

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, August 19, 2019

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:03 PM on August 19, 2019 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Ken Toms, Ken Vinnedge, Monty Cotter, and Gary Buss. Absent: Vickye Norris. Trustee Jeff Freeze shows up at 7:05 PM

The minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, August 6, 2019 are considered for approval. Trustee Freeze makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, and Buss. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment which there is none.

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence, & Pool Permits: none

Treasurer Schneiderman gives a report for the month of July, 2019. He also presents a report with the revenues for the month.

The Claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$32,080.22. Motion by Toms to approve the Claims as presented, second by Freeze. Yeas: Toms, Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, and Buss. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: none

Sewer and Water:

- Vinnedge reports there was an informational meeting held last week on the changes to the IEPA Water Main project. At the meeting they discussed three different options regarding the scope of work for the project. There is some discussion about option number 1 that would increase the water bill by \$6.38. There is also some discussion about raising the water current water rates because currently we are not charging enough to cover the cost of making water. Toms states he does not believe we should raise the current minimum charge and the \$6.38 on top of that because it puts too much of a burden on those with a fixed income. He is also concerned about qualifying for the loan, going out for bid, getting the project done and the State of IL saying that have no money to cover the loan. Freeze and Vinnedge are mostly concerned about the engineering of the project and additional charges for changes that are made after the bid. Vinnedge states we just have to stay on top of them through every step. He will schedule a meeting with Seth to discuss the designs before it goes out for bid and how the Village will monitor this project. Motion by Vinnedge to move forward with Option #1 which has a total project cost of \$1,986,058.00, loan forgiveness of 60% up to \$800,000.00, an interest rate of 1% on a 30 year loan and adds a monthly resident user fee of \$6.38, if there are any changes then it must come back to the Board for a review and a vote, second by Buss. Yeas: Vinnedge, Freeze, Cotter, Buss, and President Metzger. Nays: Toms. Motion carries.
- Vinnedge also reports the BBQ event in the park with MZHH went very well this weekend. There was a great turn out and they were very pleased.
- He hands out a sheet of solar system regulations in Ogle County. Buss states he does not think this applies to residential systems.

Finance Committee: Clerk Warren presents the Budget Officer report for the month of July 2019.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: Toms would like to schedule a meeting for next Monday night at 6:30 PM to discuss the basketball court at Warnken Park. Buss also asks if the banners on the ball field should come down since the season is over.

Ordinances: none

Animal Control: none

Clerk's Report: Warren states the Board needs to be thinking about a new budget officer. Vinnedge would like to nominate Cotter to do it. Toms believes someone who is not elected should do it to offer checks and balances.

Mark Rust gives a report for Public Works from August 6, 2019 to August 19, 2019.

Village President's Report:

- Metzger reports once again that the BBQ event was very successful and MZHH would like to try to incorporate it into a community event sometime in the future.

New Business: Metzger states since the passage of the Cannabis Act has gone through we need to be thinking about whether or not we want to allow wholesale of the product within the Village limits. We will get more information from the Village Attorney but there needs to be an ordinance passed either way.

Old Business: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Warren, Village Clerk