

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

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on February 18, 2019 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Gary Buss, Ken Toms, Jeff Freeze, and Tim Drayton. Absent: Ken Vinnedge and Vickye Norris.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, February 4, 2019 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Toms. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment:

- Ron Bickford at 311 S Walnut Ave asks what the policy is for solicitors. He states someone came to his door late Saturday evening from Spark Energy. Chief Boomgarden replied they did not have a permit and should not have been out soliciting. However, if they did have a permit they would have been instructed to be done before dark. Chief Boomgarden also stated Spark Energy is a legitimate company and they have been issued a permit in town before but after this they probably will not be allowed back.

Trustee Toms presents Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence, & Pool Permits: none

Treasurer Schneiderman presents the Treasurer's report for January 2019. Motion by Drayton to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.

The Claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$47,201.38. Clerk Warren explains the Post Office was closed today because of Presidents' Day so she could not get mail. She asks if she can add the health insurance bill to the claims tomorrow if it comes in. She states it will be about \$8,000.00 but she does not have the exact figures. Toms asks which funds it will come out of. Warren states General and Water/Sewer. Motion by Toms to approve claims with the addition of the health insurance bill if it comes in, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Drayton, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: Freeze states he will get his committee together for a budget meeting.

Sewer and Water: Cruthis reports they continue to do the lead service checks. So far they have checked 168 homes and have 256 left to do. The weather has not been conducive to this project.

Finance Committee: none

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: Toms states he will get his committee together for a budget meeting shortly. He also asks for any playground equipment ideas so he can start to put a list together. He will also get with the Lions Club to talk about the basketball court at Warnken Park.

Ordinances: none

Village Hall Renovations: none

Animal Control: President Metzger states our Animal Control Officer Paul White will be resigning from the position as of April 1. He will get together with Chief Boomgarden to turn in his equipment.

Clerk's Report: Warren asks the Board if they are interested in doing the Clean Up Day again this year as well as a paper shredding event. The shredding event was talked about a few meetings ago and the company suggested booking early and advertising well. Warren thought it would be a good thing to do at the same time as the Clean Up Day. The Board agreed to do both.

The Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from February 5, 2019 to February 18, 2019.

Superintendent Alan Cruthis does not have a report for this meeting. There is nothing to report except they have been plowing, salting, and hauling snow.

Village President's Report: Metzger states at the last meeting he reported that he, Vinnedge, and Buss were going to attend a ComEd workshop regarding LED lighting but due to weather conditions they did not go. There is another workshop on March 6 and he will be signing the same people up, if anyone else is interested let him know.

New Business: none

Old Business:

- Metzger states they are waiting to meet with a building inspector before passing the building permit amendment.
- Warren reports the Water Tower Lease has still not been settled. They presented her with the same lease they gave her last spring. So she sent them the one our Village Attorney drafted and they finally sent a response. The attorney has it now and is looking at the revisions.
- Metzger would like to look at the BDD Application for local businesses. The Board looks over the application presented and agrees it will suffice for now and they can make changes to it accordingly if necessary. Motion by Freeze to approve the application, second by Toms. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.
- Metzger states he has not yet researched the recycling with Moring. However, Steve Moring has attended the meeting and answers some questions regarding the recycling.

Motion by Freeze to adjourn, second by Drayton. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney Warren, Village Clerk