

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Village of Forreston**  
**Monday, June 5, 2017**

President Mark Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on June 5, 2017 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Ken Toms, Ken Vinnedge, Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris and Gary Buss.

The Oath of Office is administered to Mike Boomgarden, Randi Wilken and Brad Schubert by Village Clerk, Courtney Warren.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, May 15, 2017 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment which there is none.

Trustee Toms presents the application for Wanda Miller at 105 W Balsam St. He explains they are moving the fence out all the way to the northwest corner of the house. It is even with the house so it is in compliance. Motion by Toms to approve the permit contingent on the fees being paid, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents the application for Carol Lynch at 609 Garden Ave. He states they are extending the deck and adding a ramp. It is an allowable obstruction and in compliance. Motion by Toms to approve the permit contingent on the fees being paid, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents the application for Monty Cotter at 506 W Green. He is replacing the steps on the front porch with deck material and making 4 steps instead of 2. He is also adding a railing. Toms states everything is in compliance and makes a motion to approve the permit, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents the application for Brian Curry at 507 W Green. The deck has already been built but the homeowner was unaware he needed a building permit. Toms states the deck is on the front of the house and is open air so it is an allowable obstruction. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents the application for Terri Freeze at 704 S Walnut for a deck on the back of the house. He states the deck is in compliance as long as it is understood this is to be open air only. Motion by Toms to approve the permit, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Freeze abstains. Motion carries.

Toms reports the Planning Commission met last Wednesday to discuss two variances for Don Cook and Randall Wehrmeister. He gives the Board a little time to review the minutes from the meeting and then presents the building permits for each property.

Toms presents the variance and permit applications for Don Cook at 102 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. He explains the variance is for the north side of the fence which will come 10 feet off the house and be even with the garage. It still leaves a 13 foot setback. Trustee Buss asks what material the fence will be made out of. Cook responds it will be a 4 foot chain link. Motion by Toms to approve the variance and permit, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Toms presents the variance and permit application for Randall Wehrmeister at 101 E Willow St. He explains they are looking to build a 4 season room on to the back of the house. This will leave only 11 feet for a setback as opposed to 25 feet. Toms reports Wehrmeister's neighbors came to the Planning Commission meeting and did not have any opposition as long as their yard was not going to be torn up by cement trucks and such. Motion by Toms to approve the variance and permit, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

The claims list is considered for approval. Buss questions the claims to Mimmo's and Josh's. Metzger explains he thought it was appropriate to show appreciation to the Village employees who came together and spent the whole Saturday over a holiday weekend cleaning up the parks where the car accident and vandalism occurred. Toms makes a motion to approve the accounts payable for a total of \$133,027.84. Freeze seconds the motion. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Trustee Freeze reports we are still waiting for the engineer to get back to us regarding the MFT projects.

Trustee Norris reports she will get together with Clerk Warren sometime next month to discuss the budget and after that she would like to see the Finance Committee meet more regularly.

Trustee Toms would like to say thank you to all who helped clean up the parks after the crash and vandalism.

Trustee Vinnedge reports we received a proposal from Winter Construction on a feasibility study and structural assessment. He asks Clerk Warren to send the proposal to all the Trustees to review and discuss at the next meeting.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from May 16, 2017 through June 5, 2017.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of Public Works activity from May 15, 2017 through June 5, 2017. Cruthis presents 3 lawnmower bids: ACM - \$7,975.06, Johnson Tractor - \$8,590.00 and Bobcat of Rockford - \$8,300.00. Buss asks if the bids are all for the same mower and questions why there is such a difference in price. Vinnedge states they are all for the Kubota ZD1211-60. Buss would like to take the bids home and look them over before taking a vote. Cruthis states he was hoping to get it passed tonight. He got 3 bids and the mower trade was in the budget. Motion by Freeze to approve the bid from ACM for \$7,975.06 contingent on confirmation of the budget, second by Toms. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton and Norris. Nays: Trustee Buss. Motion carries.

Cruthis presents a bid from Fehr Graham for replacing the concrete around the wet well. He states there is a portion around the wet well that Fischer will be responsible for because it was torn up during their construction but most of it along the street and other structure needs to be replaced anyway. Fehr Graham calculated an estimate of \$1,054.12 for the portion directly around the wet well and \$2,558.43 for the rest of it. The total comes to \$3,615.00. After some discussion, the Trustees decide to get another bid for the concrete with reinforcement.

Cruthis reports he met with Forrester Mutual and Fehr Graham last week regarding the drainage problems. In order to fix the problem the Village would have to core out the damaged pavement in the alley and put a curb in. Fehr Graham would charge about \$5,700 to survey and design the curb. After some discussion, the Trustees decide to get a cost estimate for Anderson's drainage problem first and then hold a Streets & Alley Committee meeting to prioritize projects and discuss what is actually in the budget.

Metzger reports on Romaine Capps' property. She is considering donating the property to the Village but the Village must accept the donation. Motion by Toms to accept the property donation, second by Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris and Buss. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk