

Minutes of the Meeting
Village Board of Forreton
June 1, 2020
7:00 PM

Village President Metzger opens the meeting link at 6:55. He waited until 7:03 to call the meeting to order to see if any other public log on to the meeting. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris, and Cotter are in attendance. Others in attendance are Christine Klipping, Jane Koeller, and Superintendent of Public Works Mark Rust.

The Minutes from the May 18th Board Meeting are approved. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the minutes 2nd by Trustee Freeze. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris and Cotter all respond with Ayes.

VP Metzger mentions that Chief Boomgarden will not be in attendance tonight. He is on duty. With the issues in Freeport last night, we sent officers up last night to help and will continue to do what we can to help our surrounding communities.

Jane Koeller asks to speak in Public Comment. She states Sauer Kraut Days will happen but on a different scale. There will be no Car Show. With the parking lot empty, the possibility of brining in food trucks is being discussed. Movie Night may be held at Warnken Park so there is more room for families to have room to socially distance. Another idea is to do sidewalk painting for \$5 per square. The Legion and Lions Club may have meals with either carry out only or we can move the picnic tables out of the shelter house and spread them across the park. There will be no beer garden or band. The BBQ competition will not happen this year but are eagerly looking forward to coming in 2021. There is talk of possibly delaying the event until September also.

Jane also comments the banners look awesome! Thank you, Scott, and Mike, for getting them put up! The Zoom link on Facebook for the meeting was helpful also!

Jane's last comment is the Forreton sign on the north side of town. Since Sandy no longer lives there it is not being maintained. It needs weeded. Could the Leo Club maintain it? FFA? Boy Scouts? Those needing community service hours. We will have to speak with Hoffman's as it is on private property before anyone does anything.

There is no other Public Comment.

Village President Metzger explains Trustee Toms called him at about 6:15 this evening. Due to a family issue he will not be able to join in the meeting. Trustee Toms reviewed the permits so he will present the permits this evening.

The first permit for consideration is at 512 S. 2nd Avenue. This is proposed fence along the side of a garage to conceal propane tanks. The original drawing will be amended, and the fence will only go from the North East side of the garage 12 feet south rather than the length of the garage. This conforms with the "no fence in the front yard" ordinance. The property owner will need to sign off on the new dimensions. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

The next permit is for a fence at 108 S. 2nd avenue. The permit has been paid, there is no issues with where it will be placed in the back yard, and it will be 4' chain link. Trustee Freeze motions to approve the permit, 2nd is made by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

A pool and fence permit are up for consideration next, at 304 West Willow Street. VP Metzger states he was given little direction on this permit. Clerk Drayton states, Trustee Toms asked her about the permit when she dropped off the additional meeting material this afternoon. He had been unable to contact the homeowner over the weekend. Clerk Drayton states the family should be home this evening and she thought Trustee Toms was going to go see them before the meeting. There is no information regarding type of fence to be used and the Board Members question this. The application is tabled until further information is received.

This permit also led to the Pool/Fence Permit application being redone. Trustee Buss states there is no fence information on the pool/fence permit. He feels the permits need to be separated and we need to have 2 separate permits. Clerk Drayton tries to explain, the Pool/fence permit is only 3 years old. It was done to simplify the process. Applications as given the fence ordinance if they need to put up a fence. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to remove the fence information from the pool permit and require 2 separate permits if a fence is needed. This is 2nd by Trustee Freeze. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

A Pool permit for 601 South 1st Avenue is discussed next. The yard is already fenced. Trustee Clerk states the residents has outstanding dog ordinance violations that have not been cleared with Chief Boomgarden. Motion is made by Trustee to Freeze to approve the pool permit pending payment of ALL outstanding fines and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Next, a deck permit is presented for 104 Meadow Court. This deck will go around the pool. All is in compliance. There is a fence in place already for the pool. This is a deck around the pool. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit 2nd is made by trustee Freeze. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Next on the Agenda, is Accounts Payable. Trustee Freeze questions the payment to EP Elec Pump. Supt Rust states that is the annual contract for maintenance on the pumps at the lift stations. Trustee Freeze also asks about RE Wolber & Sons for Roller work. Supt Rust explains they removed the sealcoat from South Locust Avenue and Cedar Street last week. This gentleman was working at the Moring property with the roller and was asked to compress the fresh gravel since he was already in town. Clerk Drayton states she received an annual contract from Orkin. It would save the Village \$28.80 per year to pay on an annual contract. Trustee Buss does not feel \$28 makes it worth doing. Trustee Freeze states until we know if we will be in the building for another year, he does not see the point. Clerk Drayton will continue to pay this bill monthly. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Accounts Payable as presented and 2nd by Trustee Freeze. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Buss has nothing to report. Supt Rust states the bid opening for MFT work was held this morning at 10am. Two bids were received. The bid from Porter in Sterling was \$46,854.92 and Civil was \$39,403.61. The Preliminary Engineering fee will be an additional \$3,235.78. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to accept the bid and the Preliminary Engineering costs from Civil for a total of \$42,639.39 and 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Supt. Rust states he will reach out to Civil this week and see what their time frame is.

Sewer & Water – Supt Rust reports the preconstruction meeting was held last week for the Water Main Replacement Project. We are waiting on the materials list and bond paperwork from Fischers, then construction will begin. Trustee Vinnedge is not in attendance so there is no report.

Finance – No report.

Building, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning: Trustee Buss asks if we have ordered basketball hoops for the Warnken Park project yet. Supt Rust states we have not. The hoops will be poured separately so they can be ordered at any time. Trustee Freeze asks if the Building permit for the AT&T tower was received. Clerk Drayton responds it has not. The completed, signed permit and permit fee is still outstanding. Clerk Drayton also states she did receive correspondence late this afternoon the payment of attorney fees has been submitted so we should receive that soon.

Ordinances – VP Metzger introduces the ordinance amendment for UTV's. Chief Boomgarden would like to change the age of allowable drivers on the roads with UTV's from 21 to 18. Ordinance 2020-07 There is much discussion. State age for UTV driver's is 16. Why are we not changing it to that? If we issue a ticket, we would not be able to collect/enforce. Clerk Drayton suggests the item be tabled until Chief Boomgarden can be in attendance to answer questions. Trustee Cotter motions to table the UTV amendment, 2nd by Trustee Buss. All agree.

Animal Control – Trustee Norris asks if the kerfuffle regarding a racoon in the trailer park was handled. Clerk Drayton states she has heard nothing of it.

Clerks Report – Clerk Drayton sent a written report with the updates as there were several items to be discussed. Trustee Freeze states he is fine with the survey plan presented. Trustee Norris questions the issue with the West door. Clerk Drayton explains the 'wind tunnel' that happens on occasion as relates the fact that Supt Rust was literally "sucked out the door" and deposited on the sidewalk this winter. She has also witnessed a young woman walk straight out the door and land face first on the sidewalk. Two incidents and no injuries, she does not feel we should see what happens if there is another incident. The delinquent accounts were briefly touched on and the process to be used for collecting them now that the shut down has lifted.

Trustee Norris asks Clerk Drayton if we can set a date for Clean Up Days since we are asking our residents to clean up their properties. Clerk Drayton states she will talk with Moring Disposal. She states she has heard it is difficult to get dumpster right now – possibly roll offs will be easier. She will look into the availability of roll offs and set a date when possible.

There is no Police Report this evening as Chief Boomgarden is on patrol and has not had a chance to prepare a handout. Brief discussion was held regarding the attempted break in at Smokin' Gun Works however, there were no other incidents in regards to the rioting happening elsewhere.

Supt of Public Works Report – Supt Rust states we have already discussed the MFT bid opening, and the work done on South Locust – which is now prepped and ready for seal coating. Stump Busters should be in town Wednesday and will hopefully be able to do all their work in 1 day. The guys will then have several days of cleanup and sidewalk repairs to do. Trustee Cotter asks Supt Rust to give his thanks to the guys for getting the banners up so quickly.

Village Presidents Report – VP Metzger states Josh's Saloon opened Friday night with no issues. They are using the 'smoking area' as a beer garden. Mimmo will not be opening any outdoor seating at this time.

The Safe Routes to school program was reviewed by VP Metzger. He explains, now he realizes they should not have jumped in at the last minute on this project. We did not think there would be expenses and now there are - \$29,200 to date and another \$3,000 for the QBS. While \$17,000 is earmarked from TIF Funds, these still were not budgeted expenses. Funding from the State is set aside, but VP Metzger would like to wait until the full board is in attendance to make decisions on this project. He will also get more information from Fehr Graham before the next meeting.

Trustee Buss asks if liquor licenses fees have been paid. Clerk Drayton states we allowed for 90 days past the opening and all have paid except for Josh's – and Heather called today stating she would

drop off a check on Tuesday. Trustee Freeze asks about gaming – the state has not opened that up yet. Clerk Drayton states she had not thought of that. Gaming and Amusement license will continue to be prorated as they are not allowed at this time.

New business: Clerk Drayton received a phone call from the BP gas station, and they would like to get a gaming permit. Their business partner explained the ordinances created by other villages to allow for limited alcohol sales which would allow for Gaming to be licensed in their establishments. Brief discussion is held and Village President Metzger states he would like to wait until Chief Boomgarden is in attendance to see how he feels about the idea. This is information to look at and we will discuss this at a later date.

Trustee Norris states the Library will be offering book pickup beginning Wednesday, June 3rd. You can reserve books by calling, emailing, or via Facebook and set your pickup time. They have procedures set in place for health safety and pickup will be at the back door – books will be brought out to you.

Old Business: The building appraisal cover sheets were included in the packets this week. Trustee Freeze asks if we should look into a realtor for the Chestnut Street property. Trustee Buss states word of mouth might be better as there are 4 local businesses that will probably be the interested parties. VP Metzger asks Supt Rust if someone wants the building how quickly could we have everything out. Trustee Freeze states we would have to have a length of time to put up new building and move out clause in the contract, should there be an offer. The new building will be \$105,000 and will be prepped to have concrete floors, but the floor will be poured later. Supt Rust states we will have to rearrange the existing shop at 407 for workspace rather than storage as is now.

VP Metzger requests for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion is made by Trustee Freeze and 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Freeze, Norris, and Cotter are all in agreement.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton