

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, May 1, 2017

President Mark Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on May 1, 2017 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Jeff Freeze, Ken Vinnedge, Ken Toms and Tim Drayton.

The Oath of Office to Courtney Warren was administered by Village President Mark Metzger. The Oath of Office to Mark Metzger was administered by Clerk Warren. Finally, The Oath of Office to Ken Vinnedge, Ken Toms, Vickye Norris and Jeff Freeze were administered by Clerk Warren.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, April 17, 2017 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment which there is none.

Trustee Toms reports there are 9 building permits to review this evening. He begins with an update on 303 2nd Ave. He and Drayton went to look at the property as stated in the last meeting. Toms reports everything is in compliance but they are no longer going to have the fence attached to the pool so they will be applying for a fence permit.

Drayton presents the application for Steve Dykstra at 410 Maple Ave. He states everything is in compliance. Motion by Drayton to approve the permit, second by Buss. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Drayton presents the application for Mike Bawinkel at 302 Avon. He states everything is in compliance. Motion by Drayton to approve the permit contingent on the fees being paid, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents the application for Mike Boomgarden at 302 W Balsam. He states all setbacks are in compliance. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents the application for Terri Freeze at 704 S Walnut for a deck on the front of the house. He states the deck is in compliance as long as it is understood this is to be open air only. Motion by Toms to approve the permit once fees have been paid, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Freeze abstains. Motion carries.

Toms presents the application for Felicia Daniels at 206 W Balsam for a pool and a fence. Toms states he looked at the property and everything is in compliance. Motion by Toms to approve the permit once all fees have been paid, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents the application for Dane Busker at 406 S Walnut for a deck. There is currently a deck on the back of the house but the plan is to take it down and rebuild and expand. Toms states the plan is in compliance. Motion by Toms to approve the permit once the fees have been paid, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Vinnedge abstains. Motion carries.

Toms presents the application for Darrell Snobl at 312 S 4th Ave for a utility shed. He states all setbacks are in compliance. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents an application for Randall Wehrmeister. The setbacks are not in compliance. This application has an 11 foot setback as opposed to the required 25 foot setback for a 3 season room. Toms explained to Wehrmeister they must apply for a variance and a public hearing with the Planning Commission for a recommendation of approval. This application will be tabled until further notice.

The claims list is considered for approval. Toms makes a motion to approve the accounts payable for a total of \$27,339.16. Freeze seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Trustee Freeze reports Public Works did some street repairs over on Cherry & Ash Streets.

President Metzger reports the Finance Committee will need to be reformed so he will be looking for recommendations at the next meeting.

Trustee Vinnedge reports he will review the bids for the furnace.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from April 18, 2017 through May 1, 2017.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis reports he was approached about the sidewalk in front of Burke Tubbs Funeral Home. They are hiring a contractor to replace it. The Board decides to come up with an amount we will pay per square feet for next meeting until we can get a solid sidewalk policy in place.

Metzger reports on the last NIMA meeting. He also reports that Fischer came across some rock that will need to be excavated. This will require a change order but he will keep the Board updated on the progress.

Metzger reports on Romaine Capps' property on Chestnut St. He explains our lawyer stated the best way to go about this is to draw up a lease. Our attorney will be working with her attorney to sort this out.

Certification from the Ogle County Clerk of the Consolidated Election of April 4, 2017 was as follows: 173 ballots were cast. Village President – Mark Metzger 166 votes; Village Clerk – Courtney Warren 159 votes; Village Trustee – 3 to be elected = Vickye Norris 130 votes; Jeff Freeze 138 votes; Ken Toms 137; Village Trustee – 2 year unexpired term = Ken Vinnedge 151 votes. Village Library Trustee – 2 to be elected = Teresa Meyer 150 votes; Susan Milnes 145 votes.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services gives the Board an update on the progress of the TIF and BDD developments. She states she will probably not be back until the first meeting in June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk