

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 18, 2017

Chairman Fridly called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 pm.

Members present: Mayor Adams, Dan Barber, Kevin Bunge, Scott Fridly, Cory Magnus and Jodi May

Absent: Don Self

Also present: Curtis Cook (Chastain & Associates)

Motion by Mrs. May, second by Mr. Magnus to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of September 5, 2017. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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.

MAYOR - DALE ADAMS

Mayor Adams stated that he is going to read a couple requests under correspondence at the Village Board meeting; one is for Christmas tree recycling and the other is for black powder shooting at Macktown. Mr. Magnus inquired if there was another area on asphalt that they could do the Christmas tree recycling because the grass by the boat ramp is looking nice where they collect the trees to recycle. Mr. Fridly stated that they may be able to use a portion of the boat ramp parking lot.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – SCOTT FRIDL Y

Mr. Fridly discussed the N-Trak proposal #4 for tree removal in the amount of \$4,000 with the Committee. Mr. Barber explained that N-Trak was supposed to put the fence originally 25 feet back at the new Public Works building and that the Village decided to have the fence put back 12 feet. Mr. Barber stated that N-Trak never had the tree removal in their original specs and that N-Trak stated that it would cost an additional \$9,800 for the tree removal. Mr. Barber contacted Chastain & Associates and they advised that it was in the contract by state specs that N-Trak was to remove the trees that were 6 inches in diameter or smaller. Mr. Barber stated that after they changed the location of the fence that N-Trak was to go 6 feet past the fence so that the Village wouldn't have to worry about trees coming down on the fence and there could be a clear path for mowing. Mr. Barber stated that no change orders had been signed and nothing had been paid for at this point. Mr. Barber said that N-Trak is saying that the work is done, but they have not completed clearing the 6 feet from the fence and that they have a couple more feet left to do. Mr. Barber added that he doesn't see any evidence where they have removed trees over 6 inches in diameter. Mr. Barber said that he was hopeful that he can get a few of his Public Works employees down there to remove some of the trees and trim them. Mr. Barber said that after he spoke with N-Trak they stated that they could drop the price from \$9,800 to \$4,000 to complete the work. Mr. Barber advised the Committee that he invited N-Trak to attend the Committee meeting and they didn't choose to attend, but feel that they are owed the \$4,000. Curtis Cook with Chastain & Associates attended the Committee meeting and explained that part of this was his fault as far as the specs go. Mr. Cook stated that the fence was moved forward so there isn't as much to clear and that Mr. Barber did a good job of negotiating the price down. Mr. Magnus stated that he would like Mr. Barber to mark the trees that N-Trak needs to remove instead of pulling Public Works employees. Mr. Barber added that he has asked for documentation from N-Trak for what they have done and hasn't received anything. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. Barber to submit something in writing to N-Trak to have them take down the trees 6 inches or bigger in diameter and that they aren't getting paid until the work is complete.

Mr. Barber advised the Committee that South Beloit wasn't interested in sharing a new sewer jetter truck and that the used jetter truck that the Village was looking at has been sold. Mr. Barber stated that a new sewer jetter truck would cost \$363,309 and that the Village could make a down payment of \$200,000 and finance the rest at 2.65% through Gateway Bank with a semi-annual lease payment of \$15,038 for 6 years. Mr. Barber stated that it will take a couple of months to get the new sewer jetter truck here and that he is looking for direction from the Committee. Mr. Barber said that he would also like to waive the bidding process for the sewer jetter truck if the Village Board agrees to purchase it because it has been out to bid before. Mr. Barber explained that he had budgeted \$160,000 for the sewer jetter truck, but that he wasn't going to purchase a new backhoe and that money (\$40,000) could be used toward the down payment for a total of \$200,000. Mrs. May inquired if a used sewer jetter truck was still an option and Mr. Barber said that used could still be an option, but it may take him 6-8 months to find a decent used one because there aren't very many out there. Mr. Barber advised the Committee that he was giving them the information that he was requested to bring to the meeting and that they need to make a decision. Mr. Fridly stated that he will take this to the Village Board for approval on September 19, 2017.

Mr. Barber stated that Rise Broadband wants to add a one foot diameter disc to the water tower by Walmart. Mr. Barber stated that he had Mr. Bunge look at where they wanted to mount the disc and it shouldn't cause any structural damage. Mr. Barber had Atty. Szeto look at the agreement and he drafted an amendment to the agreement and increased their rent \$80/month so the Village will receive \$590/month rent from Rise Broadband. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on September 19, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

STREETS AND WALKS – CORY MAGNUS

Mr. Magnus discussed the driveway work that was done in the right of way on Edenberry Drive without a permit. Mr. Fridly stated that the Village cannot double the permit fee because it's not in the statute. Mr. Fridly advised that the right of way permit cost is \$250 and that the Village can assess a \$750 fine for a total of \$1,000. Mr. Fridly added that the homeowner is also a contractor and that he never contacted J.U.L.I.E. and acted irresponsibly. Mr. Fridly stated that he will speak with Atty. Szeto about creating an ordinance to allow for doubling the permit fee if someone is in violation. Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve assessing the homeowner \$250 for the permit fee and a \$750 fine with 30 days to pay the fine, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0. Mr. Fridly stated that he will have Atty. Szeto send the homeowner a letter.

Mayor Adams stated that he spoke with Mr. Magnus about vacating the alley between the Berg's house and Steve Pomohac's business, but retaining an easement on Mechanic Street. Mayor Adams questioned if they should go further north past Mechanic Street.

Mr. Magnus stated that the Committee agreed to waive the bid process for the Bridge Street improvements, but the Village Board never voted on it. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on September 19, 2017. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Magnus discussed the purchase requisition for Michael Todd & Company for the street sign purchase in the amount of \$8,886.51. Mr. Barber stated that this replaces almost all of the street signs on the south side of the river and that this is coming out of the MFT funds. This is up for approval at the Village Board meeting as well. The Committee was okay with this.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – JODI MAY

Mrs. May stated that a FAQ (frequently asked question) page would be helpful on the Village website and the Facebook page. Mrs. May stated that Ms. Diduch is going to work on this with the department heads and hit the highlights of various topics that should be included on those pages.

Mrs. May stated that the special events application for “The Great Rockton Race” is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on September 19, 2017. The event will be held September 30th in downtown Rockton from 10 am until 1 pm. The Committee was okay with this.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber updated the Committee in reference to the progress of the new Public Works building. Mr. Barber stated that they are constructing the frame and that the electrical and gas will start going in the building in the next few weeks.

Mr. Barber stated that he provided copies of the Public Works monthly report to the Committee. Mr. Barber added that IDOT contacted him and that they need two more fire hydrants moved out of their way; one hydrant is near Dingman Drive and the other is on the southwest corner of Blackhawk Boulevard and Main Street and is in the middle of the ADA crossing. Mr. Magnus stated that they should not remove the one at Blackhawk Boulevard and Main Street because there aren't many hydrants downtown. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. Barber to do what he needs to do to.

Mr. Barber discussed painting at Village Hall and that this was in his budget. Mr. Barber is requesting permission to go ahead and get quotes to do this. Mr. Fridly advised Mr. Barber to have the paint colors remain the same in the areas that he is going to have painted. Mr. Barber stated that there are some wall repairs that will need to be done as well.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mayor Adams stated that the shelter donation from Scott Wallace is moving forward and that it's going to cost \$9,000 to disassemble it, move it and reassemble it at the park.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Mrs. May to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk