

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston
Board Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2020
At Forreston Public Library Community Room**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Village President Metzger. All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Buss Toms, and Freeze are in attendance. Trustees Vinnedge, Norris and Cotter are in attendance via phone.

Village President Metzger explains that per an Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 per JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, the in person attendance provision of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS120 is suspended. We do not have to pass an ordinance to allow Board Members to attend via phone or video feed.

Trustee Toms motions to approve the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting February 10, 2020 and March 2, 2020, seconded by Trustee Freeze. On roll call Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

There is no Public Comment

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits - no permits to be presented.

Accounts Payable is reviewed. Trustee Toms motions to approve the accounts payable as presented, 2nd by trustee Freeze. On roll call, Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, & Norris vote Yea. Trustees Cotter and Vinnedge abstain from voting as they do not have copies of the accounts payable.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss states there is patch work to be done. He also asks Supt. Rust to talk with Fehr Graham about getting the MFT work out for bid.

Sewer and Water-Trustee Vinnedge has nothing to report.

Finance- Trustee Norris states the Board members were given a partial budget to look at

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, & Planning - Trustee Toms has nothing to report.

Ordinances - Trustee Toms has nothing to report

Animal Control - Trustee Norris states Ogle County received a barking complaint. A written warning was issued to the dog owners.

Clerk Report - Clerk Drayton reports the Clean Up Day grant is ready to be submitted to Ogle County. She states we are unable to get Shred Beast to come as they are booked through the end of May. Also, our 'junk' collection has increased to the point where we will have to fund well over half of the costs already. Shred Beast charged \$800 last year, we did not get a current rate as we were not going to schedule them.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Boomgarden states he has been out at very early hours – there has been a great deal of activity lately.

Supt. of Public Works Report - Supt. Mark Rust reviews the Water Works and Public Works activities for the past 2 weeks. He states they will begin exercising valves next week. He will have the Clerk post when – the only concern for residents is slightly rusty water. Water loss dropped dramatically with the repairs done to the water leak found by the Reformed Church. Supt. Rust is asked about the water tower work for next summer. He states they will do the inspection but will hold off on the interior painting of the tower until the summer of 2021.

Village President's Report - President Metzger states he does not know if the School Board will meet on Wednesday night – we are waiting for their decision in regarding to the cross walk planned for the Junior High. Either way the engineering costs will go up. There will be a Census meeting on Wednesday, March 18th at Village Hall for those who would like to come.

Old Business – Trustee Cotter had banner designs dropped off at Village Hall for the Board to view. 4 designs, they will do 9 of each design. Banners will be 25% off, so ordering now would be a benefit. The Board approves of the designs and feels FABA should order.

New Business

Ordinance 2020-03 – Vacating a Portion of Undeveloped Chestnut Avenue – Village President Metzger explains this lot is owned by the Village but was never vacated. AT&T requires it to be vacated and it is the final step before they offer a contract. AT&T is paying the extra legal fees for this ordinance. Trustee Toms motions to approve Ordinance 2020-03, 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On roll call, Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, and Norris all vote Yea.

A BDD Application for Mimmo's Pizza is reviewed. Mimmo would like to add awnings over the windows and front door of the restaurant and estimate for the work is attached from Fay's Tent and Awning. The price includes tax and installation. Trustee Freeze motions to approve the application for funding, 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On roll call, Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, and Norris all vote Yea's.

Employee wage increases – Per the Finance Committee, Trustee Norris motions to approve a 1.6% wage increase for the Village of Forreton employees. The motion is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On roll call, Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge Freeze, Norris, and Cotter all vote Yea.

Trustee Freeze asks if we can schedule a Special Meeting for the Board as he has received a 3rd bid for a new Village Hall. A date is set for March 23rd at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Library Community Room.

Adjournment – Trustee Toms motions to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Freeze 2^{nds} the motion. All are in favor. Meeting adjourns at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton