

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, November 18, 2019**

Village President Mark Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Monty Cotter, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, Ken Vinnedge, and Jeff Freeze are all present.

The Minutes of the regular meeting from November 4, 2019 are reviewed. Trustee Freeze motions to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Vinnedge seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries

Jane Koeller speaks for FABA during Public Comment regarding Christmas in the Country. FABA has more decorations to display and are seeking additional lights for the Christmas tree as many have cut wires. Superintendent Rust states we have some lights stored and are working on replacing light bulbs. Soft ground is a concern for decorating in the park. Jane agrees to decorate a cut tree in a stand rather than the large pine in the park. Supt. Rust will cut the tree and get it set in the stand at Memorial Park. President Metzger agrees to split the cost for more lights if we need to purchase more.

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits: There are no permits to present this evening. However, Trustee Toms notes the de-annexation of 6 acres on the south west side of town should be sent to Attorney Lesage so a Resolution can be drawn up.

Treasurer Schneiderman reviews the Treasurer's report for month ending 10/31/19. Discussion is held regarding the needed transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund. He explains we made a transfer, but did not take into consideration engineering fees that were outstanding/not billed yet. Discussion was held as to how much to transfer and where to transfer the funds from. Trustee Cotton motions we move \$20,000 from water to the Capital Improvement line item. Trustee Freeze seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries

The Accounts Payable list is considered for approval in the amount of \$15,019.64. Discussion is made regarding a bill for the Safe Routes to School. Motion by Freeze to approve, second by Cotter. Yeas: Trustees Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Buss informs us the Herbig Construction will be in town later this week to fix the water issue on South Walnut Avenue.

Sewer and Water: Trustee Vinnedge presents the Water Rate Study compiled by the Water and Sewer Committee. This study shows the continual loss of water the Village has and the fact that we are losing .69 cents per 1,000 gallons pumped. Metering unmetered water usage, old lead water lines, and old meters need to be addressed. We also have the second lowest water rate in the area. Trustee Vinnedge asks the board members to review the study on their own again, after the meeting, and reminds them there is a Water & Sewer Budget Meeting on Monday, November 25th at 6:00 PM.

Finance Committee Chairman Norris states she has received additional quotes for health insurance and will present them at the next December 2nd Village Board Meeting.

Budget Officer Klipping reviews the Budget Report month ending 10/31/2019. Motion by Trustee Toms to accept the report, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning. Trustee Toms moves we send the recommended changes regarding the fence zoning to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. The Mobile Home Ordinance 2019-11 is again looked at and the additional change in fee structure is discussed. Trustee Toms comments that, after 3 years we finally have something together that is usable and we can agree on. He motions to approve Ordinance 2019-11 An Ordinance amending the Forreston Village Code with Respect to the Regulation of Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks. Trustee Vinnedge 2nds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries

Discussion is held on the Warnken Park Contract. Trustee Buss does not feel the Village should be responsible for all the costs in maintaining the ball diamond, score board, and concession stand. The contract was never signed last year and it needs to be. Discussion continues with no end result.

Clerk Drayton reports several resumes have been received from the post on the Village Face book page. The Board requests a help wanted ad be published also with permission given to begin interviews with applicants received so far.

Chief Boomgarden presents his report for the last two weeks and states Shop with a Cop will be on Saturday, December 7th. He needs adult helpers and the Board is asked to let him know if they can help. Trustee Norris questions the number of animal complaints; Chief Boomgarden responds they are typical issues – nothing that resulted in a dog being held or a call to Animal control being made.

Sup't. Rust reports the plan to pick up leaves and brush one last time as the weather is not warming up as hoped. They will use the backhoe and dump truck as the leaf vac will not be effective with the wet/frozen leaves. Christmas decorations have been gone over and bulbs replaced. Sup't. Rust also reports that Scott is working well with his water testing, reports, etc. Scott still has paperwork to complete before his Water Certification is complete

Village President Metzger reports he has sent a letter to a potential buyer for the Johnson property to clarify the zoning and taxes – it is zoned Business/Commercial but has a Residential tax code at this time. This can easily be changed back to Business Tax if purchased and used as such. President Metzger reads a letter from Superintendent Smith regarding Safe Routes to Schools. The School District would like to opt out of the cross walk at the Junior High-High School. Metzger states he will speak with Mrs. Smith.

Brief discussion is held regarding the TIF Resolution for lighting upgrade at Forrester Public Library. This was previously discussed but the resolution was not in on time for the last meeting. Trustee Freeze Motions to approve the resolution, Norris 2nds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries

President Metzger also briefly discusses the Water Main Improvement Project and the informational meeting held on Monday, November 11th with Sharon Pepin. Costs are down and we have an updated Probable Cost Report from the engineers. Metzger states he did not want to sign the Contract for Professional Services without the Boards knowledge. Metzger signs the contract which states the services to be rendered will be paid with IEPA Loan Funds.

New Business – Trustee Cotter states that FABA is looking at purchasing 40 new banners and brackets for the downtown area. As previously discussed we will use BDD funds and Cotter asks what his next step should be. President Metzger supports the project and tells Cotter to complete a BDD application to the Board.

Trustee Toms moves to adjourn the meeting, Freeze seconds the motion. All are in favor. The meeting closes at 8:30 PM November 18th, 2019.