

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Village of Forreston**  
**Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on September 4, 2018 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Ken Vinnedge, Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Gary Buss and Ken Toms. Absent: Vickye Norris.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, August 20, 2018 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment:

- Jason Lynn at 406 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave addresses the Board regarding his permit application from August 6. He is confused because he does not feel that the work he has done at his home requires a permit. He is looking for clarification. He simply replaced what was already there which was a concrete patio and front stoop. The footprint was the same, there was no change. It was unsafe and needed repair. There is some discussion about what requires a permit. It is determined that the application fee is what is in question, not the permit itself. The Board agrees that a permit is required but it is still questionable whether a fee should be charged for replacing structures. Toms explains it has been the practice of this Board to charge a fee for replacing structures even if the footprint remains the same. The Board decides to hold a separate committee meeting to discuss this further. Lynn states he would like to attend the meeting.

Trustee Toms states he had just received a pool and fence permit from Josh and Alivia Greenfield at 608 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave today. He has not yet had a chance to go over there so this permit will be tabled until the next meeting.

Toms presents a building permit for Valarie Woods at 102 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. She is building a garage onto her house. He states she is 21 feet from the lot line. Since it is a corner lot, this does not comply with the current ordinance and should go before the Planning Commission for a variance. Buss asks if this complies with the new accessory structure ordinance. Toms explains it is an attached garage so the new ordinance does not apply to this structure. Motion by Toms to recommend this application go before the Planning Commission as a variance, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

The Claims list is considered for approval. Drayton motions to approve the claims list in the amount of \$16849.63, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: none

Sewer and Water: Vinnedge reports on the blower project. He states we are still on budget even with the change orders. He also states we need to consider a generator and transfer switch in next year's budget.

Finance Committee: none

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: Trustee Toms reports the memorial bench for Morrie Bronkema at Memorial Park has been ordered. We will need to pour a pad for it when it comes in.

Ordinances: none

Village Hall Renovations: none

Animal Control: none

Clerk's Report: Clerk Warren reports that petitions will be ready for circulation on September 18. There are 3 seats up for election in April, Trustees Buss, Drayton, and Vinnedge.

The Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from August 21, 2018 to September 4, 2018.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from August 20 through September 4, 2018. Buss asks Cruthis to put together a 5 year schedule for Scott Timm regarding obtaining the appropriate licenses to set him up for the Superintendent position.

Village President Report: Metzger reports he will be reaching out to Mt. Morris and Davis Junction to see what their feelings are about the solar moratorium passed by Ogle County and the three solar farms that were approved beforehand.

The Board considers Ordinance #2018-18 Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, IL (Pursuant to the Petition of JML, LLC). Metzger explains this is the same ordinance passed at the last meeting but this parcel is in Maryland Township, not Forreston Township so this ordinance includes that correction. Motion by Toms to approve, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Metzger would like to get a date set for the Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting to discuss the building permits. They will meet Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 PM. Warren will let the Lynn's know.

The Board considers the redlined copy of the tower lease from the Village Attorney. The only thing they would like to add is notification of entry into the tower. They would like to be able to inspect the grounds once someone has been in there. Motion by Toms to approve the lease with the addition, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM

Courtney Warren, Village Clerk