

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, December 4, 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 December 4, 2017 at Village Hall 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, November 20, 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.

Metzger asks for public comment.

- Jane Koeller thanks the Village for their donation of Christmas lights for Christmas in the Country. She also especially thanks Alan and the Public Works workers for decorating the tree.

Sharon Pepin, Village TIF consultant, presents a new draft of the TIF schedule and the eligibility study. She goes over the eligibility study with the Board and explains Forreston will be looking at a conservation TIF district. She summarizes the required criteria and conclusions drawn in the Project Area. This study will be placed on public display at Village Hall for at least 10 days starting tomorrow. At the next Board meeting we will pass the ordinance setting the date for the Public Hearing.

Toms presents a building permit for Kent Lewis. He states he has been made aware of covenants governing that subdivision and is unsure of how to proceed. He would like to wait for clarification from the Village attorney as to whether or not we can approve this permit. We will discuss this permit at the next meeting.

The claims list is considered for approval. Motion by Drayton to approve the claims in the amount of \$42,990.14, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from November 21, 2017 through December 4, 2017.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from November 20, 2017 through December 4, 2017. Cruthis states tomorrow will be the last day for leaf pick up this year. They need to start getting ready for the snow.

Metzger reports he and Trustee Vinnedge attended the County Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings last week regarding the proposed solar farms. He states both committees voted to deny the permit and the next step is to go through the full County Board.

Jim Neidermeier presents his health insurance quotes for 2018. He states we would probably be better off to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield when you take into consideration the changes in coverage and networks. The Board decides to have a Finance Committee meeting next Monday to decide what avenue to take for the renewal. They will make a recommendation to the Board at the December 18 meeting.

Motion by Freeze to approve the 2018 Meeting Dates, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Motion by Toms to approve Ordinance 2017-12 An Ordinance To Levy and Assess a Building Maintenance Tax for the Forreston Public Library, Village of Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois for the Fiscal

Year Beginning May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2017, second by Drayton. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Motion by Freeze to approve Ordinance 2017-13 An Ordinance Levying Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018, second by Toms. Warren states the Actual Tax Levy Summary went down from the Estimate that was presented at the last meeting because of the Insurance change. Roll call vote: Yeas - Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Motion by Toms to approve the Village of Forreston Annexation and Zoning Petition and refer said petition to the Planning Commission for a hearing and recommendation, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Motion by Toms to approve the Fischer Brothers, LLC Annexation and Zoning Petition and refer said petition to the Planning Commission for a hearing and recommendation, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Drayton, and Norris. Motion carries.

Motion by Freeze to adjourn, second by Toms. All are in favor for adjournment.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk