

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 5, 2019

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 pm.
Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Scott Fridly, Kevin Bunge (C.E.S.), Cory Magnus, Jodi May and Don Self
Also present: Deputy Clerk Patricia Diduch
Absent: Clerk Christina Stewart

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of July 15, 2019. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Barber gave a brief update on the Glendowery drainage ditch. Keith Walton, 13277 Glendowery, mentioned that his family bought the home in May 2019 and was informed that this was the Village's responsibility to maintain. Wendy Eltman, 13325 Glendowery, stated she has issues with maintenance of the drainage ditch since she moved in two years ago. She added that her neighbors, Jennifer and Adam Otwell, are severely affected as well. She added she has been looking into the issue, and then expressed several issues with the drainage area as well as gave a description of her efforts in the past couple of years.

Mr. Barber then described the work that the Village has done to address the issue. He expressed concern that legally this is not the Village's issue. Ms. May asked if any drywell blockages were removed as anticipated earlier in the year, and Mr. Bunge said yes, that sediment was all removed, but the drywell still is not draining well. Ms. Dosasorith from 13357 Glendowery stated it has never been functioning as designed. Mr. Bunge said it is not clear why it is not functioning, and he asked if the Village wants C.E.S. to look into the issue. Mr. Fridly clarified with the homeowners that the homeowners are asking the Village to identify a solution, and then the homeowners will implement a solution. Mr. Bunge estimated it would cost approximately \$1200-\$1500 to identify the problem and not create construction plans. Mr. Fridly stated the Board would make a motion to authorize C.E.S. to identify a solution for a cost not to exceed \$1500.

VILLAGE ENGINEER – KEVIN BUNGE

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge gave his report. A copy of her report is on file with the Village Clerk's office. Mr. Barber stated that Rockton Township would support a contribution to the bike path. Mr. Bunge said he would prepare a sign saying the project is funded by ITEP.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams gave an update on the Old River Rd. project with Winnebago County, slated now for 2026 construction. He asked Mr. Bunge to tell Sherri to figure out the cost for the parking lot. Mr. Bunge clarified it would be a preliminary cost estimate based upon what they know of the area without drawing up actual construction plans.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDLIDY

Mr. Fridly discussed the water system maintenance fee. He said he would get numbers from Jaye Quimby as soon as she returned to the office.

Mr. Barber then discussed the master lease agreement for Village vehicles. He described the different options available over the course of the five-year lease. He added that it would not start coming out of the budget until next year's budget year. Ms. May asked Mr. Barber to find out how long other municipalities have done this, especially if they have completed a full lease agreement term. A discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of the multiple options. Mayor Adams stated his preference that Finley be chosen for the public works vehicles.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus stated he would like to propose the low bid for the street patching project to be awarded to Porter Brothers.

Mr. Barber discussed the purchase requisition for truck repair for Bonnell Industries.

Mr. Magnus then discussed the relocation of the electrical service for the ITEP bike path.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Ms. May discussed the purchase requisition for the roof at the sewer plant.

The Committee then discussed the parking lot invoice from William Charles. Mr. Barber gave a brief description of his conversation with the William Charles accountant. Ms. Diduch added that it could jeopardize the State grant if the Village pays any invoices prior to receiving the grant monies. Mr. Barber suggested the item be sent back to committee.

Ms. May then described the National Night Out celebration request.

Ms. Diduch explained the different options. A lengthy discussion concerning the number and style ensued. Ms. May stated she would like ones that match the streetscape plan. Mr. Self added that the Trumans want ones that match the Rockton Remembers benches. Mr. Magnus made a motion to approve the purchase of garbage cans up to \$10,000 for Settlers Park to be paid out of the downtown business district fund, second by Ms. May.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber gave an update on the street striping program.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self gave an update on the pool heater, stating he has an issue with the pool heater resetting. He stated he is meeting with a flag football team that would play on Sundays. He added he met with Steve Cofoid about Hononegah using Village fields for soccer. He gave an update on the youth football teams.

Mr. Self then described his dream wish list for an OSLAD grant for the Rockton pool, stating that he focused his items on items in the pool area, not the building itself. Mr. Self asked Mr. Bunge to verify the actual submittal deadline. Mr. Bunge added that there is a significant amount of information that is needed for the submittal. Mayor Adams asked Mr. Bunge how much it would cost to prepare the application, and Mr. Bunge stated between \$3,000-\$5,000. Mr. Self stated if the grant is due in 15 days, the Village should table the application, but if it is due on October 1, then the Village should move forward.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Ms. May, second by Mr. Magnus to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Diduch
Village Deputy Clerk