

Minutes of the Village Board of Trustees
Monday, May 17, 2021 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Village President Metzger and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll Call for those attending on Zoom is done by VP Metzger. Attending is Ken Toms.

Roll Call for those attending in person is called by Clerk Drayton. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Norris, Buss, Kalina, Cotter, and Vinnedge are all present. Also attending are Treasurer & Budget Officer Schneiderman, VP Metzger, Chief Thiel, and Clerk Drayton. Supt Rust is at his Grandson's baseball game and will join the meeting later.

From the public, Jeff Freeze, Kirk & Angie Janicke, Jane Koeller, and Lyle Zumdahl are in attendance.

The of Minutes of the May 3, 2021, meeting are reviewed by the Board. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to accept the minutes as written and are 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

There is no Public Comment.

Trustee Cotter presents the Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits for the evening beginning with a pool permit for 301 E Willow St. 36" deep, 14'x14'. The yard is fully fenced and there is no issue with overhead wires. The pool will be located more than 4' from the fence. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, Kalina, Cotter, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

Next is a Fence and Pool Permit for 305 W Balsam St –This is for a 4' deep pool and fence. Trustee Cotter asks to hold the permit until the next meeting as information has been changed on the permit since he spoke with the property owner.

Village President Metzger notes that Christine Klipping joined on ZOOM at 7:11

Continuing with permits, at 303 S 3rd Ave a 5 or 6' tall privacy fence is proposed to enclose the back yard. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Vinnedge, Kalina, Cotter, Busker, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

At 508 S 2nd Ave a decorative fence and trellis are proposed in the back yard. It will be 6' from the alley. The fence is a 2-rail fence with a trellis in the middle. Trustee Cotter motions for this to be accepted as a NO FEE permit as it is decorative and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Cotter, Busker, Buss and Norris all respond with Yeas.

At 106 W Balsam St a Temporary Car Port canvas sides with tin roof is proposed to be erected for a 9–12-month period. The fee has been paid and it MAY BE CREDITED if/when a permit for a garage is submitted. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, Busker, Buss, Norris, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Fences are proposed at 304 W Avon Street. There are 2 fences to be put in the back yard. 1 is a chain link which will enclose the yard from the house to garage, garage to out building, out building to house. This is for the family's dogs to run. The 2nd fence will either be split rail (to match the front of the property) or privacy along the north side of property for 105'. The pins have been located and the fence will be 3 feet off the property line. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Busker, Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

The property owners at 306 W Logan St are asking for an extension on their permit from last year. Due to storm damage to the addition being done, they ran out of time to get the front porch done. Trustee Cotter proposes a 6-month extension on the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

At 604 E Avon St a white vinyl privacy fence is proposed to run from the back edge of house to shed, shed to the east side of yard, and run south the back edge of the house. The fence will not extend in front of the house at all. The fence will be 3-4' off the north property line. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to accept the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees, Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, Kalina, Cotter, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

The Treasurer's Report for month ending April 30, 2021 is reviewed. Treasurer Schneiderman reviews account balances and Fund lines with the Board. He also discusses revenue amounts. Trustee Norris

Accounts Payable are reviewed. Trustee Buss asked if we received a check from the insurance company for tree damage in the park due to the storm. Clerk Drayton responds, yes, several months ago. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter and 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Cotter, Busker, Buss, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Supt of Public Works Mark Rust joins the meeting in person at 7:40 PM.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss has nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – nothing to report.

Finance - IML has been sending emails regarding Recovery Funding for Pandemic expenses. The emails explain what the money is to be spent on. If you do not have the information, ask for it and think about how your committee can use the funds. Also, Trustee Norris proposes each Committee Chairperson should receive a revenue and expense report for their committee each month. They will be able to see more clearly where there is funding to spend – and where it has been overspent.

Budget Officer Report for month ending April 30th, 2021 - Budget Officer Schneiderman reviews his report for May 2021. He explains the negative in revenue means we received more funding than budgeted and explains why we received additional funding. Negative in the expenses means we spent more than budgeted. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Budget Officer Report and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Cotter, Busker, Buss, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter states he feels we should have a committee meeting to review what each committee does so we can get openings filled on the committees.

Ordinances - Trustee Cotter presents Ordinance 2021-06 Fence Variance for Gary and Marcia Buss. The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, May 11 and recommended passing the permit for the proposed fence. The property owner would like to have the fence (either chain link or split rail) on the south side of property, in front of the house, and 2 rails across the front property line, and 16 feet on the west property line. The property has been surveyed and they will stay off the line in order to maintain the fence. Motion is made by trustee Cotter and 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll call, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, Busker, Norris, and Vinnedge respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss abstains as it is his property being voted on.

The question of making the intersection of East Cherry and Walnut a 4-way stop is discussed. Does an ordinance need to pass for this to happen? Chief Thiel states he will look into the requirements.

Animal Control - Trustee Norris states a newer resident to town fosters animals. She read in the Village Code about the number of animals allowed and wanted to make sure her fostering a litter would be allowed. It is determined that a home business license should be completed by the resident. The resident is asked to speak with her neighbors about what she would like to do and complete the home business application.

It is also noted that residents have been trapping critters. It is illegal to trap squirrels, chipmunks, moles, and skunks without a trapper's license. DNR will provide a permit for nuisance animals.

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton states Village Hall will be closed Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 30th. It is Sonia's anniversary and Clerk Drayton will be out of town for a graduation. Information will be posted in the windows and on doors later this week. It will also be put on the website and Facebook page.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Thiel Touches on the live trap issue and moves on the broken cameras at Memorial Park. The families of the boys have been notified. Due to their age, they can only be made to do 16 hours of community service. The parents will be paying for the cameras. Today, there was an issue with 3 boys beating on a sapling tree at Memorial Park. A long strip of bark was torn from the tree. It is Supt Rust's believe that tar and wrapping will not save the tree – it will need to be replaced. We need to put signs up at the parks regarding rules and closing time.

The camera system at Memorial Park is older and outdated. Updates have been done, but more needs to be done. More vandalism has been discovered in the fact that wires to cameras have been cut, so recordings are limited. Quotes to replace the old, analog cameras and put in digital are coming. Also, we should be able to get a reduced fee wireless card system thru AT&T – videos will then go straight to police cell phones and/or computer.

Supt of Public Works Report - Supt. Rust reviews his report of work done the past 2 weeks and brings 'show and tell'. Old sewer pipe that will be replaced on Green Street and the water line that cracked last week due to water hammering. His point of needing to continue to update water and sewer lines is well made.

Village President's Report - President Metzger asks committee chairs to put together 1 paragraph of information as to what their committee does for the meeting to be held next week. He also states the Village will be receiving funds thru the American Rescue Plan that can be used for water & sewer infrastructure and upgrades.

The Water Main replacement is nearing completion. Seeding needs to be done in places. Fischer's are working to complete the final punch list of items.

New Business - BDD Application – Forreton Car Care is seeking funding to help with new garage doors at the old fire station and painting of the shop on Ash Street. The work will total \$20,000 – he is asking for the \$5,000 he is eligible for. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the Application and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Cotter, Busker, Buss, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Discussion is also held over 3 BDD applications which will be presented at the June 7th meeting. Smoking Gun Worx has purchased the old car wash. An estimate has been given for the Village, old car wash, and Forreton Auto

Body to repair the black top area. All 3 are eligible for BDD funding. Please review the information provided and look at the properties. This will be voted on June 7.

Old Business – Village President Metzger reviews the Loan Agreement which he has signed for the Lead Service project. This is essentially a formality as the loan will be covered through IEPA funding.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to adjourn the meeting and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. All are in favor. The meeting is Adjourned at 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton.