

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, March 18, 2019

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:03 PM on March 18, 2019 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Ken Vinnedge, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, and Ken Toms. Absent: Jeff Freeze.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, March 4, 2019 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Norris. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment:

- Jane Koeller from Koeller Forreston Hardware has several comments.
 - FABA has put together some shopping bags for new residents with a little something from each business in town. She would like to leave them at Village Hall to hand out to new residents. They will be available in May.
 - Secondly, she hands in her BDD Application for the window project they are planning at the Hardware Store. She asks if it will be publicized how much is given to each business. Metzger asks the Sharon Pepin, the Village consultant if this type of information is generally posted. Pepin responds that she does not know of any municipalities that publicize it but it is public information. Koeller also states she read in the minutes from a previous meeting that BDD funds were used for the alleyway behind R & S Builders. She wants to know how this was possible if there was no BDD Application available. Metzger explains that the whole BDD fund has come with a learning curve and we are learning as we go.
 - Koeller points out that the year to date purchases from Koeller Hardware has dropped dramatically since last year. She is concerned that the Village may be purchasing products like trash bags and distilled water from non-local sources. She sincerely hopes this is not the case but would like the Board to have a look at the statements from this year and last year.

Sharon Pepin from Community Funding & Planning Services gives the Board an update on a number of projects that are in the works.

- The Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project has been submitted. They will announce the awarded projects in early April.
- The Water Main Project Plan has been approved for \$3,551,288.00. The maximum principal forgiveness is \$1,500,000.00 leaving the loan amount for \$2,051,288.00 Metzger states the project plan was approved for that much but we wanted to break it out into phases and do half of it this year and half next year. This would maximize the amount of principal forgiveness for the loan. Pepin explains we should know how much forgiveness the IEPA will offer in July. Toms asks what the total impact will be on users. Metzger estimates the total impact for water users should be \$2.25. Pepin explains that we are still not locked in to anything yet. The next steps will be to secure the construction permit and submit loan paperwork. The bidding will probably not go out until this fall or next winter. The Board members question some of the engineering costs and ask how much needs to be paid up front. Vinnedge states he will check with the engineer to see exactly what we have paid for already and what is left to pay up front for this project. Pepin states we could also talk to the bank and discuss a low interest loan so we are not bleeding our funds dry.
- The IEPA Lead Services Replacement Project has not yet been started. The Village is still collecting information on how many lead services need to be replaced.

Trustee Toms presents Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence, & Pool Permits:

- Mrs. Simmons at 107 N Locust has applied for a solar energy system. Trustee Toms asks several questions regarding the design. The Board decides to table this application until it is redesigned.
- Travis Cox at 303 Hickory Ave has applied for a 12 x 16 ft shed. Toms explains the shed will be within his fence and it meets all the setbacks. The fee has already been paid. Motion by Toms to approve the application contingent on him going out to check the measurements, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Treasurer Schneiderman presents the Treasurer's report for February 2019. Motion by Drayton to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, second by Toms. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

The Claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$116,349.42. Motion by Drayton to approve the Claims list presented, second by Toms. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: none

Sewer and Water: Vinnedge reports they are still collecting data for the blowers at the treatment plant.

Finance Committee:

- Norris reports there will be a Finance Budget meeting Wednesday at 6:30 PM.
- Norris presents the Budget Officer's report for February. Motion by Norris to approve, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: Toms reports his committee had a budget meeting last week and turned the numbers in to the Clerk and the Finance Chair. He states they put money in the budget to include a basketball court at Warnken Park. He is also open to any other projects at the park.

Ordinances: none

Village Hall Renovations: none

Animal Control: none

Clerk's Report:

- Warren states we were approved for the Clean Up Day grant. This year it will be May 3 & 4, the same weekend as the community wide garage sales. There will be a flyer going out with the water bills this month along with the Cross Connection Survey.
- She also states we need Planning Commission members. We are down 2 right now and maybe 3 after the election.

The Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from March 5, 2019 to March 18, 2019.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from March 4, 2019 to March 18, 2019.

Village President's Report:

- Metzger reports he and a couple other Board members attended a ComEd conference on street lights last week. He states we have received a quote on replacing the light fixtures downtown. It

is roughly \$12,000.00 and the estimate shows a 42 month payoff in utility bills. He thinks this would be a good project to come out of the BDD Fund.

- He asks if anyone ever met with Mr. Stapleton with AT&T. Vinnedge did and states he showed the most interest in the old Capps property on Ash for a tower. He will draw up a lease and send it to us.

Motion by Drayton to approve Resolution 2019-01 for MFT Allocation, second by Toms. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Motion by Toms to go into Closed Session per ILCS 120/1 Sec 2 (c)(1) to discuss Personnel, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Drayton, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries. Enter Closed Session at 8:19 PM. Return to Open Session at 8:50 PM.

New Business: none

Old Business:

- Toms states Casper Manheim came to talk to the Board last Tuesday. The ordinance committee will meet to discuss what he talked about.

Motion by Drayton to adjourn. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Warren, Village Clerk