

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, January 20, 2020**

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, and Toms are all present.

The Minutes from the regular board meeting on January 6 are reviewed. Trustee Freeze motions to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, and Toms

Public Comment: Mike Rock introduces himself to the Board and states he is running for Ogle County State's Attorney. He states he has been a criminal law attorney for 26 years. Currently he is the Chief of Staff for the Winnebago County State's Attorney.

Chris Thiel spoke regarding amending the UTV Ordinance for the Village of Forreston. He would like to see it updated to follow surrounding communities ordinances. Items of note are 1. Remove the driving restriction from November 1 – April 30 to allow for people to plow with their UTV's. 2. Our \$75 per year license fee should be more in line – Leaf River is \$10/year, German Valley charges \$50/3 years. 3. Per state law, UTV's no longer need a sign on the back reading "This vehicle doesn't travel over 30MPH". A slow moving vehicle triangle is adequate and we can put a registration sticker on the triangle at each renewal. Chief Boomgarden is in support of the changes and the Ordinance will be looked at.

Building Permit Amendment: Trustee Toms asks to look at the Building Permit Amendment before the proposed permit is discussed. The Amendment was updated to add a Communication Tower fee and the updated water service connection fees. Trustee Toms motions to approve the amendments, 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. Yeas: Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, and Toms

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits: Trustee Toms presents a permit for STKE to build a large pole building on the old Johnson property at Locust and HWY 72. Toms states all setbacks are acceptable; this would be for vehicle storage so the building would be a drive thru with doors on both east and west sides. Water drainage would be graded to the south. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the permit, 2nd by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, and Toms.

The Treasurer's Report for month ending 12/31/2019 is presented by Treasurer Schneiderman. He states December was a good month and our expenses were down.

Accounts Payable are reviewed are reviewed by the Board. Trustee Vinnedge states that legal fees regarding the AT&T tower will be reimbursed by AT&T if/when the lease is signed and approved. Trustee Freeze motions to approve the accounts payable as presented, Trustee Norris 2nd's the motion. Yeas: Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, and Toms.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Buss states he has no report and will be scheduling a budget meeting within the next couple of weeks.

Sewer and Water: Trustee Vinnedge has nothing to report also. He will be scheduling a budget meeting soon also.

Finance: Trustee Norris – nothing to report

Budget Officer Klipping presents her Report month ending 12/31/2019. She states we should be at 66% in our line items. She asks that committee's have their budgets together by the beginning of March. She also states SPW Rust met with her last week and they got quite a bit done – including a start to 5 year plan.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, & Planning: nothing to report, but will set a budget meeting.

Ordinances: Trustee Toms states he is looking at our ordinances and feels we need to amend/add water flow as it is not stated in our ordinance. It is illegal to knowing direct water onto someone else's property and this has become an issue in town.

Animal Control: Trustee Norris states she did some more reading on the new cat rabies vaccine law – this does not refer to feral cats, only pets.

Clerk Report: Clerk Drayton states water bills will be sent out by Friday. They will go out in envelopes with a letter regarding water rate increase and water rate sheet.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Boomgarden presents his report regarding the Police Department activity for January 7-20, 2020.

Sup't. Of Public Works Report: Sup't. Rust reports the new plow truck is back. It starts and runs wonderful now. He also reports he discovered a water leak in December which was traced to the water line under the Reformed Church. The leak was before the meter and was running A LOT of water. The line was replaced and he is noticing a considerable drop in the daily average being pumped at the wells. He also comments on the GIS mapping meeting he attended and information on costs for the mapping system we should implement. He has a meeting with another company on January 27th to hear what their product costs would be.

Village President Metzger reports we have received an updated Census map for verification and reminds the Board he will be forming a Census committee to help ensure all complete their census survey. Also, Census is hiring, their website is Census.gov.

President Metzger also states he received an email from Seth regarding the costs and expenses of having a contractor replace the water line on Oak Street. He will send the email to the Board members and clerk after the meeting. The Lead Service Line replacement is still under review with the IEPA.

A Committee has been formed to look into options for Village Hall. Trustee Freeze reports we will be receiving an estimate for the tear down and removal of debris if we choose to remove Village Hall. We cannot create a budget or set aside money until we know what we are looking at for costs for all options.

Old Business

BDD Guidelines: VP Metzger states the BDD is a new stream of income we have never had. We did not set our guidelines the way we should have and have been negligent in keeping business owners aware of what is available to them and how to apply. We must set our guidelines before we can talk to businesses. VP Metzger states he will see if he can have someone from Community Funding and Planning or their attorney Kathy Orr come and speak to us. Paul White, raises his hand from the public seat, and asks if possibly if a Forreton Development Committee should be formed with 2 board members and 2 business people to help with this. The Board and President Metzger feel this is a good idea.

Trustee Norris informs the board that on Saturday, January 25th there will be a retirement party for Cindy Bahr at the Library.

New Business

BDD Application – FABA Banners Trustee Cotter states they are looking at ordering 40 banners and brackets for the downtown light poles. There are looking at 4 different designs. Banners are 24"x48". As this is an ACTION ITEM motion is made to put the application on HOLD – on roll call, Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, and Toms vote YES to hold the application until guidelines are in place.

AT&T Tower Lease Trustee Vinnedge states the lease was not delivered to him as promised. AT&T is requesting an unlimited Liability Insurance policy, which our attorney feels is unacceptable and unneeded. Trustee Vinnedge makes a motion to HOLD on this action until the lease is delivered, 2nd by Trustee Norris. On roll call Yeas: Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, and Toms.

At 8:47 a motion is made to go into Executive Session per ILCS 120/1 Sec. 2 (c) (11) for probable or imminent litigation. At 9:03 motion is made to exit Executive Session by Trustee Toms and 2nd by Trustee Norris. All are in agreement.

Motion is also made to Adjourn the Meeting by Ken Vinnedge, Trustee Freeze 2nds the motion. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Drayton.