

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
The Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, March 2, 2020, 7:00 PM
At Forreston Public Library Community Room**

At 7:02 PM, Village President Metzger called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited. On roll call, Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Cotter are present.

The Minutes from February 17, 2020 are reviewed. Trustee Vinnedge motions to accept the Minutes as printed, 2nd by Trustee Toms. On roll call, Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Cotter vote Yea.

There is no Public Comment

Trustee Toms presents a Fence Permit for John Sligar at 205 W Avon Street. The permit is for a 4" chain link fence to be installed in the back yard, parallel to the alley. The fence is to be two feet off the back lot line, three feet of the west lot line and will run straight back from the edge of the garage. Trustee Freeze motions to approve the permit, 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On roll call Trustees Norris, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Cotter vote Yea. Trustee Buss abstains as he sold the property to the current resident and feels it is a conflict of interest.

Accounts Payable – there is discussion in regards to funding the BDD application for Josh's Saloon. Trustee Cotter pulls the minutes up on his phone and states to the Board that the project was approved on 1/6/2020 Board meeting. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On roll call, Trustees Norris, Buss, Vinnedge, and Cotter vote Yea, Trustee Toms and Freeze vote Nay. Motion passes.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss states he will be scheduling a budget meeting for later in the week.

Sewer and Water - Trustee Vinnedge states he has gotten information on the needed equipment for the Ogle County GIS system. The funds are available in this year's budget and he would like to order what is needed. Village President Metzger states as long as the funds are there, he should order the equipment. The system will allow us to map hydrants, curb stops, water and sewer lines, etc.

Finance Committee: Trustee Norris states she will be setting a meeting for later in the week – however she needs the committees to get their budgets done so everything can be gone over.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, & Planning - Trustee Toms presents proposals for Memorial and Warnken Parks for energy efficient lighting. Thayer lighting requires half down and half at Completion. There is money in the budget to get the project started and the remainder can go on next year's budget. Trustee Toms motions to approve the lighting upgrades and Trustee Cotter 2nds the motion. On roll call, Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Cotter vote Yea, Trustee Freeze votes Nay. Motion passes.

Ordinances - nothing to report

Animal Control – nothing to report

Clerk Report - Clerk Drayton states she has spoken with Susan Engelkens and either a credit card or debit card can be issued for Superintendent Rust. A debit card is very easy to obtain, approved minutes and add Supt Rust to the account the card is attached to. A credit card requires a credit report for the Village and Supt Rust. Trustee Buss asks why Clerk Drayton prefers the debit card over a credit card. Clerk Drayton responds credit reports on the Village and Supt Rust are required with the Credit Card. It will take time to be approved. A debit card can be printed as soon as minutes are presented to the bank and Mark is added to the account the card will be attached to. A resolution will have to be done at the bank and all signers will have to sign the account. All agree that a debit card should be issued in Supt Rust's name with a \$1000 limit. Clerk Drayton also reminds the Board there is an Annual Review Meeting for the TIF on Friday at 10:00 AM at Village Hall.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Boomgarden reports that Office Fidecki received his call on Friday from the Illinois State Police Headquarters. He was to be in Springfield by Sunday for training. It will be up to 6 weeks before we know if he passes training and receives a position with the State Police. Chief praises Fidecki's service to the Village

stating he does a lot of work others in the department don't like to do. He has done excellent work within the Department. While we are now short an employee, Officer Wilken is doing her best to help pick up evening hours.

Sup't. of Public Works Report - Supt. Mark Rust reports he did not attend the Illinois Rural Water because of the weather forecast – he was doubly glad he did not go as Mike Glick ended up sick and off work almost all week. V. P. Metzger asks Mark about the painting of the interior of the water tower – when will that start and how will we maintain water service. Supt. Rust states we have to wait until school is out before we can do the needed work. Rather than constantly having hydrants open 24 hours a day wasting water he is looking at renting a pressure tank. While it will cost about \$10,000 to rent it will be more cost effective than treating and dumping water on the ground for 5 weeks. Supt Rust also reminds the Board there will be a Pre Bid Meeting for contractor questions on Wednesday, March 4th at the Village Hall – 10:00 AM. Trustee Buss asks when we have to pull pipes at the wells again. Supt Rust states we did well 3 a few years ago, it only needs to be done every 15-20 years. Pressure testing is done each month at the wells to check for issues with build up on the screening.

Village President's Report - President Metzger reports letter regard Safe Routes to School will be discussed at the March 18th School Board Meeting. We will have a response for the April 6th meeting. V.P. Metzger also states he and Trustee Cotter will visit businesses in the BDD on Friday. If any Trustees would like to join them that would be appreciated.

We are still waiting to hear from the State regarding the Lead Service Line Replacement Project.

Old Business - Kent Lewis has asked for a refund on his garage permit issued in January of 2018. He was granted an extension in 2019 to try to work out something with the subdivision covenants but has gotten nowhere. Trustee Toms states he has no problem refunding the permit fee – all are in agreement.

New Business - Trustee Norris states a new library director has been hired! Julie Voss accepted the position and will start on March 23rd – possibly sooner.

At 7:47 Trustee Toms motions to move into Executive Session 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On roll call Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Cotter are all in agreement.

Executive Session – per Open Meeting Act – Section 2(c) 2 – salary schedules

Trustee Buss motions to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Trustee Toms. On roll call all are in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Drayton