

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, June 18, 2018

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on June 18, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance is led by Boy Scout Troop 781 of Forreston. On roll call by Michelle Drayton the following members are present: Trustees Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, June 4, 2018 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge.

Metzger asks for public comment.

Ron Bickford speaks to the Board regarding flooding on his property. The different cover on the storm sewer has made the problem worse. Water runs down his sidewalk and into the yard it never gets to the storm sewer and his shed floods. Ken Vinnedge states that the old cover can be put back on the storm sewer if Ron feels it worked better. Mr. Bickford also states that water runs down South Ash Avenue and dumps into his yard. Trustee Vinnedge and SPW Cruthis discuss shooting grades throughout the property and the possibility of an overflow pipe.

Eileen Anderson speaks next. She states she is still upset the newspaper did not write a retraction regarding the June 4, 2018 meeting. Eileen and her family do not want anything to do with a cell phone tower on their property and are upset AT&T brought their property to our attention. Mrs. Anderson also states they need to pay attention to the abandoned houses in town and the Village should publish the Grass Ordinance.

Don Cook questions the board if the wire fence on the south end of town has been removed yet. According to Mr. Cook, there is another resident wanting to install the same type of fence – are we going to allow it? On 2nd Avenue there is an empty house with wire fence. Are we going to request it be taken down? Trustee Vinnedge explains that we have implemented a new procedure with before, during, and completion inspections to ensure what is done matches the permit.

Mr. Bickford speaks again stating that two weeks ago when we had heavy rain, no pump was put in. Why weren't we pumping? Trustee Vinnedge states they were testing the storm sewer and watching it. Trustee Vinnedge states we don't want to pump water if we don't have to and Village employees are checking the area.

Public Comment closes at 7:18 PM

President Metzger states he and Trustee Vinnedge attended a meeting with ComEd regarding solar farm and municipalities. ComEd stated they do not take over private solar panels if the company goes bankrupt. ComEd has no part of the project. President Metzger states Mt. Morris and Highland Community Collage are looking at doing their own solar project. All the grants and funds from sale of power would go back to the Village, but the Village would have to front the cost of the project. Many grants are available to help with setting up our own solar array. President Metzger also reminds the board that we signed an agreement with MicroGrid – we cannot go with another company but could do our own solar farm. Metzger states he will contact Mt. Morris to see how their project is progressing. He also suggests we look into something at the sewer plant but hold off on the Community Solar project.

Trustee Toms reads an email from the Village Attorney. In it, Rob states the building permit for 605 S Walnut Avenue should have been reviewed under the old or non existing code. Trustee Toms presents the building permit again stating that the owner will put in a 1 hour fire wall on the side closest to the house. Trustee Toms motions we approve the permit and Trustee Freeze 2nds the motions. Yeas: Trustees Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge.

Trustee Toms presents a permit for 120 N Prairie Drive to screen and roof an existing deck. Discussion is held in regards to fee as deck is preexisting. Permit fee of \$50 is agreed upon as it is what we have done in the past. Trustee Drayton motions to approve the permit 2nd by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge.

Trustee Toms reads from the Zoning Book Chapter 9-13-2 section regarding the Construction or Alteration of the Physical Size of a building. Chapter 7 of the Code book is brought up, but it is agreed Zoning supersedes the Code Book. Building Ordinances and Zoning Code need to be reviewed and made current.

Toms states, with the support of the Zoning Code, a Building Permit needs to be done for 610 S 1st Avenue for the change in roof line. No fee will be charged.

Fred Schneiderman, Village Treasurer, reads his report. Trustee Drayton motions to approve the Treasurer's report ending 5/31/18. Trustee Freeze 2^{nds} the motion. Yeas: Trustees Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge.

Village President Metzger presents the Budget Officer report as Clerk Warren is absent. He states we can wait to approve it at the next meeting if there are any questions. No questions arise. Trustee Toms motions to approve the report, Trustee Freeze 2^{nds} the motion. Yeas: Trustees Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge.

The Claims list is considered for approval. Trustee Buss questions the bill for the concession stand at Warnken Park – he feels it should be split 3 ways – Village, Forrestville Valley School District, and Lions Club. Village President says he will contact both regarding the bill. Trustee Freeze motions to approve the claims list and Trustee Drayton 2^{nds} the motion. Yeas: Trustees Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: Trustee Freeze reports that the cracks on E Avon Street have been looked at by engineering company and are not covered under the 1 year warranty. They were caused by the previous cracks in the road. Village President Metzger states he will reach out to Mick Gronewold to see if we can come to an agreement in solving this issue.

Sewer and Water: Trustee Vinnedge reports on the bids for the blower project. Mechanical had the lowest bid at \$272,600. This included \$30,000 in electrical upgrades which we did not have in the bid. We can contract Morris Electric to work for us rather than Mechanical, which should bring their price down a bit. President Metzger reminds the Board we will get \$26,000 back from ComEd for the upgraded work done and it is important to receive the grant monies when they are available. Trustee Vinnedge motioned to accept the bid from Mechanical and to work with Morris Electric separately. Trustee Toms 2nd the motion. Yeas: Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge.

Finance Committee: no report

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: Trustee Toms states they are still waiting for bids for the work to be done for the basketball court at Warnken Park. Trustee Vinnedge asks Chief Boomgarden about progress at the Joens property. Chief Boomgarden responds that he has sent another round of pictures to the attorney showing what has been done and not done. Some things are better and some are not.

Ordinances: no report

Village Hall Renovations: Trustee Buss states he has gotten complaints regarding the office being closed on Friday. He feels the staff should split days and not have 2 people in the office at a time. Assistant Clerk Michelle Drayton explains if the clerk and the assistant don't work the same days how are we to know what is done and how do we train to know each other's tasks? Village President Metzger suggests changing office hours to 9-4. Assistant Clerk Drayton states the office is typically busiest between 8-10 AM. No decision is reached on this point.

Animal Control: no report.

Clerks Report: Assistant Clerk Michelle Drayton explains that we have switched the office phones and internet service to Comcast. 42Tech assisted with the switch over. The aeroinc.net emails are being forwarded to our new email address of @villageofforreston.org and the Village now owns the domain for VillageofForreston.org. There is a \$20 per month fee for the domain and emails.

The Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from June 5, 2018 to June 18, 2018.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis presents his report for work done June 4- June 18, 2018. He notes the water tower will be out of service on Tuesday, June 19th for a washout and inspections. Hydrants will be running to release water is residents ask.

Resolution 2018-02 Authorizing Trustee Norris as a signor on the General Clearing Account is briefly discussed. Trustee Norris is being added so there is a fourth signor available should one of the signors be out of town. Trustee Drayton

motions to pass Resolution 2018-02 and Trustee Freeze 2nds the motion. Yeas: Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge

Village President Metzger presents the GovPayNet Merchant agreement which was given to the Board members in Thursday's packet. Assistant Clerk Michelle Drayton explains that residents will be able to pay their water bills online 24 hours a day or in the office by credit or debit card. There is a fee attached to the service that is charged to the residents to the residents card when used. This service is completely free to the municipality and is used by many villages in the surrounding area including Mt. Morris and Leaf River. Trustee Buss states he has not read thru this and thinks we should wait to sign the contract. Trustee Drayton states he reviewed the contract and motioned to vote to sign the contract. Trustee Norris 2nds the motions. Yeas: Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge. Nays: Gary Buss.

Village President Metzger states we received another Lease Agreement from Rise Broadband for the placement of wireless data and radio communications equipment on the water tower. The current lease contract has the monthly rent at \$350.00 and continues to stipulate "24/7 Access". President Metzger states there is only room for one provider on the tower and he would like to talk with Leaf River Communications yet to see if they are interested.

There was no New Business to discuss.

Trustee Drayton motions to adjourn the meeting Trustee Freeze 2nds the motion. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Michelle Drayton, Assistant Clerk