

Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board Meeting

Monday May 3, 2021, 7:00 PM

FORRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to Order at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Ken Vinnedge, Monty Cotter, Ken Toms, Vickye Norris, and Gary Buss are present. Also present are newly elected Trustees Brittany Busker and Katie Kalina, Village President Metzger, Supt of Public Works Mark Rust, Chief of Police Chris Thiel, and Clerk Drayton. Attending Via ZOOM is Jane Koeller. Trustee Freeze is absent.

Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2021 Meeting - Trustees Toms & Cotter ask for an amendment to the minutes from April 19, 2021. They request the permit for 105 Meadow Court have information added stating a survey was complete 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. Trustee Cotter motions to accept the minutes for April 19, 2021 with the additional information and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Buss, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Toms respond with Yeas.

Oath of Office – Clerk Drayton, Village President Metzger, returning Trustee Norris, and new Trustees Busker and Kalina each recite their Official Oath of Office.

Public Comment – Jane Koeller states the Sauer Kraut Committee is bringing back Tuesday night Bingo in the Park. Bingo will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Memorial Park beginning Tuesday, May 18th 6 PM to 7:30 PM. Jane also thanked Chief Thiel for the letters sent prior to Clean Up Days. She has noticed several homes that took advantage of the dumpsters and removed items from their property.

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits - Trustee Cotter states there are several permits in the works, but none are ready for tonight's meeting.

Accounts Payable – Trustee Buss questions the mowing done at the James property and asks if a lien was placed for last year's mowing. Clerk Drayton states she believes it was but will double check. Buss also inquires on the Culligan charge. Chief Thiel states he purchased the bubbler from Culligan to be shared by all employees. It has hot and cold water and is cheaper to refill than purchasing water bottles constantly. Clerk Drayton states #14 on page 2, Helm \$189 should be removed. A statement was received today, and that charge is not on it. There are no other questions, Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the Claims with the Helm payment removed and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Cotter, Kalina, Busker, Buss, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss asks if King has looked at the parking lot yet? Supt Rust states that he has not heard anything from them yet. VP Metzger asks is the AT&T tower is completed. Supt Rust states they are working weekends on it. He has been told it will be a year before any antennas are put on the tower.

Sewer and Water - Trustee Vinnedge states there was unexpected issues at the sewer plant when a valve got stuck and had to be dug. The culprit was a LARGE turtle, which got into the pipe. When the valve opened, he was sucked in and got stuck. The valve would not close, as the turtle was in it.... A new valve was put in and we are hoping to be able to repair the old valve and have it as a spare should we ever have problems again.

Finance - Nothing to report

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning – Nothing to report

Ordinances – Nothing to report. Clerk Drayton is asked about the ordinances sent for Codification. She states they were sent; however, she has not heard anything back.

Animal Control - Trustee Norris has nothing to report. Trustee Kalina states there was a loose dog today. The owners finally caught it after it escaped from the vet's office.

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton informs the Board that liquor and gaming permits were paid and delivered prior to April 30th. The Planning Commission meeting is set for Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 PM at the

Forreton Library. Also, per Kevin, Clean Up Day went over well. Either 7 or 8 dumpsters were filled and there was a good response for Shred Beast.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Thiel states when school is out, the on-duty officer schedule will change. The letters sent prior to Clean Up day worked very well for getting properties cleaned up. Next, we will be changing the ordinance so we can prosecute if properties are not cleaned up.

Bike Rodeo date is set, 2 bikes were purchased from Koeller Hardware. I am still working with Walmart to try to get 2 more bikes donated.

Also, Chief Theil states we do need to move forward with creation of the Disaster Preparedness Committee.

Supt. Of Public Works Report - Supt. Rust states there is a leak at a hydrant at the High School. Currently it is off, the Fire Department have a wrench that will open the valve should there be a fire at the school. We will look at repairing hydrant/fixing the leak once school is out. Also, there is a hydrant at 3rd and Cherry that is leaking. This is slated to be replaced with the next phase of the water main replacement project, so we are hoping we can get through until that project is underway. Illinois Rural Water Association will be in town this week with their leak detector. They can pinpoint leaks so both hydrants will be looked at closely. Flower boxes should be out by the end of the week and banners should be up next week.

Village President Metzger congratulates Trustee Norris on her re-election and Trustee Busker and Kalina on their election. He also thanks Trustee Toms and Freeze for their contribution and the many years of work they put in. He states typically we hammer out committees and end up with people in positions they know nothing about. He would like to take some time and expose all trustees to all committees, so everyone has an idea of what each committee does before putting committees together. He also requests that committee chairs are existing board members so as not to throw someone new into a position they are not familiar with.

VP Metzger states he will be sending out a ZOOM link to everyone for tomorrows Safe Routes to School project update which begins at 10:30 AM. If you can join, feel free to, so you have an idea of what we will be doing.

New Business

Loan request #7 for IEPA Loan #2197 in the amount of \$7,254.25 is reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Kalina, Busker, Vinnedge, Norris, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Old Business – Supt Rust invites the new trustees and any others who are interested, to contact him regarding a tour of the water and sewer facilities for anyone who is interested. He would like to do this on a Saturday morning.

Motion is made it adjourn the meeting by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. All respond with Yeas. The meeting is adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton