**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**Board of Trustees**

**Village of Forreston**

**Monday, October 16, 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 October 16, 2017 at the Forreston Public Library 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. Others in attendance signed in at the sign in sheet.

President Metzger announces the Solar Farm Presentation will begin shortly and wants to inform all those in attendance that this is not a question and answer session for the public. It is intended to be an informational meeting only for the Board. The Board will ask some questions when the presentation is over but there will be no decisions made tonight. He assures the audience that the public will have an opportunity to voice their opinions at a different time.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, October 2,2017 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. Evelyn Daniels at 407 S Maple Ave states she and her husband will be having a Republican gathering on November 2, 2017 at the Forreston Fire Station to discuss local and State issues.

Metzger states Kevin Meyer is here tonight for appointment to the Planning Commission. He welcomes him and thanks him for his interest in serving on the committee. He explains the Village will get him the appropriate documents for Planning Commission members. Motion by Toms to appoint Kevin Meyer to the Planning Commission for a 5 year term ending in 2022, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.

Toms presents a building permit for Dan McKean at 602 S 5th Ave. The permit is for a front porch, back deck and fence. Toms states the front porch is open air only and is an allowable obstruction and both the deck and fence are within the required setbacks. Motion by Toms to approve the permit once the fees have been paid, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.

Metzger introduces Scott Novack from Cypress Creek Renewables to present some general information to the Board regarding the Solar Farm proposal just south of the Village limits. Novack presents his power point presentation. He briefly goes over some of the basics of solar power regarding how it works, what the farms and panels look like, some of the technology used, how they are installed and maintained, and other general statistics. He then goes over the proposed site plan. The original plan was about 200 acres but after the feedback from the first public hearing they revised the plan and pulled back from Townline Rd about 350 ft and added 70 acres further west. He then goes over some of the benefits to the community like clean, renewable energy, tax revenue and construction jobs. After he concludes his presentation he opens the floor to questions from the Board members. Metzger and some Board members ask several questions. Once their questions have been answered Novack gives his card out and explains he is available if more questions arise.

The Board breaks for a few minutes to let some of the public leave.

Metzger explains due to the software switchover there will not be a Treasurer’s report or Budget Officer report this month. Both September and October reports will be presented at the November meeting.

The claims list is considered for approval. The original total is $6,495.46. Metzger states Alan wanted to remove the invoice from Heavy Equipment for $313.84 until he can get clarification on what it is for. Motion by Toms to approve the claims in the amount of $6,181.62, second by Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Drayton, Norris, Buss, Toms, Vinnedge, and Freeze. Motion carries.

Vinnedge states he still needs to get with Winter Construction to see about getting an estimate from a mason. He also reports the new furnace on the north side of Village Hall has been installed.

Trustee Norris states Chief Boomgarden was able to speak with Dr. Hughes who has agreed to help us in some capacity with the cat situation. She will follow up with Dr. Hughes herself and report back.

A Law Enforcement Update from Police Chief Mike Boomgarden is reviewed for activity from October 3, 2017 through October 16, 2017. He mentions Halloween is coming up soon and he is getting calls about Trick or Treat hours. Metzger suggests setting hours from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Board agrees.

Superintendent of Public Works Alan Cruthis gives a report of his department from October 2, 2017 through October 16, 2017.

Motion by Metzger to adjourn, second by Drayton. All are in favor for adjournment.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Courtney Warren-Village Clerk