

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, January 21, 2019

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on January 21, 2019 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss and Ken Toms. Absent: Ken Vinnedge.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, January 21, 2019 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Toms. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment:

- Don Cook at 102 2nd Ave asks the Board what the ordinance is for cars with no licenses. He cites two places in town where such cars exist and demands we get the town cleaned up. Cook is also upset that agendas are not posted on windows for the public to read.
- Jane Koeller at 405 4th Ave states they are planning a parade for Sauerkraut Days this year. She also asks if there are any BDD applications for businesses to request reimbursement for projects. President Metzger states we have a template for this type of application but the Board has not yet approved a final application. Hopefully by next month they will have something finalized.

Trustee Toms presents Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence, & Pool Permits: none

Treasurer Schneiderman presents the Treasurer's report for December 2018. Motion by Freeze to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, second by Toms. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Buss, Norris and Toms. Motion carries.

Treasurer Schneiderman explains there is a budget transfer every year from the Water and Sewer Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. We usually wait to do it around April but since there is a deficit in the Capital Improvement fund we should do it now. Motion by Freeze to approve the transfer for \$225,000.00 to Capital Improvement from Water and Sewer, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Buss, Norris and Toms. Motion carries.

The Claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$49,012.50. Motion by Toms to approve claims. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: none

Sewer and Water: none

Finance Committee:

- Trustee Norris presents the Comparison to Budget Report for December 2018. Motion by Norris to approve the report as presented, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: none

Ordinances: none

Village Hall Renovations: none

Animal Control: none

Clerk's Report: none

The Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from January 8, 2019 to January 21, 2019.

Superintendent Alan Cruthis gives an update for his department from January 7, 2019 – January 21, 2019. Cruthis asks the board if we can start enforcing the ordinances for snow removal on the sidewalks and in the streets. The ordinance states 12 hours after snowfall the snow must be removed from the sidewalks. Cruthis thinks we should at least enforce it in the downtown area. He also believes people should be fined for blowing snow back into the roads and parking spots after the Village has already cleaned it up. Chief Boomgarden agrees and asks for a list of offenders and he will address it.

Village President's Report:

- President Metzger addresses Betty Wubben's complaint about the alleyway behind 5th Ave. She would like the building and trees and shrubs removed from the alley next to her farmland. Metzger states he will have to contact the Village Attorney and Engineer for advice on the lot lines and the best way to approach the situation, whether it is to vacating the alley or any other options.
- Metzger reads a press release from the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department. It states they will be cancelling the recycling program in May of this year. He thinks we should look in to some recycling options for the residents.
- Metzger asks the Trustees to have a look at the TIF and BDD project reimbursement applications for the business owners. He would like to have something to look at for the next meeting.

Old Business: The meeting with the building inspector has been cancelled for Tuesday night.

New Business: Motion by Toms to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries. Enter Closed Session at 8:13 PM. Return to Open Session at 8:14 PM. Motion by Freeze offer insurance for Michelle Drayton at a minimum of 32 hours a week as long as there is coverage for the clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, second by Toms. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Drayton abstains. Motion carries.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Warren, Village Clerk