

Village of Forestville Regular Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday March 8, 2017

Place: Village Hall

Present: Tim Sielaff, Ken Kolomak, Cruz Friday, Harry Barr, Amy Schweitzer, Joan Potts, Gerald Vanden Brook, Tammy Kolomak and Rebecca Holdwick

Absent: None

Guests: Cathy Vanden Brook, Angela Mausolf, Sandy Clink, Garry Biniecki

Call to Order: President Tim Sielaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge: Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Gerald supported by Harry to accept the agenda with the February 8, 2017 Minutes and Village Bills, with the corrections from February minutes of: January 11, 2017 in the consent agenda, and also the spelling error of maternity instead of maturity leave in public comment.

Village Bills:

Description	Amount
General Fund	\$ 5,907.25
Local Street Fund	\$ 704.42
Major Street Fund	\$ 124.33
Sewage O & M Fund	\$ 5,297.20
Water O & M Fund	\$ 84,928.86

Total: \$ 96,962.06

Ayes: Ken, Cruz, Harry, Amy, Joan, Gerald

Nay: None

Motion carried

Treasure Report:

- Received \$2,855.46 from Act 51
- Received \$1823.00 from Revenue Sharing
- Received \$1400.00 from Air Advantage (making the account current)
- Received \$432.00 for Chlorination and electricity from Harbor Beach for Forester.
- Switched the account with Chemical Bank that was not an interest bearing account to an account that will earn interest.
- On February 13, 2017, an email was received from Tim Sielaff to wire transfer \$5200.00 to an individual in Texas. After getting in touch with Tim, found out he did not send this, it was a scam. The police was notified and informed us that the account was already flagged as a scam. Great catch Tammy!
- 7 Camping permits were sent for the summer months from Earl Steffy to be approved.
- Annual DEQ water inspection went well. The results can be read in a report if anyone is interested.
- Porta Johns should be ordered before Memorial Day till October.
- Last meeting, Cathy requested more hours, the council requested, a job description for each position and a completed log of jobs being completed during the day. If any council member would like to review them please ask Tammy for copies.
- Motion to accept the Treasure's report: **Motion made by Gerald, supported by Harry. Motion carried.**

Clerk Report:

- January water bills, there was 18 postcards sent out for delinquent water bills. Two delinquent shut offs, both have been paid and restored.
- With the new billing system, Tammy suggested to have a new look for the bills, so the tax payers see what it is capable of. Becka designed a new look for the postcards. Sent a sample bill around for the council to see and give opinion. Everyone seem to really like them, they will be used for the March bills at the end of the month.
- Discussed introducing emailing bills this year to the residents. This is a service that is offered through BS&A Utility Billing at no extra charge to the Village. A policy will be put in place, residents will have the option to receive bills via US Postal Service or through email. This will be introduced in the news letter sent out with taxes this year. **Motion to offer email bills to the resident was made by Amy, supported by Cruz. All in Favor, motion carried.**

DPW / Waste Water Management

- The booster station pumped approximately 810,000 gallons and the lift stations pumped approximately 200,000 gallons for the month.

Street Report

- Street lights are all good and working
- Street mapping report was signed and sent in to Act 51

Planning Commission:

- Next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Zoning Report:

- Andrew Green building permit was received and approved with variances.

Old Business:

- Website Development: Tammy was asked to look at different communities and select one she thought would be a good fit. Tammy was in contact with j.a. Natzal Design, for the web designer, they have designed other communities such as Village of Ubyly and Port Hope. A proposal was received and reviewed by council. **A motion to continue with j.a. Natzel Design to start the website development and use the domain name forestvillemichigan.com was made by Gerald, supported by Ken. All in favor, Motion carried.**
- Beacon Software: After more conversations with Beacon sales Rep., a new external GPS was ordered that is being used in a different community with the same tablet and software. This is hopefully fix the problem.
- The General Store: After a certified letter was not claimed, and a mailed letter was sent, no response was received from the owner of the store about the condition of the building. We are going to reach back out to the owner with a follow-up letter, explaining the ordinances and fees that are to come. We also can reach out through the realtor and possible look into other options.

New Business

- Sheriff Garry Bineicki stopped into the meeting to give the Council a yearly update on crime rates in Forestville and Sanilac County. He is impressed how everyone looks out for everyone here in Forestville. They also increased patrol in Village. The Village of Forestville remains the safest Village in the county!

Public Comment:

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectively Submitted,

Rebecca Holdwick
Village Clerk

Tim Sielaff
President