

# Village of Forestville

## Regular Council Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2019

**Place:** 5605 Cedar Street Forestville, MI 48434

**Present:** Tim Sielaff, Ken Kolomak, Cruz Friday, Amy Schweitzer, Wayne Cyr, Tammy Kolomak, and Angela Mausolf

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Becky Piotrowski, Norm Sache, Kathy Vanden Brook, and Kevin Schweitzer

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Consent Agenda:** Moved by Amy supported by Wayne to accept the agenda with the June 12, 2019 Minutes and the approved bills in the amount of \$5137.50. All in Favor, motion carried.

### Treasure Report:

- Forestville received \$3,670.12 for Act 51. \$1,762.84 of that went to Major Streets and \$1,907.28 went to Local Streets.
- A motion was made by Amy, supported by Ken to accept the millage rate of 9.4108. All in favor, motion carried.
- A motion was made by Amy, supported by Ken to adopt Public Act 523 of 2018
- The Treasurer informed the council that while the majority of the taxes had been sent out on July 1<sup>st</sup> as planned. Mr. Wimmer pulled three properties for further review at the Delaware Township Board of Review slated for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Wayne asked for further clarification. After some discussion Wayne reiterated his opinion that the council should have been informed of and invited to attend the meeting with Mr. Wimmer, the Treasurer, and the President. It was decided that Wayne would look into the steps required to form subcommittees and which subcommittees might be beneficial to have in Forestville. Tammy continued her report by informing the council that Mr. Wimmer has combined a number of properties which eliminated some of the Village's garbage assessments so the \$49.00 that was expected to cover the cost of the garbage contract will no longer be sufficient. She stated that the council will have to consider raising the garbage assessment again next year. She also explained that when he combined properties we lost the water assessments on those properties until she was able to figure out which ones he had combined and replace them. Tammy believes that Mr. Wimmer should present any property changes to the council before he does them.
- Tammy met with Micheal Schall regarding the 2020 Census and we have added that information to Forestville's website.
- A motion was made by Wayne, supported by Ken to enter into the price cap and budget plan proposed by Salowitz Propane. All in favor, motion carried.

- DPW will pick up the supplies for an oil change and service the truck.
  - Tammy reminded everyone that the picnic is August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- Motion to accept the Treasure's Report was made by Amy, supported by Cruz. All in Favor, motion Carried.**

#### **Water Report:**

- Tammy asked that the council consider bi-monthly billing of the water bills to be discussed at the August 14, 2019 meeting.

#### **Clerk:**

- The surveys were sent with the taxes, with the exception of five that weren't able to fit in the tax envelopes, those five have also been mailed separately.
- The Master Plan is proceeding at a steady pace.
- The council was presented with two emails from a property owner that would like the fee for blight abatement on her property waved. After much discussion a motion was made by Wayne, supported by Ken to deny Kris Chelchowski's request to refund the cost associated with this one event as the council determined that the issue was between the property owners and the lawn service they contracted with. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **DPW / Waste Water Management**

- During the transfer of water between cells one and two it was determined that the influent piped to cell one is partially plugged and will need to be jetted; the influent pipe on cell two is open and working fine.
- The booster station pumped approximately 2,005,000 gallons and the lift stations pumped approximately 256,000 gallons for the month.
- The seal on pump one at the Huron lift station failed and is beyond repair. The backup pump has been installed and a new pump has been ordered.

#### **Street Report**

- DTE has scheduled the conversion to LED lights for the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup> and estimates that the work will take three to five days.

#### **Planning Commission:**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- The Planning Commission discussed how the surveys will be processed at the August meeting. Also there were some questions regarding the Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance and the procedures surrounding its enforcement. Finally there was a conversation about the fireworks and gunfire in town over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday week.

#### **Zoning Report:**

- Lakeshore Improvements replaced a section of pipe at the beach that was clogged with tree roots. More maintenance will probably be required later in the season.
- Mr. Chopp was scheduled to appear at the Department of Construction office on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- A few more letters have been mailed regarding non-compliance with Forestville's Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance; all of those properties are now in compliance.
- A motion was made by Amy, supported by Wayne to approve the camping permits submitted by Nermin Ibrismovic for the months of July, August, September, and

October. All in favor, motion carried. The camper must be removed from the property by October 31, 2019.

- A motion was made by Cruz, supported by Amy to approve the camping permits submitted by Earl Steffy for the months of July, August, September, and October. All in favor, motion carried. The camper must be removed from the property by October 31, 2019.

**Old Business:**

- The drone footage has been sent to Chris Townley who is gathering quotes to water blast and recoat the water tower.

**New Business:**

- Moved by Amy, supported by Wayne to accept the resignation, with regret, of Rebecca Holdwick as Billing Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Deputy Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.
- A motion was made by Wayne, supported by Cruz to remove Rebecca Holdwick from all of the Village's bank accounts effective July 16, 2019 All in favor, motion carried.
- Jennifer Capling will be working in the Village office for eight hours a week to help with the work left by Rebecca's resignation.
- Cruz asked about the bill accrued from the blight abatement at 5643 Cass River Road. It was recommended that the property owner address her concerns at a village meeting

**Public Comment:**

- Kevin Schweitzer expressed concern about Eighth Street. In the past he was able to mow it but it is now damaged and there have been beans planted on it. He wanted to know how he should proceed and was told to use the tractor to restore it to its proper state.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:05 p.m.**

**Respectively Submitted,**

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**Angela Mausolf**  
**Village Clerk**

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**Ken Kolomak**  
**President Pro-tem**