go out to bid on the street patches and Wildwind Court repair/overlay because we are running out of time and they need to get done. Mr. Barber stated that this is coming out of the general fund. Mr. Magnus said that he can get a consensus at the Village Board meeting not to exceed \$50,000. The Committee was okay with this.

The Committee advised Mr. Bunge of the projects that can be removed from the engineering status report.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams discussed the right of first offer agreement for the Public Works garage with the Committee. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 15, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

Mayor Adams wanted to verify the engineering agreement in the IEPA format with the Committee. Mr. Bunge stated that this is what everyone had agreed to for the water loans and that the IEPA wants it signed with their forms. The Committee was okay with this.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY

Mr. Fridly discussed the change order (Proposal #4) for N-Trak for tree removal at the new Public Works building in the amount of \$4,000 and asked why the Village is required to pay this. Mrs. May stated that the trees were there when the land was surveyed. Mr. Barber stated that Curtis Cook (Chastain & Associates) was unable to attend the meeting because he is out of town. Jeff Flemming (Rockford Architecture) said that Chastain didn't complete the survey and that they got the survey from the Village Engineer. Mr. Flemming stated that if the removal of trees over 6 inches in diameter weren't included in the project documents then there would be additional costs for the tree removal. Mr. Barber stated that he has been going back and forth with Chastain & Associates. Mr. Flemming added that half of the \$4,000 has been paid for according to the payouts. The Committee discussed the process of change orders and payouts and that it needs to be approved by Mr. Barber before the title company cuts a check to the contractors. Mr. Fridly advised the Committee that they will hold the decision until the next meeting when Mr. Cook can come and explain the change order. Mayor Adams suggested handling this before the next meeting.

Mr. Barber stated that the jetter truck that the Village has is in poor condition. Mr. Barber said that he has researched new and used jetter trucks and that Bob Donlon, Area Sales Manager for Standard Equipment, can answer any questions regarding a new or used jetter truck. Mr. Barber said that he went online and searched for used trucks and also researched information regarding a new truck. Mr. Barber stated that he had Bruce and Chuck (P.W. Department employees) go and look at used jetter trucks. Mr. Barber added that if there is a decent used jetter truck out there they are getting sold out from underneath him. Mr. Barber stated that originally that the Village was interested in purchasing South Beloit's 1998 jetter truck for \$50,000, but that truck is not in good operating condition and is always down. Mr. Barber said that he found a decent used 2006 Vactor 2100 for \$159,800 and he has \$160,000 budgeted. Mr. Barber also had Mr. Donlon give him a quote on a new Vactor 2100 Plus in the amount of \$366,971. Mr. Barber stated that he didn't feel that the Village could afford a new truck because he wouldn't have money in his budget to replace any other Public Works vehicle. Mr. Barber stated that there are a few options if the Village wants to purchase the used truck; the truck could be paid for in full or it could be financed through Gateway Bank with a \$79,000 down payment and lease payments for three years with \$13,848 due semi-annually. Mr. Barber added that the truck would have to sit outside until the new building is finished so they would have to make sure that it is drained properly so it doesn't freeze. Mr. Fridly and Mrs. May stated that since it was budgeted for that the Village should pay for it. Mr. Magnus said that he the Village should purchase a new truck and pay \$160,000 now and finance the rest. Mr. Fridly said that this would tie their hands and that they need to pick their priorities. Mr. Donlon stated that when they have a used vehicle they refurbish the vehicle and make sure that it's a properly functioning piece of equipment. Mr. Donlon said that the life span on a brand new piece of equipment is usually 10-15 years depending on usage and maintenance. Mr. Donlon explained the warranty for both the new and used truck. Mr. Barber said that he would like to use the jetter truck to complete maintenance on the sewer mains and maintain a sewer maintenance program. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village needs to pick our priorities. Mr. Barber added that once preventative maintenance is done on the sewer mains they are also going to have to televise them and line them. The Committee further discussed the pros and cons of having a new versus a used vehicle. Mr. Barber stated that he can't meet the needs of the Public Works department on his budget. Mr. Magnus requested a list of future equipment that is needed from Mr. Barber. Mr. Fridly stated that he would like to table this until the next meeting. Mrs. May advised that she didn't need to wait until the next meeting. Mr. Barber said that it would be a two month turnaround before he would get the used truck, but that he would like to have something by the end of October. Mr. Barber stated that he runs the department on the criteria that he is given by the legislative body and if he is told not to maintain the sewer system then he won't do it as long as he isn't violating any laws. Mr. Donlon advised the Committee that there are other communities looking at the used jetter truck as well. This is on the Village Board agenda for August 15, 2017. Mr. Fridly stated that they will put it up for a vote.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that MFT Resolution 2017-110 for road salt, tree removal, ITEP bike path engineering, traffic light maintenance and signs in the amount of \$105,000 is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 15, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mrs. May stated that Ordinance 2017-20: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 75 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Regarding Parking Schedules to Provide Parking Regulations for the Village of Rockton Boat Ramp Parking Lot is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 15, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber stated that the materials should be delivered for the new Public Works building on Friday, August 25th or the following Monday. Mr. Barber added that the footings have been poured and Mr. Fleming is reviewing a change order for the material for the drain system. Mr. Fleming provided a schedule to the Committee that combines the schedule of N-Trak and Rockford Structures.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Fridly inquired about the shelter that was donated by Scott Wallace. Mr. Magnus stated that Mr. Wallace wanted to wait until after August 17th and revisit it. Mr. Barber stated that they are trying to find someone to move it because Mr. Self couldn't get an answer from the business that quoted the price to move it originally.

Mr. Barber stated that Mr. Self will be taking care of the signs and painting stripes at the boat ramp before school starts.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mr. Barber advised the Committee that the Public Works Department will be working on restriping the areas that are needed due to the construction at the high school and also painting turn lanes. Mr. Barber stated that the schedules of the Public Works employees were modified so that they could complete the striping and turn lanes in the evening without paying overtime. Mr. Barber advised that he will have the total cost of the project when they are done, but he just received the final information regarding the changes this afternoon.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to adjourn at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk