

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Village of Forreston
Monday, September 16, 2019

President Metzger calls to order the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Forreston at 7:00 PM on September 16, 2019 and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call by Courtney Warren the following members are present: Trustees Jeff Freeze, Monty Cotter, Vickye Norris, Gary Buss, Ken Toms, and Ken Vinnedge.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, September 3, 2019 are considered for approval. Trustee Freeze makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Trustee Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Cotter abstains due to absence. Motion carries.

Metzger asks for public comment which there is none.

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence, & Pool Permits: Trustee Toms presents a building permit for Tim Drayton at 306 W Logan St. Drayton would like to put up a storage tent on the north side of the house, which is the back lot. Toms states it meets all the setbacks and is in compliance. He also states this will be a temporary structure. Trustee Freeze states he does not believe we should or have been charging for temporary structures. The rest of the Board agrees. Motion by Toms to approve permit application at no fee as long as it remains temporary and is removed in 1 year, second by Freeze. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Metzger states Treasurer Schneiderman is not here this evening but has left both the revenue report as well as the full Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2019. Motion by Norris to approve the report as presented, second by Cotter. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Metzger explains there was a bill pulled from the claims last meeting that was to be paid out of the BDD Fund. He presents Ordinance 2019-08 Authorizing Payment of Business District Project Costs for the curb painting by Zac's Sealcoat in the amount of \$1,600.00. Trustee Cotter asks if 100% should be paid out of BDD Fund when projects for the Businesses are only getting 25%. Metzger replies the Village has full discretion over the BDD Fund and is not obligated to pay 100% of business projects. He also explains that a project of this nature benefits all of the businesses in the Business District and makes the town look nicer so it makes sense to pay 100% out of the BDD Fund. Trustee Buss asks how much of the BDD Fund can be carried over from year to year. Metzger is unsure and will contact Sharon Pepin, the Village consultant to confirm. Buss is also concerned about whether Cotter should vote since he owns property in the BDD. There is some uncertainty about whether this is a conflict. Metzger will also ask Sharon Pepin about this. Motion by Toms to approve Ordinance 2019-08, second by Vinnedge. Yeas: Trustees Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Nays: Freeze. Cotter abstains due to questionable conflict of interest. Motion carries.

The Claims list is considered for approval in the amount of \$98,464.80. Clerk Warren explains the Loan Repayment to the IEPA for the Sewer Treatment plant is in the claims but can be taken out for approval and the next meeting, but either way they must transfer money to Capital Improvement to pay it by then. There is some discussion about whether this bill should be paid out of the Water & Sewer Fund or Capital Improvement. Warren will look back and pull the ordinance regarding the loan to see if there are any stipulations on how this should be paid. The Board agrees to pull the bill for now until there is more information. Motion by Vinnedge to approve the claims as presented minus the IEPA Loan Repayment for total amount of \$15,413.21, second by Freeze. Yeas: Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Motion by Freeze to transfer \$50,000.00 from Water and Sewer to Capital Improvement in order to cover the Loan Repayment, second by Norris. Yeas: Trustees Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Toms, and Vinnedge. Nays: Buss. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: Superintendent Rust reports the Township Board approved the sale of the truck discussed at the last meeting for \$14,000.00. Rust has taken a look at it and knows it is in good shape. He states he has also found a plow to fit it from Bonnell. The Board agrees to move forward with the purchase of the truck. Rust presents a quote for the plow for \$2,900.00. Motion by Cotter to approve the purchase of the plow for \$2,900.00 from Bonnell to be paid out of the Capital Development Fund, second by Freeze. Yeas: Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Sewer and Water: none

Finance Committee: Trustee Norris presents the Budget Officer report for the month of August 2019. Motion by Norris to accept the report as presented, second by Freeze. Yeas: Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning: Toms states this committee met last week at Warnken Park and discussed a couple of things including the proposed basketball court and replacing some of the lights with LEDs.

Ordinances: none

Animal Control: none

Clerk's Report: none

Chief Boomgarden gives a Law Enforcement report for activity from September 4, 2019 to September 16, 2019.

Mark Rust gives a report for Public Works activity from September 4, 2019 to September 16, 2019. He states once again, the large amount of infiltration of water going through the Sewer Treatment Plant is evident daily and total flow records.

Village President's Report:

- Metzger reports Josh and Loran Greenfield are requesting to De-Annex 2 parcels from the Village so that they may build the building proposed at the Planning Commission meeting several weeks ago. Metzger states he does not want to see this happen and would like to try to work something out with them so before the Board moves forward with this he would like to have a conversation with the new Zoning Administrator from Ogle County to make sure everyone is on the same page. Greenfields would like to get their properties surveyed but need Village approval before doing so.
- Metzger states he would like to see Public Works employees wearing Hi Viz shirts while on the job. He will look into getting shirts for them.
- Metzger reports there was a meeting last week regarding the Safe Routes to School project with the school that basically gave them an update on IDOT requirements. The school was interested in may be changing the scope of the project. Metzger believes that if they want to do that, then they would need to be responsible for the cost. The Board agrees.

New Business: Motion by Freeze to approve Ordinance 2019-09 Amending the Regulation and Removal of Neglected Weeds, Grass, Trees and Bushes, second by Norris. Warren explains this amendment will allow the Village to take out liens on properties that the Village maintains when they are in violation of this ordinance. Yeas: Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

Old Business:

- Metzger presents Ordinance #2019-07 Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishment for approval. Some of the Trustees are not quite sure what the Ordinance is actually prohibiting and if we want to prohibit sales within the Village. They decide to table this until the next meeting.
- Metzger states he spoke with our rep from ComEd regarding the delivery charges. The rep explained that if you can get a supply rate locked in, then it is usually better that what ComEd can offer regardless of the delivery charge because the rate may fluctuate otherwise. Motion by Vinnedge to approve a 36 month contract with Constellation at a rate of .04912 for pumping and .02693 for street lighting, second by Norris. Yeas: Freeze, Cotter, Norris, Buss, Toms, and Vinnedge. Motion carries.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Warren, Village Clerk