

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 5, 2026

Chairman Baumgartner called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 pm. Members present: Mayor Peterson, Dan Baumgartner, Dave Bennington and Jamin Unger
Staff present: Dan Barber, Sally Bennett, Adam Bunge, Mark Henderson, Don Self and Happy Welch

Motion by Mr. Unger, second by Mr. Bennington, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of December 15, 2025. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Rehfeldt and Jim Whitley spoke to the Committee in reference to the temporary disc golf course located near the dog park. Mr. Rehfeldt inquired if the temporary disc golf course was complete. Mr. Self explained that they are clearing the land and staying away from the pathways or trail system. Mr. Self said that a lot of what they're clearing is honeysuckle and buckthorn. Mr. Self stated that it's ultimately up to the Village Board to decide if the permanent disc gold course will be approved along with the course design. Mr. Whitley asked when the decision will be made and Mr. Self advised that it probably won't be until summer. Mr. Rehfeldt inquired if any studies had been done by the Village on how this will impact the wildlife in that area. Mr. Self said that nothing has been done as of yet, but that it's on his radar for the dog park, Woodlands Park and the athletic complex. Mr. Rehfeldt asked if it would be okay to have regular meetings with Mr. Welch, Village Administrator, to keep communication going and transparency. Mr. Welch stated that would be fine. Lastly, Mr. Whitley inquired if there was much demand for a disc golf course in the area. Mr. Self commented that the disc gold course may be busier depending on the time of day, but that people go at different times as well. Mr. Self reiterated that he believes that both the disc golf people and those that walk the trails can coexist in the park.

VILLAGE ENGINEER – ADAM BUNGE

Village Engineer Adam Bunge gave his report. A copy of the engineering status report is on file with the Village Clerk's office.

MAYOR – JOHN PETERSON

Mayor Peterson inquired if we can get a copy of the 5-year street plan when it's done to Mrs. Weaver so she can post it to the Village's social media pages.

Mayor Peterson said that most of the bands for the Rockton River Market (RRM) are booked.

Mayor Peterson stated that he signed an updated letter of intent (LOI) with Wesley Willows for the Goldie Floberg property and that they're looking at the end of February to close on the property.

Mayor Peterson added that a Mexican restaurant is looking for a location in the Village.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – HAPPY WELCH

Mr. Welch stated that he sent out job descriptions for everyone to review and to let him know if there are any questions.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS - DAN BAUMGARTNER

Mr. Baumgartner discussed the purchase policy recommendations with the Committee. Mr. Welch said that he is trying to make it so that the Village Administrator can approve purchases so that not everything has to come to Committee for approval, but wanted the committees to review the policy to see if they had any other suggestions. Mr. Welch said that anything from \$8,000-\$25,000 would still need Village Board approval. Mr. Welch stated that he added surplus property to the policy and increased the blanket purchase orders to \$10,000.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – JAMIN UNGER

Motion by Mr. Unger to approve the purchase Requisition for Automatic Control Services for the operator interface terminal replacement for Well #7 control panel in the amount of \$5,695, second by Mr. Baumgartner. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Motion by Mr. Unger to approve the purchase requisition for Lee Jensen for gas/air monitor with docking station and accessories in the amount of \$3,985, second by Mr. Baumgartner. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Motion by Mr. Unger to approve the purchase requisition for Core & Main for a 3” Omni meter with accessories in the amount of \$5,695, second by Mr. Baumgartner. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Motion by Mr. Unger to approve the purchase requisition for Core & Main for FlexNet M2 software support for one year in the amount of \$4,423, second by Mr. Baumgartner. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

STREETS AND WALKS – DAVID BENNINGTON

Motion by Mr. Bennington to approve the purchase requisition for Title Underwriters for the title transfers for the Rockton Road bike path in the amount of \$4,147, second by Mr. Baumgartner. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Mr. Bennington stated that Resolution 2026-102: Motor Fuel Tax Funds (\$225,000) will be up for approval at the Village Board meeting on January 6, 2026. The Committee was okay with this.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber stated that the Public Works Department is doing okay with salt removal.

Mr. Barber advised the Committee that they were having problems with rust in the Old River Hills Subdivision and that they couldn't do any flushing since they had a well down. Mr. Barber said that the issue appears to be cleared up now.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that he's working on getting Christmas decorations down in the park along with working on material safety data sheets (MSDS).

Mr. Self said that the drinking fountain at the dog park looks good and that the ice rink timer for the lights should be up and running this week.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Unger, second by Mr. Bennington, to adjourn at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk