

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Village of Forreston**  
**Monday, April 3, 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 March 6, 2017 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Marc Stamm, Gary Buss, Jeff Freeze, Ken Vinnedge, Ken Toms and Tim Drayton.

At 7:00 PM Metzger opens the Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget. He asks the public if there are any comments. Being no comments from the public he closes the hearing at 7:03 PM.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, March 20, 2017 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Stamm, Freeze, Buss, Vinnedge, Toms and Drayton. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment which there is none.

Trustee Toms reports there is a Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM regarding a variance for the sign application submitted by Turnroth Sign Co. for the Dollar General sign.

The claims list is considered for approval. Clerk Warren explains there is an electronic charge that did not show on the list for \$248.58. Toms makes a motion to approve the accounts payable for a total of \$13,664.85. Drayton seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Stamm, Freeze, Buss, Vinnedge, Toms and Drayton. Motion carries.

Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services presents Ordinance 2017-05 of the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois Providing For a Feasibility Study and Report with Respect to the Designation of a Certain Area as a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Motion by Toms to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Stamm, Freeze, Buss, Vinnedge, Toms and Drayton. Motion carries.

Sharon Pepin also presents Ordinance 2017-06 of the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois Designating a Redevelopment Project Within a Proposed Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. Motion by Drayton to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Stamm, Freeze, Buss, Vinnedge, Toms and Drayton. Motion carries.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from March 21, 2017 through April 3, 2017.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from March 20 through April 3, 2017. Cruthis gives an update on the drainage issues on the 400 block of S Walnut Ave. The Board discusses different alternatives to fix the problem and decides to speak with the homeowners and let them know the options. Cruthis also presents a quote for the tandem dump truck from Bonnell. He states it is still at the shop. Stamm hasn't been able to take a look at it yet. After some discussion the Board comes to a consensus that after Stamm has a look at the truck and agrees with the condition of it, we will purchase it as is for \$22,500 as quoted.

Metzger reports the Village received money from the Karl Klipping memorial fund specifically for Village Hall Renovations in an amount of \$1,175.00. He also reports the aggregate bid was approved for 1 year with Dynege at \$.06467 per kwh.

Metzger explains he met with some Trustees at Chestnut and Elm St to discuss whether or not the Village is interested in vacating that portion of Chestnut St. The Board comes to a consensus that it would not be

wise to vacate at this time as that property is zoned manufacturing and it is the only potential through street on that side of town. With that in mind they also agree it would not be wise to sell the railroad property abutting up to it either.

Metzger states he would like to get a sidewalk policy in place. We have followed policies in the past but nothing has ever been put down on paper. He explains the Clerk's office is putting some information together but would like to see a small committee get together to work a policy out. Cruthis, Toms, and Freeze volunteer to help create this policy.

The Board considers Resolution 2017-02 Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for approval. Motion by Drayton to approve, second by Freeze. Buss asks if a resolution can be made for more money than is in the fund. Village Engineer Mick Gronewold explains the resolution only appropriates the Motor Fuel Tax funds for street maintenance, it does not commit to spending that specific amount. The scope of the project can be changed later. Yeas: Trustees Stamm, Freeze, Buss, Vinnedge, Toms and Drayton. Motion carries.

The Board considers Ordinance 2017-04 Budgeting and Appropriating for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, IL for the Fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018. Motion to approve by Toms, second by Drayton. Buss asks if the Buildings & Land line item and Equipment & Vehicle line item in the Capital Development fund is correct. Clerk Warren states they should be switched; there should be \$4,000 in Equipment & Vehicles and \$185,000 in Buildings & Land. Yeas: Trustees Stamm, Freeze, Buss, Vinnedge, Toms and Drayton. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk