

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Village of Forreston**  
**Monday, April 17, 2017**

President Mark Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:01 PM on April 17, 2017 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Gary Buss, Ken Toms, Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton and Marc Stamm. Absent: Ken Vinnedge.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, April 3, 2017 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment which there is none. Romaine Capps introduces herself and her dilemma with the sale of her property. She explains she would like to sell her property but a building on that property hangs over the boundary line on to Chestnut St. She does not want the next owner to have any legal issues and is looking to get rid of the property as soon as possible. Metzger informs her that the Trustees have all gone down to the property to take a look and they all feel it would not be wise to vacate Chestnut St at this time. The reason being is the area is zoned manufacturing and if there was any future development there then Chestnut would be the only through street. He did say we will look into other alternatives for her though so that she can move forward with the sale of the property.

Trustee Toms reports the Planning Commission met last Tuesday to review the sign variance application submitted for Turnroth Sign Co. regarding the Dollar General sign. They voted to recommend approval of the sign since the residential area to the north where the sign will be facing will most likely never be developed for residential use. Barry Cox from Turnroth Sign Co. explains there will be a light on the sign that is on an automatic timer that will shut off 15 minutes after they close. Motion by Toms to approve the sign variance, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Nays: Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents a fence permit for Paul White at 305 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. He states he is well within the setbacks. Motion by Toms to approve permit contingent upon the fee being paid, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

Toms presents a fence permit for Jerry Van Raden at 104 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. He states the permit is for a 12' x 12' cement patio and is well within the setbacks. Motion by Toms to approve permit contingent upon the fee being paid, second by Stamm. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

Toms presents a fence permit for Wayne Zettle at 605 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. He states the permit is for a proposed deck on the front of the house. Motion by Toms to approve permit contingent upon the fee being paid and with the understanding this deck must be open air only and can never be closed in, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

Toms presents a fence permit for Stan Josephitis at 303 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. He walked past the property earlier today and it wasn't staked out yet. Josephitis states he will be able to have it staked out this weekend. Toms and Drayton will take a look at it this weekend. Motion by Toms to approve permit contingent upon the staked out property being reviewed and setbacks are in compliance, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

Warren presents the Comparison to Budget Report for the month ending March 31, 2017. Drayton motions to approve as presented. Freeze seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

The Board reviews the Treasurer's report for the month of March. Village Treasurer Fred Schneiderman states there was nothing unusual. We did receive 2 distributions of income tax. Toms makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, Buss seconds. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

The claims list is considered for approval. Freeze asks if the updated water maps have been received from Fehr Graham yet. Warren states they have not. There were also some other questions regarding the Fehr Graham invoice. The Board decides to pull that invoice for the claims and wait for clarification from Fehr Graham. Stamm makes a motion to approve the accounts payable as presented less the Fehr Graham invoice for \$3,585.00 for a total of \$58,794.00. Drayton seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

The Board discusses hookup fees for the new sewer extension service. It has come to light that the buildings were told in the past they would not have to pay a hookup fee. The Board and Village President were unaware of this agreement and decide anyone who is going to hook on to the new service will be required to pay a hookup fee.

Drayton reports we got a second quote from Gaul's on the furnace but we have learned the rebate funds have expired for now and we will wait a bit before moving forward. For now, the Village Hall Committee will focus on getting the upstairs cleaned up.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from April 4, 2017 through April 17, 2017.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from April 3, 2017 through April 17, 2017. Cruthis reports ComEd will be at the WWTP April 28 for the Energy Audit.

Metzger presents a grant opportunity from Blackhawk Waterways Convention and Visitors Bureau. We can get up to \$907 reimbursed if purchases are made by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The grant is for promotional items. The Clerk's office has looked into banners for the 3 festivals in town. The total including shipping is \$736.86.

Metzger acknowledges Marc Stamm and his years of service. He expresses appreciation for his contribution to the Village.

The Board considers annual renewals of Liquor Licenses. Stamm motions to grant Class A and A-1 liquor license renewal to Mimmo's Pizza at 111 Main Street. Freeze seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

Drayton motions to grant Class A, A-1, C, C-1 liquor license renewal to Josh's Saloon Incorporated at 212 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Stamm seconds. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm. Motion carries.

Drayton motions to grant Class B, B-1, C, C-1 liquor license renewal to A&B Marketing Inc. at 314 Main Street. Toms seconds. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm.

Toms motions to direct the budgeted transfer of \$250,000 from the Water & Sewer Fund to the Capital Improvement and Replacement Fund. Drayton seconds. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Freeze, Drayton and Stamm.

The sidewalk policy will be discussed at a later date when the committee has had a chance to meet.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk