

**Minutes of the Meeting
Of the Village Board of Forreton
October 19, 2020**

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to order 7:05 PM. On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Freeze Vinnedge, Toms, and Buss are all present. Also present are Village Treasurer Fred Schneiderman Treasurer, Village President Metzger, Budget Officer Christine Klipping, Supt Mark Rust, Jane Koeller, Jeremy Glick, Jon Miller, and Ron & Kathy Bickford.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

Motion is made by Trustee Freeze and 2nd by Trustee Toms to Approve the Minutes from October 5, 2020. On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Cotter, Freeze, Toms, Buss, and Norris respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge abstains as he was not in attendance for the meeting.

There is no Public Comment

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits - Trustee Toms presents a permit for a 6' wood privacy fence and tent garage at 208 S 3rd Ave. The fence will run from the south east front edge of the house to the back-property line, then north to the north property line to the east property line. It will connect to the garage. There will also be gate between the house and garage. The tent garage will be behind the existing garage on the west side. All is in compliance. Trustee Toms motions to approve the permit and it is 2nd by Trustee Freeze. On Roll Call, Trustees Freeze, Vinnedge, Toms, Buss, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Next, a permit for 205 West Avon is presented. This permit is for storm repair for the existing fence and deck. A new overhang and landing for the front door is also on the permit. All is in compliance and the permit fee for the new overhang is paid. The property owner has been advised the front entry overhang must remain open and cannot be enclosed. Trustee Freeze motions to approve the permit and it is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Toms, Buss, Norris, Cotter, and Freeze all respond with Yeas.

Chief Boomgarden joins the meeting at the library.

The final permit is for 304 W Avon Street to replace a fence damaged by the storm and fix concrete damaged during the storm. This fence was in the front yard on a corner lot and it will require a variance. VP Metzger states he has spoken with the Village Attorney and was told many structures are not in compliance with the current codes and ordinances. Any time a structure is down due to the owner or damage, they must go through the variance process. The property owner states the new post holes have already been drilled and there are posts in the holes to alert others the holes are there and prevent anyone from falling in. Trustee Toms states that since the fence has been removed, you are essentially starting over. Therefore, the Planning Commission must approve a variance before the fence can be built. The cement work to be done for the driveway and sidewalks is fine to do. Trustee Toms motions to approve the concrete work and it is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll call, Trustee Toms, Buss, Norris, Cotter, Freeze, and & Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Village Treasurer Schneiderman reviews the Revenue and Property taxes for September.

Accounts Payable – Trustee Freeze questions the coding for Shred Beast. Clerk Drayton will look verify the coding before checks are printed. Clerk Drayton also notes the payments in Fund 18, (Fischer Excavating and Fehr-Graham) were approved at the last meeting and are to be paid from the grant and loan funds for the Water Main Replacement project. Trustee Freeze questions the charges for Rick's Plumbing for the Village Hall Bathrooms. Chief Boomgarden states they finally have a sink that is not falling off the wall in the Police Department and hot water. Clerk Drayton states the leak under the sink in the Village Hall bathroom is fixed and the inline water heater is working again. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the accounts payable and it is 2nd by Trustee Toms. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Toms respond with Yeas. Trustee Freezer responds Nay.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys -Trustee Buss has nothing to report. Trustee Toms asks about the pole in the alley between 2nd and 3rd Avenue. The pole is leaning over the alley. This winter, the snowplows will not make it through the alley. Also, with all the roads closed, the alleys are being used as road. Chief

Boomgarden states he has reached someone with Frontier, and he will check to see that that the pole is removed or repaired.

Sewer and Water - Trustee Vinnedge has nothing to report

Finance - Trustee Norris states she has spoken with Ted regarding our insurance renewal and information will be coming. He provides several quotes as he is a broker. She also states that we are not going to check with other companies as the information from Ted will give us comparisons. VP Metzger states the premiums are close anymore with the Marketplace.

Budget Officer – No report yet. Will have information at the next meeting.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Toms questions the zoning for the Sibling house on 1st Avenue. Businesses are not allowed in R-2. Trustee Buss states it will not be used as a single-family home either. Trustee Vinnedge states it is not a business. Trustee Toms continues, what if someone has a large home and decides to offer it as a home for people coming out of drug rehab. Would that be ok? Trustee Buss states there should at least be a meeting so the neighbors are aware of what the house will be used for. Trustee Cotter states Patti wanted to be at the meeting tonight but could not be due to a previous commitment. She wants to speak to the Board herself. Trustee Toms replies I am just trying to get an opinion and information for the Board. Trustee Cotter states he feels a Special Use Permit would work. VP Metzger agrees and states it would go to Jennings – not Believe in the Children, that way if they should ever retire, we would be able to approve the new owner/director. VP Metzger states he will speak with Rob about this. Trustee Toms states I am simply trying to be pro-active, not reactive.

Ordinances – nothing else to report.

Animal Control – Trustee Norris states that per Dr. Ebbesmeyer with New Hope Veterinary Clinic, they will cover any animal emergencies after hours. They have an on-call vet 24 hours a day.

Village President Metzger notes a new login to the meeting. As there is no video, VP Metzger asks if the person viewing would state their first and last name for the record. When no response is received, they are deleted from the meeting.

Clerk's Report - nothing to report

Chief of Police Report – The Police report for October 6 – 19 is reviewed by the Board. Chief Boomgarden states 2 teenagers have been issued state tickets in the past month for reckless driving. Chief continues to work with the Village Attorney on ways to clean up the property on E Pine Street. Chief is also looking into an AED for the squad. The annual Shop with a Cop event will take place this year – Chief is working on details.

Supt. Of Public Works Report - Supt. Rust states they continue to find issues at the WWTP from the storm. All 3 garage doors are fried, none of the four furnaces work – 2 have been repaired and 2 will need additional parts replaced to be fixed. The dialer is fried. To get it repaired/replaced it will cost about \$4,000. The press is still not working right – there are 6 stages to start up. Stage 3 is out. We will not know about stages 4, 5, or 6 until we get stage 3 fixed. Supt Rust states that Kevin has passed his written CDL. Street work continues, however Austin with Fehr-Graham was exposed to Covid and is quarantined, so we have a different engineer on site.

Village President's Report – Village President Metzger reports IML challenged the Election Day Holiday for municipal employees and it was struck down. Village Employees are expected to work that day. Since Clerk Drayton works as an election judge, we are hoping Sonia and or Kathy will be able to have the office open for most of the day. If you have not heard, Casey's is in the process of buying The Depot, we will be looking at a liquor license to approve but no gaming license at this time. The closing is scheduled for the 1st week of January.

Planning Commission Recommendation

Fiene Fence Variance – Ordinance 2020-11 – The Plan Commission recommends passage of Ordinance 2020-11. Motion is made by Trustee Toms and 2nd by Trustee Cotter to approve Ordinance 2020-11 Variance for a fence in the front yard at 98 Magnolia Street. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Toms Vote Yea, Trustees Freeze and Buss vote Nay.

Fiene Fence Building Permit - Trustee Buss asks where the fence will be at? Clerk Drayton explains the Commission is leaving that to the Board to decide. Typically, the fence would be 2 feet off the public right of way. In this case, the road is 16 feet from the house and there is no sidewalk to set back from. The Board will need to make that decision. VP Metzger states that it is ultimately the homeowner's responsibility to know where their lot line is. If the fence is not on their property, they can be made to move the fence. The passage of a variance or permit does not give anyone the right to build

on property that is not theirs. Trustee Vinnedge states he wants to look at the property and ensure the fence is going where they say it is and it is on their property. There is debate over where the fence will be at and what the angle of the fence will be. Trustee Cotter notes that the Board has had the permit since the 1st meeting in September to look at the property. The ordinance has been passed. We will table the permit and have a meeting to vote on Thursday. A Zoom meeting will be set for Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 PM for the vote.

Wichman Variance for an unattached structure in the front yard and with 6" or less from the property line – Ordinance 2020-12 – The Plan Commission recommends passage of Ordinance 2020-12. Trustee Toms Motions to approve the Ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Freeze, Vinnedge, Toms, Buss, and Norris vote Yea.

Wichman Building permit – Motion is made by Trustee Toms to approve the no charge building permit for the unattached garage in the front yard at 510 W White Oak Road and it is 2nd by Trustee Freeze. On Roll Call, Trustees Freeze, Vinnedge, Toms, Buss, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

New Business

IEPA Loan #2197 request #4 is reviewed by the Board. It includes the 3rd pay application from Fischers, a Fehr Graham Invoice and the CFPS Loan Administration invoice #2. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the request and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Toms, Buss, Norris, Cotter, and Freeze all respond with Yeas.

Dan notes that they have informed the contractors all information MUST be received by Wednesday or the loan request will not be submitted.

Also, Dan notes the Lead Service Replacement loan application was submitted to the IEPA last week. Advertising for the project will begin in the next few weeks. The water meter replacement part of the project will not begin until next spring or summer.

Sharon asks if Clerk Drayton can email the auditor for a report on the TIF as we need information by the end of October for the annual TIF report.

Dan states the QBS packets have been collected and the non-bias scoring is being created. He will have that ready for the committee in a couple of weeks. Trustee Buss states he saw something in the paper regarding the project, but it only noted the grade school project. Dan stated he would ask Seth about that.

Old Business

Trustee Cotter states he has spoke with Clerk Drayton regarding new residents. Clerk Drayton states people don't come into the office – they call. FABA has the bags and since he (Trustee Cotter) is involved with both, he will take on the project. Clerk Drayton is asked to collect the names and addresses. He has a few other people who have offered to help and will put together a letter welcoming new residents. The letter will provide information on Village policies/ordinances/etc.

Chief Boomgarden states the property on Pine was signed over to the son who resides in the house. Per the attorney we cannot do anything with items in yard.

Trustee Freeze asks again what we would do with 2 business owned by the same person.
Trustee

Motion is made by Trustee Freeze to adjourn the meeting and it is 2nd by Trustee Toms. All are in favor. The meeting is adjourned at 8:52

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton