

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Tuesday, September 4, 2019

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on August 19, 2019 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Ken Vinnedge, Jeff Freeze, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, and Ken Toms. Absent: Monty Cotter.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, August 19, 2019 are considered for approval. Trustee Vinnedge makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Buss, and Toms. Norris abstains due to absence. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment which there is none.

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence, & Pool Permits: none

The Claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$24,107.69. Metzger suggests paying the \$1,600.00 curb painting bill out of the BDD Fund. Clerk Warren explains they will have to pass a resolution to spend it. They would like to have this resolution at the next meeting. Motion by Toms to approve the Claims minus the \$1,600.00 for curb painting for a total of \$22,507.69, second by Freeze. Yeas: Vinnedge, Freeze, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys:

- Trustee Buss asks Mark Rust if he has scheduled the mud jacking. Rust replies he has spoken to someone but the earliest they would be able to do it is mid-October.

Sewer and Water: none

Finance Committee: Trustee Norris states she would like to schedule a Finance meeting soon to discuss a number of things including Health Insurance.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: Toms reports his committee met last week and discussed several topics including some long term and short term goals that were given to Monty. They also discussed the water runoff in Warnken Park, putting up a basketball court at Warnken Park, and mulching the parks. He would like to schedule another meeting for Monday at Warnken Park at 6:30 PM. The Board also directs Superintendent Rust to purchase mulch.

Ordinances: Toms reports he spoke with 2 Ogle County Board members about residential solar panels. They both stated that if they are roof mounted panels then no building permit is necessary. He would like to take another look at our solar ordinance.

Animal Control: none

Clerk's Report:

- Clerk Warren states she put a copy of all project expenses in their packets just as an FYI. There are four projects that have been started in the last several years. The Blower Project has been completed. The IEPA Water Main project, Safe Routes to School project, and Lead Service Line Replacement project are all included and up to date.
- She also states the Board needs to pass a resolution to make Michelle an IMRF Authorized Agent so that she may make payments and employee related changes. Motion by Toms to approve Resolution #2019-03 Providing for the Appointment of an Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, second by Norris. Yeas: Vinnedge, Freeze, Norris, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.
- She informs the Board the Loan Repayment for the Sewer Treatment Plant came in last week in the amount of \$83,051.59. It is not due until October but it is to be paid out of Capital Improvement and there is only \$19,299.10 in that fund. We did just receive a \$40,000.00 check from ComEd that went into that fund for the completion of the Blower Project, but it still won't cover it. She suggests talking to Treasurer Schneiderman about making a transfer at the next meeting.

The Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from August 7, 2019 to September 3, 2019. Chief Boomgarden reports both cameras are up at Warnken Park now. The Board discusses getting another

camera considering the amount of vandalism that is going on. Chief Boomgarden will get another camera ordered. He also requests that we get the light working on the pole in the parking lot. He feels this will help deter some of the vandalism.

Mark Rust gives a report for Public Works for September 3, 2019. He states hydrants will be flushed next week and valves will be exercised the following week. He reports the township is selling one of their single axle trucks probably for around \$15,000. He asks the Board if they are interested considering that we do not have an extra truck for plowing if one of ours goes out of commission. The truck would not come with a plow or a spreader so they would need to look into the cost of each of those. After some discussion, Vinnedge states he will make a few phone calls and check on cost.

Village President's Report:

- Toms asks Metzger if the bank is supposed to be collecting the easement letters for the Lead Service Replacement project. Metzger replies he thought they would but he will look into it.
- Metzger reports there will be a meeting next week with Sheri Smith to discuss the IDOT plans for the Safe Routes to School project. Any one is welcome to join if they would like and will send out more details later.

New Business: Metzger explains our Electric Renewal rates just came out for Street Lighting and Pumping. Toms ask if the delivery charge on the bill changes if they stick with ComEd. Metzger does not know that answer and will ask his contact at ComEd. He also asks Clerk Warren to give Mike Mudge at Rock River Energy his contact information.

Old Business: The Board comes to a consensus that they do not want to allow wholesale growers in the Village limits in regards to the Cannabis Act. They will have the Village Attorney draw up an ordinance reflecting this.

Motion by Toms to adjourn. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Warren, Village Clerk