

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, November 6, 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 November 6, 2017 at Village Hall and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren 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, October 16, 2017 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment.

- Jane Koeller and Kim Brown are here in regards to Christmas in the Country. The event will be held on December 1st and 2nd this year. They are going to have Santa in the Park under the pavilion as well as a horse-drawn wagon. They are requesting the Village use their lift to decorate the pine tree in the park when they are putting up the rest of the Village decorations. Cruthis states that should not be a problem. The Trustees decide to use Village lights for the tree rather than putting a tree in front of Village Hall this year and see how it goes. They will try to get the lights up the week of Thanksgiving or the following Monday depending on the weather.
- Josh Lamping, owner of Josh's Saloon, requests the Board expand the liquor sales time frame on Sundays from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM to 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM. He explains because of the football season, the hours are affecting his clientele and they are choosing other establishments that are open. The Board decides to have a look and amend the ordinance at the next meeting but he can begin serving at the new hours immediately.
- Ron Bickford at 311 S Walnut Ave states he attended a meeting last month and spoke about the storm sewer drainage issue around his property. He is wondering if it has been looked into yet. Cruthis states he looked down the pipes but needs to get a camera down there because he can't see much. He thinks the project will most likely need to have some engineering and be budgeted for next year.

Sharon Pepin, Village TIF consultant, presents a new draft of the TIF map and schedule. She explains she could not get the vacant land at the east and north end of town into the TIF District because it does not meet the proper criteria. She goes over the eligibility criteria and explains the changes she made on the map. Metzger states he is happy with this draft and asks the Board if they are ready to finalize it. Buss states he would like his properties removed so that he may vote. Pepin will make the update and finalize the map.

Toms presents a building permit for Jim and Estella Miller at 110 S 2nd Ave. The permit is for 12 x 6 foot deck and 16 foot ramp. Toms states the deck and ramp are allowable and within the required setbacks. Motion by Toms to approve the permit once the fees have been paid, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Toms presents a demolition permit for Groenewold Fur & Wool Co. They are removing the trailer from 205 E Green St. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Toms presents a moving permit from Tom Gauthier. He is moving the trailer from 205 E Green St to Lot 25 in Springbrook Ct. It was already moved this evening. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

The claims list is considered for approval. Motion by Drayton to approve the claims in the amount of \$30,287.21, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from October 17, 2017 through November 6, 2017.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from October 16, 2017 through November 6, 2017.

Metzger reports Cypress Creek has filed a petition for a Special Use Permit with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department regarding the Solar Farm Proposal south of town. We will need to give the County our recommendation at the next meeting. Metzger explains we will need to be pretty specific about why we approve or deny it.

Dimond Bros. and IML both present their proposals for Village property insurance beginning December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. The Village will discuss and vote on a proposal at the next meeting.

Budget Officer Warren presents the tax levy estimate for 2017. Total estimate for the Village is \$183,962 and \$27,200 for the Village Library. She notes the current year levy is only .79% more than the previous year extension and therefore since this is under 5% a hearing is not required. She also explains based on the insurance proposals presented, that tax estimate can be brought down a bit.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk