

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, October 7, 2019

Due to absence of Village President Metzger, Trustee Vinnedge calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on October 7, 2019 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Monty Cotter, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Jeff Freeze.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, September 16, 2019 are considered for approval. Trustee Freeze makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Norris. Yeas: Trustees Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Freeze. Motion carries.

Vinnedge asks for public comment:

- Jane Koeller at 405 S 4th Ave is concerned with the amount of properties in town that are in violation of ordinances. She feels like writing ordinance violation tickets and implementing fines is not working. She would like to see the properties put in the paper or signs in the yard. She believes it may be more effective.
- Heather Slater at 108 N Locust St states the neighbors to the north have put up a fence right on the property line that prevents them from getting to part of their own yard and house. They are wondering if there is anything the Village can do because it doesn't seem right that they should be able to keep them from getting to parts of their own property. The neighbor claims his property has been surveyed and their house is on his property. Trustee Vinnedge states he is aware of the situation and has spoken to the Village attorney about it. There is nothing he can do at this point legally. Trustee Toms states he will try to talk with the neighbor to see if there is a way we can work through this.

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence, & Pool Permits:

- Marvin Longenecker at 307 Maple has applied for a permit to build a porch and a deck. Toms states the porch has already been built. There was something there before that he took out and rebuilt but he had never applied for a demolition permit. Toms also states he has been over to the property and not been able to get a hold of Mr. Longenecker. The Board agrees that since he has been unresponsive and has started building before the permit was approved that they will issue a \$200 fine. The permit is tabled until the next meeting.
- Brad Dieterman at 806 S 1st Ave has applied for a roof mounted solar panel system. Toms states the decommissioning plan is not attached. He and the rest of the Board agree to have that requirement pulled from the ordinance. They would like to have that amendment at the next meeting and then hopefully approve this permit and the other tabled solar application.

Motion by Toms to approve Ordinance #2019-10 Authorizing Payment of Business District Project Costs for mudjacking, second by Freeze. The total amount is \$10,000.00 for 4 days of work. Yeas: Trustees Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Freeze. Motion carries.

The Claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$110,716.61. Motion by Cotter to approve the claims presented, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Freeze. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: none

Sewer and Water: none

Finance Committee: none

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: Toms reports he spoke to Alice Akins regarding the basketball court at Warnken Park and they have \$5,000.00 to donate toward the project.

Ordinances: Toms reports he would like to schedule a meeting to discuss several ordinances. He would like to meet Monday, October 14 at 6:00 PM.

Animal Control: none

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk Warren states she met with Chris Klipping last week regarding the Budget Officer position. She states she is certainly qualified and will do a great job; she just needs to accept the position.
- Warren also states she looked into the question regarding a conflict of interest from the last meeting. Michelle contacted Dan Pepin to see if a Trustee owned property in the BDD if they could vote. They can, it is not a conflict of interest.

The Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from September 17, 2019 to October 7, 2019. Chief Boomgarden reports Janssen is testing the positioning of the cameras at Warnken right now to see where they can get the most area in the cameras.

Mark Rust gives a report for Public Works for September 3, 2019. Buss asks if we can add the gallons billed to the water flow report. Clerk Warren states that can easily be done.

Village President's Report:

- Vinnedge states he is still trying to get a meeting set up with the County and Josh Greenfield. President Metzger would really like to be there as well so it still might be a couple of weeks out.
- There was a Census meeting last week and they have requested the community set up a committee. Metzger will head the committee and will be looking for volunteers. There is a time table and training involved.
- Vinnedge shares an email from FABA that will be hosting trick or treat on 10/26 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the business district if we want to participate.

New Business:

- Motion by Norris to approve payment for the plow truck purchase from Forreton Township in the amount of \$14,000.00 to come out of the Capital Development fund, second by Freeze. Yeas: Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Freeze. Motion carries.
- Vinnedge states he has gone through the AT&T tower lease with the Village Attorney. He touches on some of the highlights for the Board and explains that AT&T has it now for their review.
- He also states that the Board needs to come up with a permit fee, which after speaking with Rob looks like it should be \$7/foot.

Old Business: Motion by Freeze to approve Ordinance #2019-07 Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments in the Village limits, second by Cotter. There is some discussion regarding whether or not this is right for this Village. Vinnedge states it sends the wrong message about what kind of community this is and is afraid of the type of people it will attract if we allow these establishments. Freeze agrees and states it's against his values. Toms states the County just allowed and implemented a 3.75% sales tax on it and thinks it might be worth looking into. Buss agrees. Yeas: Cotter and Freeze. Nays: Norris, Buss, and Toms. There is a question whether or not Vinnedge should vote since he is acting Village President for the evening and has not been voting all along. They will table the topic until next meeting.

Motion by Toms to adjourn. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Warren, Village Clerk