

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, August 8, 2017

President Mark Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on August 7, 2017 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, Ken Vinnedge, Jeff Freeze and Tim Drayton.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, July 17, 2017 are considered for approval. Warren explains Trustee Drayton pointed out a correction to be made. The minutes do not reflect that the MFT bid was voted on. Warren explains she already made the correction. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Freeze and Drayton. Vinnedge and Toms both abstain due to absence. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment. John Butler at 604 S 2nd Ave states he received a notice of violation in the mail. He is unsure about which ordinance he is in violation of and is looking for clarification. He is also wondering about the process to get an ordinance changed. Metzger thanks him for coming to the meeting and replies the Board will take a look at the ordinance. The Village is attempting to clean up some properties at the request of some concerned citizens. Chief Boomgarden explains many people in town received these letters and as long as there is an effort made to remedy the situation and there has been communication with the Village there should no longer be a problem.

Toms presents a fence permit for Dana Anderson at 605 S Garden Ave. He states this is a rental property and we did receive written notification from the owner of the property that the fence is okay. Vinnedge asks how far the fence is going to come off the alley. Toms states it is going to come even with the existing neighbor's fence that comes right up to the alley. Vinnedge asks Cruthis if they plow that area. Cruthis states he doesn't come that far in to that particular alley. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze and Drayton. Motion carries.

Toms reports there are still some pool permits that are not in compliance with the proper fencing. They have already been notified once that they are to come into compliance. He would like to have another letter sent requiring immediate action. After some discussion, the Board decides to give them 24 hours to come into compliance or be forced to drain the pool and be subject to a fine for each day they are out of compliance.

The claims list is considered for approval. Motion by Drayton to approve the claims as presented in the amount of \$32,222.66, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze and Drayton. Motion carries.

The Board asks Cruthis what happened to the Lion's Club playground equipment that was taken down. Cruthis states it is in pieces at the Sewer Treatment Plant. The Board instructs Cruthis to get rid of the equipment.

Drayton reports there will be an Ordinance Committee meeting Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from July 18, 2017 through August 7, 2017.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from July 17, 2017 through August 7, 2017.

- The Board asks Cruthis whether we should look into a generator. He replies we can use German Valley's if there is a major emergency and they are not using it. The Board decides it may be something to look at budgeting for in the future at some point. They ask Cruthis to get a hold of Jon Ludwig to see if his tractor would be able to haul the generator out to Well #3
- Cruthis is instructed to purchase fire extinguisher for all trucks.
- Cruthis explains the man lift can't move up and down except from the base. Someone came out to look at it and thought it was repaired but it is not. Vinnedge would like to get a wiring estimate from a specialist or the dealer.
- The Board asks Cruthis about the sweeper. He explains the sweeper starts and runs for a while but then quits running. Vinnedge says he can take a look at it in his shop. The Board would like to have Vinnedge look at it before we sell it since there has been so much money put in to it.
- Cruthis reports blower #3 is out so we currently only have 2 blowers running at the treatment plant. He provides some information from the engineers regarding the options for replacement. After some discussion, the Board decides they need a little more information. Cruthis will get insulation costs and check with the engineer about the Com Ed grant as well.
- Buss asks Cruthis if we can cut down the 2 crab apple trees on the west side of Rt 26 at the north end of town.

Metzger states he would like to send a Thank You out to Dennis Sweetwood, Jerry Griffin and Bret Schemel for painting the benches, picnic tables and shelter house at Memorial Park last week. Cruthis states the Village supplied the paint but they volunteered their time to do the painting. Metzger also states the Boy Scouts are looking to do a service project at Memorial Park. They are looking at painting the bathrooms.

The resident at 304 3rd Ave contacted Metzger this past week to see if the city could offer any relief for sewer back up. Cruthis reports they found a hole in the sewer lateral and repaired it. They also found rock in the lateral and jetted it out. The resident will be replacing his sewer lateral shortly. Metzger states he believes in the past we have sent these issues to the insurance company to take a look at. The Board does not believe the insurance company will do anything.

Metzger reports he spoke with the Village Engineer about requesting a speed limit reduction out by the new Dollar General. He also states Dollar General is looking at performing a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Metzger explains to the Board there are several parcels of land that are not within the Village Limits that we may want to annex in for the TIF. After speaking with Sharon Pepin and the Village attorney we have plenty of time to get these annexed. One is the old railroad property on the north end of town. The other 2 parcels are owned by Jon Ludwig. One piece was supposed to have been annexed in years ago with his previous annexation. The other is just east of the treatment plant and may possibly be developed some day.

Metzger reports he emailed an updated draft of the High School Park Contract to Joel Ludwig, Sheri Smith and Kyle Zick. He has not yet heard anything back from the High School but Joel has no problem with it.

Sharon Pepin briefly goes over the BDD Development Plan with the Board. She provides a draft to remain at Village Hall for anyone who would like to look through it. She will also provide an electronic draft for the website.

Pepin also presents a draft of a letter that will be sent out to the business owners in town briefing them on the creation of the BDD and informing them of the Public Hearing on September 6, 2017. She presents Ordinance #2017-09 An Ordinance of the Village of Forreton, Ogle County, Illinois to set a date for a Public Hearing for the proposed Routes 26/72 & Forreton Downtown Business Development District.

Motion by Toms to approve the ordinance, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze and Drayton. Abstain: Buss. Motion carries.

Motion by Drayton to adjourn, second by Freeze. All are in favor for adjournment.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk