

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, May 6, 2019

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on May 6, 2019. He asks Trustee Drayton to lead the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of his final meeting. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, Ken Vinnedge, and Jeff Freeze.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, April 15, 2019 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Toms. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Trustee Freeze abstains due to absence. Motion carries.

Newly elected Trustee Cotter and re-elected Trustees Buss and Vinnedge take the Oath of Office. Drayton gives up his seat to Cotter and exits the meeting.

Metzger asks for public comment; there is none.

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

- Hunter Hake & Hannah Curry at 308 Hickory Ave have applied for a fence permit. Toms states it is all in compliance. He wanted to make sure they knew exactly where the property lines are since they just moved in. As long as they are sure of the property lines he motions to approve the application, second by Freeze. Yeas: Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.
- Austin Genandt at 601 S 2nd Ave has applied for a deck permit. Toms states they were approved for a pool permit last year and they would now like to build a deck around the pool. It all complies with the code so Toms motions to approve the application, second by Buss. Yeas: Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.
- Charles and Dori Simmons submitted an application for a residential solar panel system several weeks ago. It was not approved and they have submitted an updated application since then as well as a decommissioning plan. Trustee Toms states the decommissioning plan still does not include the financials. Trustee Vinnedge will get a hold of the installation company and explain to them what we are looking for.

The Claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$33,491.00. There is a question about the Warnken Park dumpster bill. The board wonders why it's so high. Warren explains there is a partial billing on there in addition to the regular service. They would like Alan to look into why the Warnken Park dumpster cost is different from the one at the Treatment Plant. Motion by Toms to approve claims minus the Moring bill for Warnken Park until Alan gets an answer, second by Freeze. Yeas: Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: There is an MFT bid opening Monday, May 13 at 9:00 AM.

Sewer and Water: Vinnedge states there are 2 more weeks left for data collection for the Blower grant.

Finance Committee: none

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning:

- Toms would like to schedule a meeting for next Tuesday at 6:30 PM tentatively to discuss the Building Permit Amendment and the Mobile Home Ordinance.

Ordinances: none

Animal Control: none

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk Warren reports she has signed herself and Trustee Cotter up for the IML Newly Elected Official Workshop in June but she cannot make it and would like someone else to attend in her place. She asks to please let her know by tomorrow.
- She also reports she had a phone call from someone looking to set up a food truck in the parking lot of PPO. He is licensed by the Health Department and has permission from the property owner. We currently have nothing on the books regarding permits for such businesses. Metzger would like him to fill out a solicitor's permit, even though he is not soliciting. He will not need to pay the fee, it's just so we have his information.

The Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from April 16, 2019 to May 6, 2019. Chief Boomgarden explains we are in need of a new camera system over at Memorial Park since the current ones have outlived their life expectancy. He presents a quote for the new system. Motion by Toms to approve the camera system for Memorial Park from Jansen Electronics in the amount of \$1,199.95, second by Freeze. Yeas: Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from April 15, 2019 to May 6, 2019. Buss asks if we are putting up the FABA banners this year. Cruthis explains they are kind of beat up and it may be time for new ones but if we get new banners we will need to get new brackets. Metzger will bring it up at the FABA meeting tomorrow when he is there.

Village President's Report:

- Metzger reports he will be attending the FABA meeting tomorrow to discuss the BDD and how the businesses can take advantage of it.
- He also reports that we have been awarded the grant for the Safe Routes to School program. The engineering costs total about \$29,700.00 with construction and design which will not be part of the grant. The next step is a meeting with IDOT and Sharon Pepin. Buss asks if we plan to ask the school to contribute toward this. Metzger states he will be in talks with the School Board and Sheri Smith as soon as he can.
- Metzger was contacted by a group looking to kick off a "Cooking with a Vet" contest. They would like to do a practice run here in Forreston at Warnken Park in mid-August. Metzger thinks it's a great idea and will get more details shortly.

New Business:

- Committee Assignments: Metzger puts Cotter on Finance and Buildings & Grounds in place of Trustee Drayton. Buss becomes Chairman of Streets & Alley and Vinnedge joins that committee as well. Trustee Toms agrees to Chair the Ordinance Committee. Vinnedge and Freeze join the committee also. Buss asks if we are going to put together a BDD Committee. Freeze states he would chair that committee and Cotter states he would also like to be a part of that committee.
- Warnken Park Contract – The board would like to make 2 changes. They would like the Contract to be approved by the end of February since baseball seems to get going around the end of March. They would also like to include in shared responsibilities that all parties are responsible for 1/3 of the cost of any expenses of shared items. Warren will update the contract and send it out to the Lions Club and the School District.
- Metzger would like to get the Planning Commission fully staffed since we are missing 2 people. He feels we will need them in the near future and would like to be ready.

Old Business: none

Motion by Freeze to adjourn. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Warren, Village Clerk