

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, September 17, 2018

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on September 17, 2018 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Tim Drayton, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, Ken Vinnedge, and Jeff Freeze.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, September 4, 2018 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment:

- Mike Watson at 809 N Walnut Ave questions the Board about the sale of the railroad property on the north end of town. He states he has maintained that piece of land for 28 years. He has mowed and trimmed trees. He is wondering why the Village took the approach of putting it in the paper instead of talking to the adjacent landowners. He is also questioning the legal description. He knows where his pins are and it does not coincide with the legal description. Metzger explains the Village did not want to keep that piece of land and another land owner showed interest in it. He states we can speak with the Village Attorney about dividing the property and the cost.
- Jason Lynn at 406 3rd Ave asks the Board about whether there has been a resolution regarding his building permit. He is also concerned about the uniformity of Village ordinances and building permit requirements. He asks if there were any conclusions reached at the committee meeting last week and or a previous committee meeting where they were supposed to discuss changing rooflines. Metzger explains to Lynn there is a process to updating these codes. We have been in touch with the Village Attorney and will proceed with the update after getting his opinion.

Trustee Toms presents a deck permit for Josh & Alivia Greenfield at 608 S 5th Ave. Toms explains Josh filled out a pool permit and paid the fee for the pool & fence. At the initial inspection, Greenfield explained this is a 2 tiered hot tub, not a pool, but it is in the ground. It has a locking lid. Vinnedge asks how deep it is. Toms says it is 42 inches in the deep end. Vinnedge thinks it should be treated as a pool regardless of whether or not there is a lid on it, there should be a fence around it. Toms explains they are planning to build a patio and a deck around the pool fully enclosing it with a locking gate. It will be 4 ft high as the ordinance requires. Toms states the \$100 fee for the pool permit was paid but there is an additional \$50 owed to cover the square footage of the deck and patio. Motion by Toms to approve the permit contingent on payment, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.

Treasurer Schneiderman presents the Treasurer's report for August 2018. Motion by Drayton to approve, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.

The Claims list is considered for approval. Cruthis notes a few changes to line items that need to be made. Toms motions to approve the claims list with the corrections in the amount of \$33,242.29, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Norris, and Buss. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: none

Sewer and Water: Vinnedge reports there is slow progress on the blower project at the Treatment Plant. He states the blowers have been held up because of the hurricane.

Finance Committee:

- Norris presents the Budget Officer Report for August 2018. Motion by Drayton to approve report as presented, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.
- Norris would like to call a Finance Committee meeting soon to discuss health insurance renewal options. She will get with the committee members to set a date.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning:

- Trustee Toms reports Pam Moring approached him and would like to place another memorial bench in at Memorial Park. He will be meeting with her Thursday at the park to decide where she wants to place it.
- There will be a Planning Commission meeting Monday October 1 at 6:00 PM to discuss a variance for Valarie Woods as well as amendments to the fence requirements.

Ordinances: none

Village Hall Renovations: none

Animal Control: none

Clerk's Report: none

The Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from September 5, 2018 to September 17, 2018.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from September 4, 2018 through September 17, 2018.

Village President Report: Metzger states he will contact the Village Attorney regarding the 2 issues brought up today in public comment.

There is no New Business or Old Business to discuss.

Motion by Drayton to adjourn, second by Freeze. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Warren, Village Clerk