

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, December 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 December 18, 2017 at Village Hall 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 Monday, December 4, 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, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment.

- Scott Novack from Cypress Creek Renewables addresses the Board regarding the proposed solar farm at the southern edge of town. He reports after reading the recommendation the Village submitted to the County, he wanted to clear up what he believes to be misinformation. He states the benefit to the Village lies in the tax revenue that would go to the school district. He claims that over 40 years the school would receive approximately \$2,000,000 in tax revenue. He is also looking for feedback from the Village as to how the farm can be made more appealing to the Village. He suggests possibly changing the name of the farm among other things. He also states that almost half of the neighboring property owners are actually very supportive of the farm. He is happy to meet with the President or any other Board members to discuss some of these topics.

Sharon Pepin, Village TIF consultant, presents the TIF plan and Revised Eligibility Study. She briefly goes over the plan with the Board and asks if there are any questions. She then presents the some of the mailings that will be sent out over the next few weeks, including notices for a public hearing and a joint review board meeting.

Motion by Drayton to approve Ordinance 2017-14 An Ordinance of the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois, to set a date for, and to approve a public notice of a public hearing on the Routes 26/72 & Forreston Downtown Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Toms presents a building permit for Tom Hall at #6 Candlelite. He states it is not a corner lot so it meets all of the requirements. They do ask that the gate be handicap accessible. Buss requests they also get approval from the owner of the trailer court. Motion by Toms to approve the permit pending approval from Mr. Vietmeier, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Toms presents a building permit for Kent Lewis that was tabled from the previous meeting. He states the permit meets all the criteria of our zoning code. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Freeze. There is some on-going discussion regarding the permit. Toms states the Village attorney's advice is that we must approve the permit if it meets code. The Village must not approve or deny the permit based on the covenants of a subdivision but only on the code. There are members of the public and Board that are concerned about the use of the building as well as the size. The board discusses changing the code. Metzger suggests getting the Buildings & Grounds committee as well as the Ordinance committee to set up meetings to take a look at our zoning codes. The ultimate consensus is to table this permit once again to look into a few things a little more. They want to find out the measure of the lot and the house as well as what it would take to make the code more restrictive on the size of accessory buildings even though it may not be able to apply to this permit. Toms rescinds his motion.

Warren presents the Budget Officer's report for the month of November 2017. She states the numbers are not exactly accurate for some of the funds like the General and Water & Sewer but they are very

close. Motion by Drayton to accept the Budget Officer's report as presented, second by Toms. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Treasurer Schneiderman presents another unofficial report for the month of November 2017. The cash balance is correct in each of the banks as well as the receipts and disbursements. Hopefully the fund balance numbers will be worked out soon. Motion by Drayton to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

The claims list is considered for approval. Motion by Toms to approve the claims in the amount of \$22,811.64, second by Drayton. Buss asks Cruthis about the Sludge Permit charge from Fehr Graham. Cruthis states it does appear to be more than they quoted us for. He will look into it. They would like to remove the charge for \$1,737.50 from the claims for now. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from December 5, 2017 through December 18, 2017.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from December 4, 2017 through December 18, 2017.

Metzger states the audit reports are here and have been distributed. If anyone wants someone from the firm to come out and give a presentation, then let Clerk Warren know and she will call WIPFLI and schedule something. He also reminds everyone there is a Planning Commission meeting on January 3 at 6:00 PM regarding the annexation of the railroad properties. Metzger hands out a buy a brick form from the school district he received. They are raising money for the softball fields. He suggests buying 2. Motion by Buss to buy two 4 x 8 bricks at \$100 each, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Trustee Norris reports the Finance Committee met last Monday to discuss the health insurance renewal information. It is the recommendation of the committee to go with the Blue Cross Blue Shield 532BCE plan with Dimond Bros. Motion by Norris to approve the Finance Committee Recommendation, second by Buss. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk