PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 18, 2011

Chairman Peterson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 PM. Present were: Ms. Davey, Mr. Magnus, Mr. Peterson, Mayor Adams, Gordy Nygren, Bruce Werrbach, Atty. Cox, and Lisa Wolf of CES. Also present: Gail Beach.

Motion by Magnus, second by Davey to waive the reading of and approve the Public Works Committee minutes of July 5, 2011, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. 2011 Street Maintenance. This project is 100% complete and a Final Pay Estimate will be submitted within the next 10 days.
2. Prairie St. Improvements. The Village has received the bid tabulation and it is recommended to award this project to Rock Road Companies, Inc. in the amount of $463,297.36 which was approximately 13% below IDOT's approved estimate. They anticipate Contracts and Bonds to arrive this week so signed documents can get back to IDOT for final approval. Construction will start the first part of August and should be completed in October. Mr. Magnus asked about adding some parking since the project came in under estimate. Ms. Wolf stated anything out of the MFT project would be a problem and you would be looking at ADA accessibility issues also.
3. Athletic Field Extension. It looks like funding is going to be released. We should have some notice within 30 days.
4. Misc. Concrete Sidewalk and Curb Repairs. The bid documents have been prepared and are scheduled to be advertised on July 25, 2011 and be opened on August 8, 2011. Work is scheduled to be completed by September 15, 2011. Mr. Magnus asked if Public Works could do some of this work. Mr. Nygren stated that they could do the sidewalks but not the curbs.
5. Radium Well #8. We have received our Compliance Commitment Acceptance from the Illinois EPA. It states we must prepare and let for bids the test bores by August 15, 2011, and send an updated report to their office by October 15, 2011. We are planning to advertise this proposal on July 21, 2011. We will not have a formal opening as it will be in proposal form. We may get one proposal back since Layne Christensen is about the only company in our area qualified to do this work. It should also be noted that if a municipal well is to be sited at the Athletic Fields, the Village will have to set up a Maximum Setback Zone for any development within a 1,000 feet of the well head. We already have setback zones for our other shallow wells #5 and #9. According to the EPA Maximum Setback Workbook, businesses that store pesticides or fertilizers are considered a potential secondary source of contamination for our new well and should be restricted. In addition, any private well within 1000 feet of our well could see influence or reduced capacity due to the higher draw capacity of the larger well. Mayor Adams asked if the chemicals used on the park could be a factor. Ms. Wolf felt that it could be and will look into that with the EPA.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Historical Preservation. Mayor Adams stated that I am sure you are aware that the house in question on Center Street has been knocked down already. He felt that he had an agreement with the property owner that he was going to go through the channels with Planning, Zoning and the Village Board. He felt there was support there for him to tear it down anyway. It went through Planning and then he tore it down. He stated he would like to have an ordinance in place to protect the limestone houses from demolition. Ms. Davey stated there is a whole historic preservation ordinance and what was brought up in the committee was not correct. The stuff in the historic district is not automatically protected at all. Mayor Adams stated that his understanding from the county is that they look at anything that is in a historic district. He thought that house was protected, but Ms. Davey stated that it was not. Mayor Adams asked Ms. Davey to produce the ordinance that was previously created and Atty. Cox will create something regarding demolition . He would like board approval before the county issues a demolition permit for homes built before the Civil War or something of that sort. Mayor Adams noted that most of the people at those meetings when that ordinance was created were speaking out against it. Ms. Davey agreed and stated she did not feel they understood the purpose of the preservation ordinance.
2. Complaint. Mayor Adams stated that he has received complaints about the homeowner cutting the firewood on the corner of Aspland and Rockton Road. He is also doing considerable burning of branches, etc. This home is in a commercial district so it is OK for him to sell the firewood but not OK to be burning the branches and or doing the chain sawing in that location. There are condos too close by. Mr. Magnus stated that he is doing too much burning and actually burned his own garage down.
3. New Well. Mayor Adams stated that the EPA has actually given the Village until 2014 to complete the new well.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

1. Prairie Street Project. Mr. Magnus noted that the Prairie Street Project came in $68,343.94 under budget. This will be brought before the board for approval tomorrow night.
2. Ye Old Pub Request. Mr. Magnus stated that they have asked to block off the alley behind the pub on Saturday, July 30th from 11:00AM to 11:00PM for a motorcycle rally which is a fundraiser involving approximately 200 bikes. They are requesting to serve alcohol out there and, therefore, will have to fence the area in. Motion by Mr. Magnus, second by Ms. Davey to allow Ye Old Pub to block off the alley behind the pub on Saturday, July 30th, from 11:00AM to 11:00PM for a motorcycle rally and fencing in that area since they will be serving alcohol and with the stipulation that this is approved by the Police Chief. All ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – MR. NYGREN

1. Rockin for Rockton. Mr. Nygren passed out the map layout for the Rockin With Rockton event. They have requested that we fence the area, hook up the power, place a port-a-john, and barricade of part of Hawick St.

2. OSD. Mr. Nygren wanted to thank Dean Camacho for organizing OSD for us. It went a lot smoother this year. The layout was beautiful, and he needs to be commended for putting this together.

WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE – MR. PETERSON

1. Truck Purchase. Mr. Peterson stated that at the next Public Works Committee we will be discussing the purchase of a truck and/or also rebuilding the engine since it does not have a lot of miles.

Hearing no further business, motion by Magnus, second by Davey to adjourn at 6:47 P.M. All Ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Recording Secretary