

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 3, 2015

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 pm. Members present: Dale Adams, Kevin Bunge, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus, Jodi May, Gordy Nygren, and Don Self

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of July 20, 2015. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bud Andrews, resident of Rockton, stated that he thought the recycle dumpster located on Hawick Street be removed. Mr. Magnus said that he would be discussing this further under new business.

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. Fridly advised Mr. Bunge to contact Rock Roads in reference to the street patches to be completed in addition to the Rockton Road overlay and come back to the Committee at the next meeting with the information. Mr. Bunge verified that the Hawick striping, which was included in the Rockton Road overlay bid, was for \$3,232. The Committee inquired how long the overlay project would last from start to finish. Mr. Bunge estimated approximately 3 weeks, but it would be weather dependent.

Mr. Nygren advised the Committee about the drainage problem in the 200 block of Foxfire Place. Mr. Nygren stated that there is a problem with the ditch. Mr. McMullen also went out and looked at the drainage issue. Mr. Nygren provided pictures and stated that the ditches will need to be cored out and put back. Mr. Nygren spoke with the residents in the area and stated that it could be put in next year's budget and they were okay with it.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that he spoke with IDOT and that the Route 2 bridge crossing the river will be next to upgrade. Mayor Adams inquired if they could build a bike path as well and IDOT advised that this would be the time to ask. The Committee agreed that this would be beneficial and would help with access to the athletic fields.

Mayor Adams also spoke with IDOT in reference to Apron Strings and IDOT feels that they have lost the opportunity for them to sell it directly to the Village. Mayor Adams added that he spoke with Sonny Sylvester and that if Mr. Sylvester can purchase it that he would give it to the Village to extend the parking after the building is demolished. IDOT advised Mayor Adams that if Mr. Sylvester refuses the property that it could go to auction.

Mayor Adams inquired about what can be done with the current WWTP. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village can only maintain and that they can't expand and they can't build new. Mr. Bunge said that the WWTP has a rated capacity for 600,000 gallons/day, but based on the phosphorous the plant is over capacity. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village needs that information and they need it verified. Mayor Adams added that Mr. Barber advised they are running less than half capacity.

Mayor Adams commented that Mrs. May went and talked to Rock River Water Reclamation District (RRWRD) and Mayor Adams wasn't sure if RRWRD wanted to give a presentation or if the Village wanted to go to their office to discuss their options. Mrs. May added that the estimated \$7 million was going to be a

little more, but no more than \$10 million. Mrs. May added that she would feel better if there was a spreadsheet with all the pros and cons of the Village's choices for a WWTP before the Village makes a decision. Mr. Fridly asked Mrs. May if she was comfortable accepting the Fehr Graham proposal at this time and she stated that she felt it was rushed. Mrs. May stated that she wanted to make sure the Village did their due diligence before a decision is made and justify it because it will have to be explained to the taxpayers. Mr. Fridly asked Mayor Adams if the Public Works Committee should have a special meeting with RRWRD and Mayor Adams thought that it would be a good idea so that everyone has all the information. Mr. Fridly stated that he was comfortable pushing off Fehr Graham for two weeks and setting up a meeting with RRWRD before the next Committee meeting. Mayor Adams stated that he would contact RRWRD to set up a meeting.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLY

Mr. Fridly discussed the revised ROW permit application. Mr. Fridly stated that the only changes that were made were that the fee schedule could be paid by cash, personal check, company check or cashier's check. Mr. Fridly said that they also added that the Public Works Director can choose to waive the fee for various work in the right of way such as mailboxes and small jobs. The Village Clerk asked Mr. Fridly if payments could be made with a debit or credit card and he stated that they could, but their deposit would be returned in the form of a check no matter how the permit was paid for.

Mr. Fridly also discussed the Holden 10 commercial access with the Committee. Mr. Fridly spoke to Mr. Erdmier and Mr. Erdmier was very animate that he paid for his accesses to the property along Rockton Road. Mr. Erdmier has agreed to a full access on the west end of the property, a right in/right out on the east end of the property, and a full access onto Glengary Road. Mr. Erdmier will give the Village the easement for the bike path, but he is asking the Village to build his full access for him when the bike path is built which will cost approximately \$20,000. If the Village doesn't get the easement from Mr. Erdmier, the bike path will be closer to Rockton Road. Mr. Magnus was concerned with the right in/right out at the east end of Rockton Road and felt this was a safety issue and he is opposed to this. Mr. Magnus feels that if there is a right in/right out at the east end of Rockton Road then there needs to be a median in the middle of the road to prevent vehicle from doing u-turns and causing a potential accident. Mrs. May questioned what could be built on the 9 acre property in question because it makes a difference whether it's a fast food restaurant or an antique shop. After much discussion with the full accesses and option of a right in/right out, Mr. Fridly advised that he will call Mr. Erdmier and discuss this with him again. This is also up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 4, 2015.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus discussed the Christmas Walk (December 4th-6th) request letter from the Chamber. Mr. Magnus stated that all of the events will take place on Saturday, December 5th. The Chamber submitted a list of requests to the Village. The Committee was okay with approving the date at this time but will discuss the other requests for approval at a later time. This is also up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 4, 2015.

Mr. Magnus advised that he has not seen the estimates for the inlets/sidewalks, but that Mr. McMullen has them.

Mr. Magnus also discussed the MFT street projects with the committee. The Committee agreed to hold off on Aldrin Road for a year and put Ferry and Mechanic Streets back in. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 4, 2015. Mr. Nygren will advise Mr. Bunge what projects get approved at the Village Board meeting on August 4, 2015.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

None.

PUBLIC WORKS – GORDY NYGREN

Mr. Nygren stated he received a paint stripe estimate from Winnebago County. The estimate is for Center Street all the way up to Valley Forge and from the bridge on Union Street all the way up to Highway 2 and includes the center line and fog line where applicable. No further action was taken.

Mr. Nygren added that he would like a consensus for \$880 for Nelson Carlson Mechanical for backflow work. This work is done annually and has been completed. The Committee was okay with this.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self discussed the purchase of the Toro MDE Cart with the Committee. Mr. Self stated that the cart was budgeted for and would be helpful to have in addition to the other cart. Mr. Self explained that the current cart he has is going back and forth between the parks and the athletic complex and sometimes his part-time help is using it when he needs it. This Committee was okay with this and asked Mr. Self to consider adding a trailer as well. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on August 4, 2015.

Mr. Self requested a consensus for \$566.17 for Columbia Pipe for work completed at the pool. The toilet in the women's bathroom broke and had to be repaired. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Self also discussed a pool refund with the Committee. The woman who was requesting the refund paid \$225 for her pool pass and has been there twice. She advised Mr. Self that all of her and her kids clothing/swimsuits had gotten paint on them from the lip of the pool. Mr. Self advised that originally the woman wanted reimbursement for her clothing(\$300) and pool pass, but he said that she would be okay with just the pool pass refund. The Committee was okay with this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mr. Magnus advised that he received a phone call last Friday in reference to the recycle dumpster on Hawick Street. Mr. Magnus provided pictures of the dumpster that was overflowing. Rock River Disposal came on Monday, August 3rd and took the dumpster to empty it and Hawick Street was littered with various garbage. Mr. Magnus and Mr. Andrews picked up the garbage that was left in the street and placed it in the dumpster. Mr. Magnus stated that a lot of the people using the dumpster live in the Rockton Township and are not a part of our community. Mr. Magnus spoke with Mr. Jury from Rock River Disposal and also exchanged emails. Mr. Jury informed Mr. Magnus that 50% of what was in the dumpster was garbage and if this continues the Village can receive a bill for it. Mr. Magnus stated that he recommends the Village get rid of the dumpster because of it being abused and the Committee agreed. The Village of Rockton provides recycling curbside for its residents with a 65 gallon recycle tote. Mr. Magnus will discuss this at the next Village Board meeting on August 4, 2015.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk