

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, September 18, 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 September 18, 2017 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Ken Vinnedge, Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss and Ken Toms.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2017 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Toms. Buss abstains due to absence. Motion carries.

Metzger opens the meeting to public comment.

- Jane Koeller asks the Board if the residences in the Business District are entitled to BDD funds. Metzger explains they may be but it will ultimately be up to the Board. The idea is to focus on Economic Development and to redevelop the downtown business area. They will be eligible to apply for funds but may not necessarily be get them.
- Tyler Vogt states he submitted a permit for water service hook up last month. Clerk Warren states she has not received it. Vogt will come by Village Hall tomorrow morning to fill out another one. He also states he is asking for a lower rate since it is zoned commercial but not a commercial building. Metzger states he should fill out the permit and the Board will take a look at it.

Sharon Pepin from Community Funding and Planning Services presents Ordinance #2017-10 Designating the Village of Forreston Routes 26/72 & Forreston Downtown Business Development District and Imposing a Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax. This is the ordinance that will be filed with the Department of Revenue. Pepin states the public hearing was held about 2 weeks ago and there was a good turn out with some good discussion. Metzger states he was able to reach out to some businesses and the overall feeling was business owners are in favor of the BDD as long as funds are mostly used to fix and redevelop downtown rather than spent on new businesses. Motion by Toms to approve the ordinance, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss and Toms. Motion carries.

Pepin explains she has made revisions to the TIF map. After some further review, she discovered that vacant land in Forreston has had an increased EAV in the last 5 years which takes away from some of the criteria. She has removed most of the vacant land from the map and hands out a revised copy. The Board is concerned about expansion opportunities, especially to the East if that area is removed. Pepin will take a look at trying to get that land back in. She will bring back more information to the next meeting.

Toms presents a sign permit for Chris Thiel at 102 S 1st Ave. He explains he has been in the building for 2 years but the official closing date is Wednesday, September 20. Motion by Toms to approve the permit once the fee is paid and ownership is completed, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss and Toms. Motion carries.

Warren presents the Comparison to Budget Report for the month ending August 31, 2017. Drayton motions to approve as presented. Freeze seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss and Toms. Motion carries.

The Board reviews the Treasurer's report for the month of August. Village Treasurer Fred Schneiderman states there was nothing unusual. He reports the Park Fund Balance is off because we reissued a check. It should be \$52713.91. Drayton makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's report with Schneiderman's correction, Freeze seconds. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss and Toms. Motion carries.

The claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$149,546.38. Motion by Toms to approve the claims as presented, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss and Toms. Motion carries.

Trustee Norris reports there was a committee meeting held last week to discuss the budget officer position. She explains Warren has agreed to continue serving that position. The committee agreed to reappoint her as the budget officer with no term limit as anyone can be appointed to the position at any time if necessary.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from September 6, 2017 through September 19, 2017.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from September 5, 2017 through September 18, 2017.

Metzger reports there is a County Board seat available. Petitions need to be filed by November. The current Forreston representative will not be seeking another term so it would be nice to have another representative from Forreston on the Board. Metzger also reports ComEd will be installing smart meters next week. Metzger informs the Board the insurance company has denied the claim for the sewer back up on 3rd Ave.

Motion by Drayton to adjourn the meeting, second by Freeze. All are in favor. Meeting is adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk