

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, August 21, 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 August 21, 2017 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Gary Buss, Ken Toms, Ken Vinnedge, Jeff Freeze, Tim Drayton and Vickye Norris.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, August 7, 2017 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton and Norris. Motion carries.

Don Cook at 102 S 2nd Ave addresses the Board and thanks them for their efforts to clean up the town. He states it is already starting to look better.

Rose Kuhlemeier at 312 S 4th Ave addresses the Board about a number of issues. First, she states there is a drainage problem that results in water in the basement. Secondly, there is a city tree that has grown tall enough that it is in the power lines and believes it should be trimmed. Lastly, there is a 15 foot section of the sidewalk that has sunken. She states she spoke with Alan on May 15 and he went to look at the situation so he is aware of these issues. Vinnedge states he will go over to the property with Alan when he gets back from vacation and they will assess the entire situation.

Toms presents the building permit for Groenewold Fur & Wool that was discussed at last Monday's Ordinance Committee meeting. Buss states he is concerned about semis being able to make the turn. Freeze asks about the vacation of the street. Metzger states he met with Mick Gronewold at the site and Mick confirmed that the right of way had been vacated based on the copy of the ordinance Groenewold provided last Monday. Motion by Toms to approve the building permit contingent upon the fees being paid, second by Drayton. Metzger states he would like to see a new permit filled out as well. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Drayton and Norris. Nays: Buss and Freeze. Motion carries.

Toms presents the amended Josephitis permit discussed at last Monday's Ordinance Committee meeting. He states the fence was completed this past weekend. Motion by Toms to approve the amended permit, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton and Norris. Motion carries.

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

The Board reviews the Treasurer's report for the month of July. Village Treasurer Fred Schneiderman states there was nothing unusual. Drayton makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, Freeze seconds. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton and Norris. Motion carries.

The claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$7,261.31. Buss questions the \$205 charge from Fehr Graham regarding the West Willow Water Main. The board decides to hold off on that payment until they can get further clarification from Alan. Motion by Drayton to approve the claims, less the \$205.00 for a total amount of \$7,056.31, second by Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton and Norris. Motion carries.

Vinnedge reports he took a look at the street sweeper and will need to change the oil on the hydraulics and change the filter. It will probably be around \$600 - \$700. He also reports he received a quote from Seth for the blower. It looks like the total is going to come out to be about \$90,000. We budgeted for

\$80,000. The blower itself will be \$69,000, engineering cost is \$4,000, and installation costs somewhere between \$10,000 - \$15,000 which will have to go out for bid. Metzger states he will be in touch with our rep from Com Ed about a grant.

Drayton reports there was an Ordinance Committee meeting held last Monday. There are minutes in the packets. He states the committee discussed revising ordinances on pools and cats and made an amendment to the travel policy. It was agreed that an Animal Control Committee be formed to address the cat problem. Metzger asks if there are any volunteers for this committee. Norris volunteers to chair the committee. Toms and Vinnedge volunteer to help. Buss will serve as an alternate. Drayton states there is another Ordinance meeting in the works.

Vinnedge presents the report from Winter Construction regarding the structural assessment of Village Hall. It basically states the building is in decent shape except for the masonry. The next step will be to have a mason come out and give an estimate on the repair. Vinnedge also reports he is going look into getting a new furnace before winter. The bid Loescher gave earlier this year still stands until the end of the year.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from August 8, 2017 through August 21, 2017.

Vinnedge gives a Public Works report for the week since Alan has been out of town. He reports all the barricades are down and the guys took down the 2 trees on the North side of town. Tomorrow the guys will be finishing work at Newell's property. Alan will get with Tate when he gets back in town to assess the situation further. The tandem was repaired for roughly \$8,000. Vinnedge is also researching fire extinguishers for all the vehicles. Chief Boomgarden states he would like one for the squad.

Metzger reports he attended another Mayor's association meeting last week. He also reports Dollar General had a Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony this past weekend that had a very nice turn out. Metzger asks the Board members to do their due diligence with the Solar Farm issue that is coming up. He would like everyone to stay informed and talk to people in the community to get their feelings on it because at some point the Village will have to make a recommendation to the County.

Freeze moves to amend the Travel Policy from \$.06 per mile to the Current IRS mileage rate for reimbursement, Drayton seconds. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton and Norris. Motion carries.

Metzger presents the updated High School Park Contract. This contract has some minor changes made by the school. It is also signed by the school. Motion by Toms to approve this contract, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton and Norris. Motion carries.

Metzger presents A Resolution of the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois, Approving a Reciprocal Agreement on Exchange of Information between the Village of Forreston, Illinois and the Illinois Department of Revenue. Motion by Drayton to approve the Resolution, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton and Norris. Buss abstains. Motion carries.

Vinnedge presents the Sidewalk Policy for approval. He states they still need to put a replacement plan together for the next budget year. Motion by Drayton to approve the Sidewalk Policy, second by Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton and Norris. Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk