

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

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 P. M. Present were: Mrs. Nelson (Davey), Mr. Magnus and Mr. Peterson, Atty. Galluzzo, Gordy Nygren, and Bruce Werrbach. Also present: Gail Beach and Zachary Baker.

Motion by Magnus, second by Nelson to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of August 15, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Prairie St. Improvements. The new water main extension on Center St. has been installed and has passed testing. The water main on Prairie St. has been lowered to accommodate the installation of storm sewer. This week Rock Roads will begin installation of storm sewer throughout the project which should take about 10 days. They will also begin removing pavement and begin widening Mechanic St. Still looking to have the streets finished and paved by early October.
2. Athletic Field Water Extension. No change from previous report.
3. Misc. Concrete Sidewalk and Curb Repairs. Stenstrom Excavation is scheduled to begin work on the 12th and this project should not take more than ten days to complete.
4. Test Bores. Layne Christensen has called in the JULIE locates for the two (2) test bore locations. They will have a drill rig on site by the 12th and begin drilling to establish geological data and the anticipated water production of each test hole, submitting a written report once completed. Once the report is reviewed, we will make a recommendation on what location looks better or begin looking at treatment for Well #8. A report of findings will be submitted to the Illinois EPA by October 15, 2011.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Youth Association. In the Administration Committee, it was suggested that we contact the baseball youth association that is dealing with the Roscoe board to see if we can fulfill their needs for ball parks for their youth. Mayor Adams will contact Jeff Schreck.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

1. Rockton Lions Fundraiser. Motion by Magnus, second by Peterson to allow the Rockton Lions to hold their annual candy fundraiser at Blackhawk and Main on October 14 from 7AM to 7PM. Mr. Magnus feels that the village should have a written policy for these groups to follow in regard to hours, clothing (vests). This will be taken under consideration.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. PETERSON

1. Tree by Eccentricities. The owner of Eccentricities has asked the Village to put in a new tree in front of their business. The Rockton Lions has a new initiative where they partner with the Village to pay one half for a tree. Mr. Peterson is calling Jim Webster to get his recommendation for the best type of tree to be placed on Main St. Mayor Adams wondered if we could put trees in pots. Mrs. Nelson stated that they would freeze in the winter and die. Mr. Webster did suggest placing a round container in the ground to make the roots go down instead of out; therefore, the salt can get to the roots.

2. Tree Proposal-Perron Tree Service. Mr. Peterson asked for and received a consensus from the committee for tree removal and clean-up of one tree in Village Green Park, High Point and Williamson remove three Poplar trees and clean up and remove debris, 7 trees west of Blackhawk and Old River, take down, leave stumps, but remove debris. The cost will be \$560. Mr. Magnus requested a certificate of insurance. This will be formally approved at the next Public Works meeting.

MR. NYGREN

1. Part Time Employee. Mr. Nygren stated that he would like to hire Kyle Newsom as a temporary part time employee to work for the fall season to fill in for some of the employees who have left for college. The rate per hour will be \$8.25 for 20 hours a week and he would stay 8 weeks for garbage, weeding and watering. The committee was alright with this as there is still money left in the budget.
2. Vacuum Plate-5 yard. Mr. Nygren stated that a vacuum plate went out on one of the 5 yards. The repair will be \$1,162.68 which will be approved by a consensus at the Village Board meeting tonight with formal approval in two weeks.
3. Debris in Hawick Lift. Mr. Nygren reported that since July there has been an excessive amount of debris coming into the Hawick Lift Station and especially on weekends. The last three weekends all of the guys have been called in. This includes rags, clothing, etc. Mr. Nygren is looking into placing some cameras down some laterals to find out where this debris is coming from. This is costing the village a lot of money in overtime. This debris could be flushed or dropped in by lifting manholes. This first started with golf balls. This is just someone wanting to cause problems.

Mr. Peterson brought up the cigarette butt problem on Main Street. Someone suggested no smoking on sidewalk ordinance which we wouldn't do. Most of the bars have butt receptacles but you can't make people use them. It was suggested having them sweep the butts onto the street and have them picked by the Sunday people or the street sweeper. Mr. Magnus stated that if they are sweeping, they might as well sweep it up themselves. Mr. Magnus suggested cigarette receptacles on the garbage container lids. They all have areas behind their business that customers could use for smoking. Mayor Adams has talked to the businesses about the butts and that is when most of the receptacles were placed. The owners should be responsible for cleaning up the butts in front of their business. A letter will be sent to the businesses about sweeping up their cigarette butts.

Motion by Magnus, second by Nelson to adjourn at 5:57PM. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Recording Secretary