

Village of Forestville

Regular Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Place: 5605 Cedar St. Forestville, MI 48434

Present: Tim Sielaff, Ken Kolomak, Cruz Friday, Harry Barr, Amy Schweitzer, Merle Dick, Tammy Kolomak, and Angela Mausolf

Absent: Gerald VandenBrook with notice

Guests: Wayne Cyr, Suzanne Harper, Patricia Shall, and Sue Gittins and William Walters representing Region VII

Call to Order: Called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Pledge: Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Harry supported by Cruz to accept the agenda with the June 13, 2018 Minutes. All in Favor, motion carried.

Treasure Report:

- Received;
 - \$3,418.69 for Act 51
 - \$74,554.10 paid on USDA Bonds
- Forestville received notice that a property within the village will be available due to tax foreclosure and the council considered whether it would be beneficial to obtain it. Moved by Cruz, supported by Merle to decline the purchase of parcel number 062-220-002-010-00. All in favor. Motion carried.
- The taxes have been sent out. There were issues with the database and the taxable value of all properties from the Township assessor did not match the rate that Tammy and the County Treasurer have. Due to poor communication on the part of the Township assessor Tammy worked closely with the Sanilac County Treasurer's office. Tammy would prefer not to give any final figures until she is able to settle with Sanilac County
- **Motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Merle, supported by Harry. All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Clerk Report:

- Modules have been ordered
- There were three delinquent turn offs but they have all been turned back on
- A letter was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer regarding multiple campers on their property, we have not heard back from them yet.

- There was a short discussion regarding having a physical, and easily accessible, copy of zoning, ordinances, and policies available in the office
- There was a short discussion regarding the possibility of accepting larger credit card payments and it was decided that we would continue with the policy set in place previously
- Mr. Pijanowski called and stated that he felt a courtesy phone call should be made before a lawn is cut under our blight ordinance. The policy remains the same.

DPW / Waste Water Management

- The booster station pumped approximately 2,580,000 gallons and the lift station pumped approximately 100,000 gallons for the month
- Regular inspections of the lagoon are going well
- Regular inspections and testing of the booster station is going well, booster station #2 has been installed and is operating properly.

Street Report

- The street lights are all working
- Tim patched the potholes on Lake Street
- There are some areas that need branches trimmed away from the roadway. Tim trimmed some of them and Ken will trim more of them over the course of the next week.

Planning Commission:

- The Planning Commission accepted ordinances regarding animals, grass and weeds, and blight, they also accepted a general penalty for civil infractions.

Zoning Report:

- There was a building permit approved for an addition to Mr. and Mrs. Cyr's garage.
- There was an issue with parking at the Andrew Green property, Tim contacted him and that issue seems to be resolved
- Tim expects that Mr. and Mrs. Vestraete will be applying for a demolition permit in the near future

Old Business:

- Tim passed his evaluation of Tammy to the council for review and they all agreed that a wage increase of five percent was in order raising her hourly wage from \$17.00 to \$17.85. A motion was made and then rescinded at Tammy's request. Tammy asked that the council approve five more paid vacation days for her. A motion was made by Merle and supported by Harry to increase Tammy's wage by five percent raising her hourly wage from \$17.00 an hour to \$17.85 and granting her five vacation days. All in favor. Motion carried. Ken Kolomak abstained.
- ACH is working well

New Business

- Tim would like the council to consider approving the installation of an automatic switch on the generator instead of the manual one that we currently have. One of the reasons for this potential upgrade is that when the power goes out the equipment that reads the tower water levels cannot function and the sensors do not call for more water therefore the level in the tower could drop. Tim presented a quote for that work as well as a quote to have the thermostat moved from the bottom of the water tower into the water building in case the furnace were ever to fail. Council asked for a second quote for comparison.
- Tim received a verbal complaint regarding a jet ski on the beach, the gentleman felt there should be a designated area for swimming. Tim did some research and the DNR and Sanilac County Sheriff's Department will enforce an ordinance addressing that if we put up buoys and signs so Tim found a price for the buoys. Suzanne Harper mentioned that we could start with a sign reminding people that for the safety of the swimmers those who are on jet skis should be mindful of swimmers. Moved by Merle, supported by Cruz to have a sign made. All in favor. Motion carried. Tim offered to donate and install a sign.
- Tim asked the council if they wanted to consider abandoning the village's right to street easements that have not been and are unlikely to be utilized. After much discussion it was decided that each easement should be looked at individually at the request of the land owners. The land owners will have to state their intentions for development of the land and how that will benefit the village as a whole, the village will then look into the easement in question to determine if it is undeveloped and if it will be needed in the future.

Public Comment:

- There was a discussion regarding excessive noise originating at Mr. Green's property on Lake St. Tim advised calling the police if they felt it was out of hand and offered to contact Mr. Green to let him know that he will need to address the issue.
- Suzanne Harper mentioned that she had trouble receiving packages. Tim told her that is an ongoing problem that, unfortunately, we can't help with as it is a USPS issue.
- Ms. Sue Gittins and Mr. William Waltens representing Region VII Area Agency on Aging gave a brief presentation outlining some of the many services that they help connect seniors with. It was a very informative presentation and they left information that is available in our lobby for anyone that is interested.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectively Submitted,

Angela Mausolf
Village Clerk

Tim Sielaff
President