

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, October 2, 2018

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on October 2, 2018 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, Ken Vinnedge, Jeff Freeze, and Tim Drayton.

Metzger reports we are not going to open any bids tonight. There were some questions raised by some of the adjacent property owners that we are looking for answers to. He would like to sort that out before moving forward with the bid opening.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, September 17, 2018 are considered for approval. Trustee Drayton makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment:

- Jerome Huenefeld at 210 S 2nd Ave addresses the Board about some ordinance violations he received. He would like to dispute them. He does not feel they are necessary. Chief Boomgarden asks Jerome to come see him about tickets.
- Jason Lynn asks the Board if there has been a resolution regarding his building permit application. Metzger states it will be discussed in the next portion of the meeting.

Trustee Toms presents the following building permits:

- There was a Planning Commission meeting earlier tonight to discuss a variance for Valarie Woods at 102 S 3rd Ave. They recommended approval of the variance. Motion by Toms to approve Ordinance #2018-19 granting a Variance to Chapter 9-4 Residential Districts of the Comprehensive Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to Valarie Woods, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries. Motion by Toms to approve the building permit for Valarie Woods, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.
- Shawn and Megan Loomis at 208 S 4th Ave have applied for a fence permit. Toms states it meets all the requirements. Motion by Toms to approve the permit application, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.
- Monty Cotter at 506 W Green St applied for a permit to replace the siding on his house. Toms states there are inconsistencies with Title 7 and Title 9 in the Code Book and doesn't know which he is to follow. He turns this one over to President Metzger. Metzger states the Village is not in the business of making money on building permits, nor do we want to deter people from fixing up their homes and making them look better. Although we have been in the practice of charging people to replace structures that have the same footprint, he suggests at this point, until we can get the language worked out in our Code Book to conform to our practices he recommends we do not charge a fee for permits for replacements, roofing, siding, or windows. Motion by Freeze to approve the permit application for Monty Cotter with no fee, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries.
- Metzger reports he has spoken with the attorney regarding the Lynn permit. The attorney replied there is a case on both sides if it ends up in court but it need not get that far. Metzger states until we resolve the inconsistencies within the Code Book it is his opinion that we should not be charging fees for replacement permits. Motion by Vinnedge to waive the permit application fee for Jason Lynn at 406 S 3rd Ave, second by Buss. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries. Metzger states we will need to schedule a meeting with our Village Attorney to work through these codes.

The Claims list is considered for approval. Freeze motions to approve the claims list in the amount of \$94,227.06, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, Buss, and Toms. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: Freeze reports he received a bid from Civil Construction for patchwork. The bid is \$8,825.00. The Board agrees to move forward.

Sewer and Water: none

Finance Committee: none

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: Trustee Toms would like the committee to meet with Cruthis at Memorial Park later this week to show where to pour the concrete pads for the 2 benches coming in.

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 18, 2018 to October 1, 2018.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from September 17 through October 1, 2018.

Village President Report:

- The Homecoming parade is Thursday at 6:00 PM. The route will be the same as it's always been.
- Metzger asks Cruthis if he could put parking lines over on Ash by the Post Office. It is often very congested over there and this may help. Vinnedge also asks if he could trim some the branches hanging by the mailbox.
- Metzger reminds the Board that the renewal for the community parking lot at the end of Main St is coming up. In the past we have discussed buying it. He will reach out to Mrs. Kleve to see if she is still interested in selling and we will go from there.
- The Planning Commission will be losing some members within the next few months here. Metzger would like everyone to think of possible replacements.
- There is a grant opportunity Metzger has been discussing with Sharon Pepin regarding crosswalks at the schools. It is 100% reimbursable but the Village would have to pay for it all up front. It is for Kindergarten through 8th grade. We will have to fill out 2 applications but Sharon feels pretty confident that we will qualify. The deadline for the application is November 19.

The Board considers Ordinance #2018-20 Amending Title 9, Chapter 9-4, Sections 9-4-1, 9-4-2, and 9-4-3 of the Forreton Village Code. The Planning Commission also discussed this amendment at their meeting earlier. Motion by Vinnedge to approve, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, and Drayton. Motion carries. Vinnedge would still like to add to the fencing requirements. Metzger states it will have to go in front of the Planning Commission again.

Trustee Freeze motions to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Buss seconds the motion. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Courtney Warren, Village Clerk