

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 15, 2016

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 pm.
Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Jodi May and Don Self
Absent: Kevin Bunge

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of August 1, 2016. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenda Leslie, Mary Lamm-Feltman and Cindy Ralston, residents of the Village, spoke to the Committee about the landscaping area located at Race, West and Chapel Streets and their concern about the Canadian thistles and the weeds that are spreading. Mr. Barber stated that he has spoken with Ms. Leslie about this previously and that he had the landscaping company pull the thistles, but that two come back in place of the one. Mr. Barber said that they sprayed the thistles with weed killer four times, but it hasn't killed them all. Mr. Barber advised the Committee that the thistles need to be removed because they are considered illegal in the state of Illinois. Mr. Self stated that when the landscaping area was planted it was planted as a natural grass garden. Mr. Fridly asked how this could be fixed. Mr. Self suggested taking an end loader and taking off the top eight inches of dirt, bringing in new black dirt and starting from scratch with a blank canvas. Mr. Magnus stated that the horticulture class at Hononegah High School may be interested in taking it over. Ms. Lamm-Feltmann stated that if the area is replanted with flowers she is concerned about the upkeep of it and the weeds that may take over. Mr. Self stated that planting grass there may be the best solution. The residents stated that they feel this is an important area to keep maintained because when people drive in from the west side of town this is the first area they see that when they enter the Village. The residents also suggested possibly putting a flag pole in this area as well. Mr. Self recommended getting it cleaned out this year and bringing in black dirt for now and it can be decided later how it will be replanted. The Committee was okay with this.

VILLAGE ENGINEER – KEVIN BUNGE

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge was absent. A copy of his report is on file with the Village Clerk's office.

Mayor Adams along with the Committee questioned the additional 20 feet needed for the bike path/sidewalk from Highway 2 to Rockton Grade School. Mayor Adams stated that he thought that is was 20 feet total in order to complete the project. Mr. Magnus stated that the one resident on Bunn Drive was okay with using the property up to her fence line. Mr. Magnus stated that he would take a look at it, but he didn't feel that they needed the additional 20 feet.

Mr. Barber discussed the Stoneridge easement for the sewer and that the developer would like to give the Village the property. Mr. Barber stated that the developer would like this done as soon as possible so he can proceed with developing his property. Mr. Barber advised that Mr. Bunge is drawing up the paperwork.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that Anjano's has agreed to do the appraisal on the property and that Ray Ferguson is his attorney. Mayor Adams said this should be worked out soon.

Mayor Adams advised that he gave everyone a copy of the proposal from IDOT in reference to Highway 75 and that as far as he could see it was everything that the Village has agreed to. Mayor Adams stated that he would like everyone to look it over and if the Village wants to take action then this will need to be on the next agenda.

Mrs. May questioned the water projects because Mr. Bunge had a lot of questions regarding the project in his engineering status report. Mr. Barber stated that the Ferguson Waterworks proposal that Mr. Bunge included with his report should be disregarded. Mr. Barber said that this proposal was done when the previous public works director was here. Mr. Barber stated that Mr. Bunge has all the specs to go out to bid and that Mr. Bunge was questioning what he was told from the IEPA as far as if a request for proposal (RFP) could be done. Mr. Bunge was still looking into this. Mrs. May stated that she thought that they were going to write the bid to be very specific. Mr. Barber said that if they want to lighten it up they can cut out some of the meters out and go with the radio reads and get the meters installed as the money is allowed. Mr. Fridly stated that he will get a consensus at the Village Board meeting on August 16, 2016 to authorize the Village to go out to bid for the water projects.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY

None.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated that the purchase requisition for J&R Underground for street maintenance is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 16, 2016 at a cost of \$16,710. Mayor Adams stated that he had a concern because J&R will be done this year or next year in the area and what would happen if there was a problem with the patches. Mr. Magnus stated that they have been doing patches in our roads already. Mr. Barber stated that the Public Works Department is doing some prep work in order to save some money on the project. The Committee was okay with this.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mrs. May discussed the special events applications for “Mellany’s 4th Annual Dog Walk” and “Art in the Park”. Mr. Barber inquired if they are going to need extension cords for “Art in the Park” and Mr. Self stated that it wouldn’t hurt to have them there for the vendors. The special events applications are up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 16, 2016. The Committee was okay with both applications.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

None.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that he just received the special events application for “Movie in the Park” to be held on Saturday, August 27th at Settlers Park. Mrs. May stated that she will ask for a consensus to approve the application at the Village Board meeting on August 16, 2016. Mr. Self added that he will have the Village Clerk send the special events application out to the trustees prior to the Village Board meeting so they can review it.

Mr. Self stated that he would like to hire a part-time parks maintenance employee to replace the current part-time employee that has returned to college. Mr. Self added that this part-time employee will just finish out the year. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 16, 2016. The Committee was okay with this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk