

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Village of Forreston**  
**Monday, January 8, 2018**

President Mark Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on January 8, 2018 at Village Hall and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge. Absent: Jeff Freeze and Tim Drayton

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, December 18, 2018 are considered for approval. Trustee Toms makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment which there is none.

Metzger reports there was a Joint Review Board meeting regarding the TIF District held this morning at Village Hall. There was a representative there from each taxing district except Ogle County. They made a recommendation to approve the TIF with a 5-1 vote. He states the meeting went very well and felt very positive with a lot of good questions and discussion. There will be an annual Joint Review Board meeting once the TIF is finalized where all revenues and expense will be reported to the taxing bodies.

Toms has no new building permits to present for this month but asks the Board about the Lewis permit from last month. Metzger would like to speak with the Village attorney one more time before taking a vote and suggests we table it once more. Toms states he would like to give Mr. Lewis an answer next week. The Board agrees.

The claims list is considered for approval. Motion by Toms to approve the claims in the amount of \$29,141.62, second by Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Vinnedge reports there was a water main break on Magnolia that has been repaired

Norris reminds everyone that budget preparation is coming up so we need to be thinking about scheduling meetings next month. Warren states she will get a budget time table sent out by the end of January.

Toms would like to schedule a Parks meeting sometime next week to discuss ideas for the Lions Club.

Vinnedge reports the masonry estimate came in at about \$45,000. He is going to arrange for a meeting with Scott Winter next week.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from December 19, 2017 through January 8, 2018.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from December 18, 2017 through January 8, 2018.

Metzger gives his Village President's report:

- He states he received a letter from Cypress Creek Renewables last week and also met with Scott Novak again. They intended to come to the meeting last week and read the letter but since it was cancelled they asked Metzger to read it during this week's meeting. They are requesting the Village rethink the vote and try to find a way to work together.
- He asks the Board members if anyone has had a chance to look at the audit and if they would like someone from WIPFLI to come out and do a presentation. Buss requests they

come either the first meeting in February or March. Warren will reach out to them and schedule it.

- He reports the Planning Commission met last week and made the recommendation to the Village Board that both the Fischer Bros. and Village railroad properties are suitable for annexation.
- He asks the Board and Cruthis how they feel about doing a Clean Up Day again. The County has sent out paperwork for the grant again. Cruthis states it is no problem to do it. Buss states it is probably a good thing to keep going each year so people get used to doing it. Warren will get the paperwork started and submitted to the County.

Motion by Toms to approve Ordinance #2018-01 Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, second by Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Motion by Buss to nominate Ken Vinnedge as Vice President of the Board of Trustees, second by Norris. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Motion by Buss to adjourn, second by Toms. All are in favor for adjournment.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk