

Minutes of the Meeting – Village Board of Trustees
Monday October 18, 2021
7:00 PM

Executive Session was held prior to the Village Board Meeting.

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Busker, Buss, Kalina, and Vinnedge are all present. Also in attendance are Village President Metzger, Scott Timm, Chief Thiel, and Clerk Drayton. Treasurer Schneiderman is not in attendance. There is no one from the public in attendance.

The Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Meeting are reviewed. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the minutes as presented and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Busker, Buss, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

There is no Public Comment

Trustee Cotter states there are no new permits for the meeting. He informs the Board the 2 permits approved last month 'pending closing' have both been closed on and the permits were distributed.

Treasurer's Report for month ending September 30, 2021 – Treasurer Schneiderman is not in attendance. Clerk Drayton explains the receipts and disbursements in Capital Development are the result of the approval and payment of work done and the issue of checks. State funds for our loans are collected in the IEDA account are transferred to the Capital Development fund to be paid out when work is done. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Treasurer Report and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris & Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Accounts Payable – VP Metzger notes the \$14.99 charges are for ZOOM. Do we keep this or cancel? Brief discussion is held, and the decision to continue the subscription for another 6 month is made. Trustee Buss is concerned we will be over in Health Insurance line 01-01-0120. Clerk Drayton states she will have to look into it. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Accounts Payable and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Busker, Buss, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss has nothing to report. It is asked that he look at the alleys regarding adding gravel.

Sewer and Water – There is a water leak being repaired at Cherry and 2nd Ave. Martin will be back in town later this week to continue work on the Lead Service Line Replacement. We need to check with Dan Pepin regarding progress and timeline for the Water Meter Replacement Project.

Fehr & Graham additional scope – Licensed Wastewater Treatment Operator. This is regarding the contract signed on October 4th for Fehr Graham's additional scope at the last meeting. Trustee Vinnedge Motion to approve the contract and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, Cotter, Busker, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Finance - The Budget Officer Report for month ending September 30, 2021 is reviewed. Trustee Cotter states we are 60% thru our Fiscal Year. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Budget Officer's Report and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Norris, Busker, Buss, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Employee Wage Increase – Trustee Norris motions to approve a \$2 per hour pay increase for Scott and Kevin, beginning when Supt Rust went out sick. This will be revisited at the end of the year. This is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker Cotter, Norris, Buss, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter states they are still waiting on the two memorial benches to be placed – they have not been delivered yet. Trustee Buss states we have not received a BDD request from the Meeks family and they have started work. Trustee Cotter states he will contact the family.

Ordinances - Trustee Vinnedge states he will continue working on the Special Events Permit and Ordinance.

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton states she has called R & S to look at the west door in the office. Also, she had Trustee Vinnedge look at the office toilet – it is running a lot and the floor is rotting beneath it. Clerk Drayton states she will look into new ARPA funding timeline.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Thiel reviews the police report for the last 2 weeks. He states Meet the Chief's will be on Oct 27th at the Forreton Public Library Community Room. The Birch Street property was briefly discussed. No work has

been done to clean it up. Chief will be calling Ogle County Health Department to have them inspect the building to see if it should be condemned.

The windshield in the squad broke – the mirror/camera system fell off inside and the windshield cracked. Art Ross was called to replace the glass. He stated there appeared to be a rock chip on the outside of glass which would weaken the glass. Weight of the mirror/camera system was too much for it once chipped.

Supt of Public Works Report – Scott states they are working on getting trucks ready for winter and snow removal. They are trying to finish up jetting manholes and completing the GIS locating. They began leaf pick up today. Brush pickup will continue also. Scott states he was gone 2 days last week for continuing education. Thursday the IEPA water inspector will be here. Tom Glendenning, from Fehr Graham, will be here to assist with that. Scott states he is taking level 3 & 4 water tests on Dec 7th. He will still need level 2 before he can take over all water operations. Trustee Buss asked about trees – Scott states Chris will come later this fall. If he is busy, he doesn't mind being here in the winter – he prefers if the ground is frozen.

Village President's Report – Village President Metzger briefly touches on the ARPA funding and a resources page that may be helpful. He comments that the IML attorney for the Tricker vs Boomgarden/Village of Forreston lawsuit was dismissed 4 times. To prevent her from filing again, a nuisance settlement fee was paid by the insurance company.

VP Metzger states there is a change order which needs to be signed for the Lead Service Project. There was an issue on the material list that needed to be corrected but there is no change in cost. The state wanted the supply list to be corrected. VP Metzger states he will sign the contract for Clerk Drayton to email on Tuesday.

Village President reminds the Board that there will be a Meet and Great on October 27 from 5:30 to 7 PM at the Community Room of the Forreston Public Library. Chief Thiel, Fire Chief Meyers, and Village President Metzger will all be in attendance. Cider, cider donuts, and coffee will be served.

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Motions is made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Norris and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina, all are in favor.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton