

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, February 5, 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 February 5, 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, Jeff Freeze, and Tim Drayton.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, January 15, 2018 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment:

- Chip Braker, 14264 W Coffman Rd, addresses the Board with a letter from the School Board regarding their support of the proposed solar farm. They are requesting the Village reconsider their recommendation to deny support. They feel the solar farm would have a positive impact on the community. Metzger responds to Braker stating the Board has done their homework; they have attended meetings, spoken to members of the community and asked questions. There are too many questions left unanswered. He also explains the whole process seemed rushed. Most of the Board feels that the company should have been more forthcoming with the plans from the beginning. He would like to see them rescind their permit and reapply and be more open about the plans. Metzger also states the County Board makes the ultimate decision and is not sure the Village recommendation would make much of a difference.
- Paul White, 7160 N IL Rt 26, recommends doing a Google search for Grundy County against Cypress Creek. He also suggests going to Oglecounty.org to find all the testimonies given at the ZBA meeting.
- Matt Coffman, a representative from Cypress Creek, states he would like to arrange another meeting to address any questions the Village has. He states there looks like there will soon be a resolution to the assessment question. He also states the Village recommendation does hold a lot of weight with the County and timing is somewhat critical to this project. He does not believe they will reapply after a rejection from the County.

Metzger reminds the Board there is a Public Hearing on Monday for the TIF District.

The claims list is considered for approval. Motion by Drayton to approve the claims in the amount of \$37,834.35, second by Toms. Warren explains Frontier has not yet received our check from last month. She entered the full balance in this week's claims but can change it before printing checks. The Board would like to just pay this month's balance and wait a bit to see if the check shows up. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.

Freeze states he will call a budget meeting for Streets and Alleys either this week or next week.

Toms reports the Parks Committee met last week with the Lions Club. They have agreed to look into a half basketball court. The Lions Club will look into costs and get back to the committee. Toms would like the committee to meet again on February 26 at 6:30 PM to discuss the budget.

Drayton states he will get with the Ordinance Committee and schedule a meeting.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from January 9, 2018 through February 5, 2018.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from January 15, 2018 through February 5, 2018.

Metzger reports Jane Koeller reached out to the Village to let us know they are combining Hometown Days events with Sauerkraut Days the first weekend in August. The only thing that cannot be changed this year is the band and the beer garden because the band has already been booked for the third weekend in July and they are booked somewhere else for the weekend in August.

Forreston Gas and Food Inc applied for a liquor license. Metzger states they did not list what class of license they are applying for. They also do not have a Forreston resident listed as a point of contact as required by our ordinance. They decide to table this until this information is provided.

Motion by Drayton to approve Ordinance #2018-02 Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois (Pursuant to the Petition of Fischer Brothers, LLC), second by Toms. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.

Motion by Freeze to approve Ordinance #2018-03 Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois (Pursuant to the Petition of the Board of Trustees, Forreston, Illinois), second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.

Motion by Freeze to approve Ordinance #2018-04 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property Owned by the Village of Forreston, Illinois, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.

Motion by Drayton to adjourn, second by Freeze. All are in favor for adjournment.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk