

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 6, 2011**

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 P. M. Present were: Mr. Magnus, Mr. Peterson, Mayor Adams, Atty. Galluzzo, Gordy Nygren, and Bruce Werrbach. Also present: Zach Baker, Gail Beach, Chuck Blade and Jim Scott.

Motion by Magnus, second by Peterson to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of May 16, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 2-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Chuck Blade, 2004 Sunrise Dr. and Jim Scott of 2046 Sunrise Dr. came to the board regarding an erosion issue in their yards. Mr. Scott stated that when the drains were placed for the retention pond that they missed the drain in his back yard. There was some kind of fix which does not seem to be working. This pipe is leaking and seeping which has created sink holes in at least three properties. It is going under his fence and he feels that his dogs will be able to get out soon. Mr. Blade stated this began in 2002 after he placed a shed on his property. After a lot of rain there was a sink hole working towards his shed. He called 3-Hammer and they filled it in with dirt. The same problem arose the next year. The other two neighbors did not have a problem at that time. He called 3 Hammer and was told to call Alliant. They told him there was a communication cable going through the top of the horizontal pipe on his side of the property. This was dug up by hand and there was a 1 inch communication cable in the pipe. They proceeded to put newspapers in and pour concrete on top of it. That last one and a half years. The hole appeared on his side and it started going east and west. He called Rock Energy and they filled it in with dirt. Verizon looked at it and identified the cable as theirs. They called a tile guy out there who dug it up and broke up all the old concrete that was dumped in there and he took tiles and tiled around the pipe on the top. This fixed the problem until we started to get a lot of rain. Now the hole only goes to the east and west in his yard. That was done in 2005. In a rainstorm he watched it and the water is coming between the horizontal pipe and the vertical pipe. He feels they forgot that there should be a drain there. There should be a T there not a hole.

There is a bunch of cement sitting inside the drain. The water coming between the two pipes corresponds with the holes that are visible. In 2009 he talked to some of the Public Works people and has not heard back from anyone. Last year he put four bags of sand in there and they dump all their potting soil in there at the end of the year. They are looking for a permanent repair for the east and west holes. Mr. Peterson stated that the committee is going to discuss this and get back to them. Atty. Galluzzo stated that it sounds like our storm water pipe which was damaged by Verizon. Mr. Nygren stated that both Denny and himself have looked at it and Mr. Perrin has dug it by hand two years ago. Mr. Nygren stated to work back there you would have to pull three fences and use a small piece of equipment. This will be discussed at the next meeting after pictures have been obtained from Mr. Scott & Mr. Blade.

Gail Beach. Mrs. Beach asked about trees at 706 N. Prairie St. Mr. Peterson stated that he talked to Gordy about that today and they will be cut up.

#### **MR. McMULLEN**

1. 2011 Street Maintenance. The contracts and bonds have been executed and Notice to Proceed has been given to Norwest Construction. They will begin milling and adjusting manholes on June 9<sup>th</sup> with paving to begin June 13<sup>th</sup> with construction taking 7-10 days. Mr. Magnus had a question about bond received from the subs that Norwest is using. Atty. Galluzzo stated that we collect a performance bond from Norwest for the full amount of the work. If one of their subs does not perform their work, Norwest is held liable.

2. Prairie St. Improvements. Revisions requested by IDOT have been completed and the final submittal is being prepared. As part of the submittal, the Village will apply for two variances, one for angular parking on Prairie and Center Streets. This will probably be approved since they approved the angular parking on Main St. The second variance is for driveway approaches. IDOT requires 7 foot flares on each side of a drive which would make a 24 foot driveway 38 feet wide at the curb. This variance has been requested and approved on Bridge and Union Streets. Mr. McMullen still anticipates final approval by IDOT this month with bids received early in July.

3. Athletic Field Extension. Mr. McMullen stated that we are still waiting for the DCEO Grant Agreement to establish the date the Village

can begin to expend funds. Once that date is established, we can advertise for bids. All required permits have been received and are on file.

4. Radium Well #8. The Village is still waiting for our response from Illinois EPA on establishing a new source of supply. If they approve, the Village will have to advertise for test drilling at least two sites sometime in July.

### **MAYOR ADAMS**

1. Radium. Mayor Adams stated that we did hear from the EPA on the radium issue in the form of a questionnaire which needs to be completed and sent back. Mayor Adams stated at the next meeting we should have on the agenda – prices for test bores.

2. Land Acquisition. Mayor Adams stated that the Village is proposing to purchase the 7 acres at the south end of the Rockton Athletic Fields. The owner in exchange will be purchasing a four acre parcel on McCurry Road. He noted that trees could be planted there but he can't sell anything from there. He is eager to go through with this. He will be asking for RM for the portion of the property for 2 families or 4 families units. His seller would make that part of his contract to sell that portion subject to getting the RM zoning for the remainder of the property. The options for the 7 acres for the village include: public works building, well, or more park space.

3. Water Problem – Kevin Burns. Mayor Adams noted that Mr. Burns of Loomis St. has not had an operating meter since 2004. The new meter and remote reader have now been installed. He has been billed a minimum bill during that time. He has now received an estimated bill of \$1,159.25 for the past 7 years which he was upset about since he felt that this was the Village's fault that we went seven years without resolving this issue. It was noted that he had built around the meter and it was not easily accessible and there was no remote reader. After further discussion, it was decided by the committee to bill him for one half of the total bill.

**STREETS & WALKS – MR. MAGNUS**

1. Street Dances – Rockton Inn. Mr. Magnus stated that all they need are barricades to close off the street from Blackhawk to Green St. This will be approved tomorrow night.

2. Transporting Lawn Equipment/Bobcat. Mr. Magnus stated that he had talked to Gordy about transporting this equipment rather than driving the equipment long distances because of a safety issue. He felt we should put the Bobcat on a trailer at all times unless you are only going a few blocks. We do not currently have anything to haul the lawn equipment. Mr. Magnus will discuss the lawn equipment trailer issue with Mr. Nygren. Mayor Adams suggested setting a policy for moving equipment dependent on the distance it has to be moved.

3. Concession at Village Green Park. Mr. Magnus will look into someone to run a concession at the park as he thinks it would be nice for the kids at the pool and also people in the community. Power was put in there a couple years ago and the concessionaire never showed up.

4. Sidewalk Repair-400 N. Prairie. Mr. Nygren will look into the sidewalk at Prairie St. and Union St. He stated he needs a list of all of these sidewalk areas that need to be repaired as there is money in the budget to repair curbs and sidewalks. If there is a root problem you may be able to curve the sidewalk around it or cut the root.

5. Parking Lot Signs – E. Main. Mr. Magnus stated there are 13 signs in that parking lot. It was suggested to remove all of the signs except the Public Parking Sign and place a sign below that sign with parking times and or limits.

**BUILDINGS & PARKS – MR. PETERSON FOR MS. DAVEY**

1. Planting in Front of Village Hall/Gazebo. Ms. Davey has offered to buy flowers to plant in front of the Village Hall and wants to donate plants for around the gazebo. This will be brought to the next committee meeting. It was noted that Ms. Davey would like to change the plantings around the gazebo from the designated plan to create a butterfly garden.

2. Mulch. Samples of mulch were presented. Ms. Davey thought the certified mulch and the double processed mulch were both great prices and felt the single processed mulch should not be used. This will come before the full board tomorrow night. The certified mulch will be used in the playgrounds and the double processed in the beds.

3. Virginia Baker Act Construction. Mayor Adams stated that the costs of the repairs for the Virginia Baker Act is now up to \$60,000 including ramps. This is a lot of money for something that loses us money every year; however, it is a public service. Mr. Peterson suggested selling the pool to the YMCA. We can spread the cost over two years. Once it is closed in the fall, it can not re-open until the construction is done. Pools are not a money maker in any municipality. It was felt we should go ahead with the engineering which has to be approved by the State. We have already spent \$2,000 on engineering. This will be tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

#### **WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. PETERSON**

1. Public Works Employee Raises. Mr. Peterson stated that raises are 3% and will be approved tomorrow night. Evaluations were done this week.

2. Normington Payment. Mr. Peterson stated that Mr. Normington will be reimbursed \$12,000 for the sewer extension 3-4 years ago.

3. Door Locks for Village Hall. Mr. Peterson stated that two proposals were received with \$8,000 for a fob system being the lesser of the two bids. This will be approved tomorrow night.

4. Bids for Electric Pole. Mr. Peterson stated that this is a request for approval for a bid package for an electric pole at the sanitary plant. The pole will be replaced along with removing some old electric panels and tying into the new electric panels. Mr. Nygren will request information from Mr. Bronn for the meeting for tomorrow night indicating what exactly needs to be done.

5. Epilepsy Foundation Request. Mr. Peterson stated that we will be approving tomorrow night a request from the Epilepsy Foundation for water for the Mud Volleyball Tournament at Kelly-Meyers Park. This has been done for several years.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – MR. NYGREN**

1. Emergency Oil Pump Repair. Motion by Peterson, second by Magnus to approve the expenditure of \$586 for an emergency oil pump repair. This was initially approved by a call around. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Nygren reported that the dead tree will be removed in front of the Dairy Haus this week.

Mr. Nygren reported that the problem with the cloudy water at Ms. Davey's home was an aerator.

Mr. Nygren reported that the Public Works Department helped with the breaking up the dirt for the quilt garden and setting up a sprinkler. It was noted that in the future when organizations want to plant in the parks, they should also be maintaining it.

It was noted that weeds need to be wacked in Village Green Park under the bushes and that the diamond in Settlers Park needs to be dragged and possibly limed.

Motion by Magnus, second by Peterson to adjourn at 7:40 PM. All ayes. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi  
Recording Secretary