

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, May 7, 2018

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on May 7, 2018 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Gary Buss, Ken Toms, Ken Vinnedge, Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, and Vickye Norris.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, April 16, 2018 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment:

- Dana Anderson at 605 Garden Street and Debbie Whited at 607 Garden Street request that 2 very large pine trees on city property near their homes be taken down. Anderson comment the tree makes a mess all over her vehicle and property and Whited is concerned because it is affecting the foundation of her house. The roots are so large they are coming out of the ground and making the sidewalk uneven. Metzger thanks them for coming and bring it to our attention.
- Don Cook at 102 S 2nd Ave comments that the Board is not enforcing building and fence permits properly. He claims the Board is allowing some people to put up illegal fences. He is also concerned about the garbage all over town on certain properties.

Metzger announces we will be moving the agenda around slightly. We will cover building permits before the Solar Farm proposal.

Metzger reports there was a TIF Public Hearing at 6:00 PM. There was one member of the public who attended but no public comment. Sharon Pepin states she is still trying to follow up with the Department of Revenue regarding the business addresses in the BDD but has had no luck with a response from them.

Trustee Toms presents a building permit for Vicki Petta at 410 S 2nd Ave. They will be removing the current fence and replacing it with a white plastic privacy fence a little closer to the property line. Toms states the lot line has been surveyed so they know exactly where the pins are. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Trustee Toms presents a building permit for Travis Cox at 303 Hickory Ave. He reports this property is adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and there is a 2 foot set back from a public lot. Cox will follow the setback with his 6 ft wooden privacy fence. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Brian Maillet from Microgrid presents their proposal for a solar energy system on 2 parcels of Village property. The proposal is 2 fold, one system to power the Wastewater Treatment Plant and one residential system. He is here today to ask the Village to sign a non binding agreement of intent to move forward with the project. The agreement states that both parties will act in good faith in moving forward but gives both parties the opportunity to back out if necessary. The board asks a number of questions regarding the rate locked in, ComEd delivery charges, construction, residential energy supply, decommissioning, etc. Metzger states at some point he would like to have a public hearing and get the community involved for their feedback. Maillet states that can definitely happen after more research is done. At this point, there is about 3 months of due diligence on his part required and he will need more information on the parcels in the proposal to move forward. Metzger presents to Maillet a new proposal that was drawn up by the Village Attorney. He is most comfortable with this "intent proposal". Maillet reviews the proposal and sees no immediate problems but will need to run it by his authorities first. Motion by Toms to approve the Village "Acceptance of Proposal" regarding the Microgrid Energy Solar Power Purchase Agreement, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Drayton, and Norris. No: Freeze. Motion carries.

The claims list is considered for approval. Buss asks about the Fehr Graham bill and if it has exceeded the original quote. Vinnedge states he will talk to Seth tomorrow and see where we are at. If it is within the quote then we will pay it. Drayton makes a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$15,508.92. Freeze seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Vinnedge reports the energy efficiency company that came through the treatment plant a few weeks ago and did an assessment on the light fixtures is pretty much the only representative in this area who can provide a quote. We have

reached out to other companies but this is the only one that has been responsive. Motion by Vinnedge to allow Twin Supplies to submit the application for the Public Sector Small Facilities Program, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Vinnedge presents a maintenance agreement for Genesis Power for the generator. The Board agrees to purchase the Level II Procedure for \$900. Motion by Vinnedge to approve the Level II Procedure, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Toms would like to call a Parks meeting for Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 PM at Warnken Park.

Vinnedge states he would like to start working on a water policy for the trailer courts.

Warren reports there have been a few changes to the agenda. She also presents the new building permits that will be issued to approved applicants.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from April 17, 2017 through May 7, 2018.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from April 16 through May 7, 2018.

Metzger states we have been somewhat negotiating with Rise Broadband for a new tower lease. Rob is looking at it now but we are not satisfied with the one they initially sent over to us. They are requesting access to replace a current satellite or there will be trouble with the internet in the near future. The board does not want to grant access without a signed contract and they also think we should check with Leaf River Communications to see if they are interested.

The Board considers Ordinance 2018-09 amending the Forreton Village Code Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 7-1-2 and Title 7, Chapter 4, Section 7-4-2. Buss points out the \$25 minimum under the garage permit. It should be \$50. He suggests we remove it since there is a \$50 minimum for all permits. Motion by Drayton to approve the Ordinance with the change mentioned, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

The Board considers Ordinance 2018-10 amending the Village Code Title 7, Chapter 9 for private swimming pools. Motion by Drayton to approve, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

There is no new business to consider tonight.

Old business: Clean Up Days will be Friday May 18 and Saturday May 19. Look for the article in the paper and the flyer of acceptable items on the website. Metzger would also like to send out a reminder that the County recycling bins on Ash Ave are for recycling only and there should be no trash or leaves dumped in them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk