

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Monday April 19, 2021 7:00 PM
FORRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. He does Roll Call for those attending Via ZOOM. Via Zoom, Deepack (BP owner), Brittany Busker, and Christine Klipping are attending.

Clerk Drayton does Roll Call for those attending the meeting from the Public are Jane Koeller and Katie Kalina. Trustees Buss, Cotter, Toms, Norris, Freeze, and Vinnedge are all in attendance along with VP Metzger, Clerk Drayton, and Treasurer/Budget Officer Schneiderman are in attendance. Scott Timm is attending as Supt of Public Works Mark Rust could not be with us this evening.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

Minutes of the April 5, 2021 Meeting are reviewed. Trustee Toms motions to approve the Minutes as presented and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Toms, Cotter, Freeze, Buss and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Public Comment: Trustee Buss of 601 S Cedar requests the Village look into different chairs to use at the library rather than the metal folding chairs. Also, he states the tables need to be rearranged to allow the public attending to see everyone. Public Comment closes at 7:07 PM.

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits Trustee Toms presents the permits for the evening.

112 S 5th Ave – concrete patio on the west side of house. The proposed patio will be in compliance and is paid. Motion is made by Trustee Toms to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Freeze, Cotter, Toms, Buss, Norris, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

105 S 3rd Ave – paver block patio on the east side of the home. 12x20, in compliance, and the permit fee has been paid. Motion is made by Trustee Toms to approve and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Vinnedge, Freeze, Buss, Cotter, and Toms all respond with Yeas.

105 Meadow Ct – fence for the back yard. The neighbor is concerned with property lines. The owner states there is existing fence in the back corners of yard. Trustee Toms states there should be a pin in the pine trees at back corner. The property owner and his neighbor need to discuss the issue, not talk separately to Board members. Trustee Toms motions to approve the fence permit with a 3' setback. Trustee Buss 2nds the motion. On Roll Call, Trustee Freeze Buss, Cotter, Toms, Norris and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. **AMENDED PER MAY 3, 2021 MINUTES. TRUSTEES TOMS AND COTTER REQUEST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE ADDED REGARDING THIS PERMIT: A survey was completed and the neighbors came to an agreement on the placement of the fence. The property line was not where the owners thought it was. The new fence is chain link, 4' high, and sits 2 feet inside the property line.**

202 E Avon St – Privacy fence to replace and expand existing chain link fence area. This will be a wood, dog eared, panel fence. 1 ½ feet off north property line and will not extend beyond the front of the house (as it is a corner lot). Neighbor to the north has no issues with the new fence. Trustee Toms motions to approve the fence when permit fee has been paid and is 2nd by Trustee cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Toms, Buss, Vinnedge, Norris, and Freeze all respond with yeas.

Trustee Schneiderman reviews the Treasurer's Report for month ending 03-31-2021. Trustee Buss motions to approve the Treasurers Report for March 2021 and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Toms, Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

The Accounts Payable are reviewed and a motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Accounts Payable which is 2nd by Trustee Toms. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, Toms, Buss and Norris respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Nothing to report

Finance

- Budget Officer Report for month ending 03-31-21 - Fred states overall our budget is balanced with an excess in funds for the year. We did not budget for Rebuild America fund and Safe Routes did not happen as we expected. The Capital Improvement Funds will carry over to next year's projects. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Treasurer's Report and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Freeze, cotter, Toms, Buss, Norris, and Vinnedge respond with Yeas.
- Approve Budget Ordinance 2021-04 – Village President Metzger thanks the Board for their work on the budget. You started early, had productive meetings, and had the budget balanced and done - thank you for working together to

get things done. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter.

Trustee Toms then states he wished there had been more time to discuss wages. Trustee Buss states he wished we had another meeting to go thru the budget line by line. Trustee Buss asked if the money for a new mower was earmarked. Treasurer Schneiderman states Yes. Monies carried over will be noted and earmarked. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Norris, and Vinnedge respond with Yeas and Trustees Toms, Buss, and Freeze respond with Nays. Village President Metzger is asked to break the tie and he responds with Yea. The budget passes 4 to 3.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning – nothing to report.

Ordinances – Trustee Toms presents Liquor Ordinance 2021-05. He states the annual fee is \$1,800 and that does NOT include retail liquor. 2 drinks within a 24-hour period. 2 employees over the age of 21 MUST be on duty to have gaming/liquor available. Motion is made by Trustee Toms to approve Ordinance 2021-05 and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Vinnedge, Cotter, Toms, and Buss respond with Yeas. Trustee Freeze votes Nay and states he feels the license fee should be higher.

Animal Control - nothing to report.

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton states Garage Sales and Clean up days are scheduled, and this morning we received the full funding of \$2,000 for our grant.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Thiel reviews his Police Report. He states they are sending out notices regarding yard clean up and unmoved vehicles. There is a letter with the notice explaining items can be taken to the dumpsters available for Clean up days. Vehicles need to be removed, licensed, or put in an enclosed building.

Planning for the Bike Rodeo is underway. Chief states he has purchased 2 bikes and is hoping to have 2 more donated.

He will be looking into a USDA grant for a new squad.

A Police Committee will be formed, in compliance with new state rules. From the community, Gene Green and Holly Bawinkel will be on the committee and from the Village Board, Ken Vinnedge and Monty Cotter will serve.

Officer McClain has been cleared of any wrongdoing by the States Attorney's office regarding the Officer Involved shooting which happened in December.

Supt of Public Works Report - Supt. Rust left a report for the Board and it is reviewed. Scott adds that Dach Fence was here and repaired the fence at the Warnken Ball Diamond.

Village President's Report - President Metzger states the Notice to Award is not really an action item as we have already voted to approve, however the paperwork will have to be signed before the next meeting and he wants the Board to know that it will be done.

Village President Metzger thanks Trustees Toms and Freeze for their many years of service to the Board. He appreciates their many years of experience and their willingness offered to help if needed in the future.

New Business

Liquor and Gaming Permits: Josh's Saloon – payment has been made in full, bond is current, and they have a local contact person in case of emergencies. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the liquor and Gaming permits and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, and Freeze respond with Yeas. Trustee Toms responds with Nay.

Mimmo's – Payment has been made and their bond is good thru June. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the liquor and gaming renewal license and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Cotter respond with Yeas. Trustee Toms votes Nay.

Forreston Gas & Food – Clerk Drayton states the permit was received via email this morning. There was confusion as they thought they would apply for the gaming/pour license at the same time. The application is here, check will be received by April 30th and the Bond will be renewed. Trustee Buss motions to approve the permit pending payment and the new bond. He is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustee Norris, Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter and Buss vote Yea, Trustee Toms votes Nay.

Casey's – The application is pending receiving payment and bond, which is in the mail. Application was emailed as it had not been received yet. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the permit, pending payment and bond, and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Freeze, Cotter, Buss, Norris, and Vinnedge respond with Yeas. Trustee Toms votes Nay.

Old Business – Trustee Toms states he has been a Board Member under 4 different mayors. He states the Board needs to remember to work together, not against each other. Do the best job you can. Do not vote to make everyone happy, vote your conscious. Keep the Committee Chairmen involved and hold Committee meetings monthly.

Motion is made by Trustee Toms to adjourn the meeting and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. All are in favor. The meeting is adjourned at 8:36 PM

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton