

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF FORSYTH, IL**

**Held at the Village Hall
January 3, 2011**

Call to Order

Mayor Harold Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees were physically present:

Allsup, Morr, Johnson, Hubbard, Reed.

Absent: Rasho.

Also Physically Present

Linn Summers, Charlyn Brautigam, Kerstin Trachtenberg, Jean Campbell, Terry Taylor, Cindy Deadrick Wolfer, Lt. Jeff Scheibly, Deb Kirchner, Deputy Higar, Kathy Duncan, Charlie Frey, Heather Kimmons, Joe O'Neal, Rhonda Stewart, Larry Coloni, Darrell Woolums, Chuck Hunsinger, Kathy Mizer.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

*** Consideration of items listed on the Consent Agenda under the omnibus vote designation:*

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Village Board meeting held December 20, 2010.
2. Approval of Bill presented for payment, January 3, 2011. ***Invoices are always available for review upon request.*

Trustee Hubbard moved, and Trustee Reed seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 5—Allsup, Morr, Johnson, Hubbard, Reed.

Nays: 0—None.

Absent: 1—Rasho.

Motion declared carried by omnibus vote.

Public Comment

No comments were made.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

LAW ENFORCEMENT—

- Lt. Scheibly and Deputy Higar were present at the meeting to comment on recent activity in the Village officers have responded to. Items mentioned include:

- Deputy Higar introduced Lt. Sheibly to Trustees, and announced that he has been appointed as the new second shift commander. Lt. Scheibly will be replacing Sgt. Gessford in this capacity. He has over 16 years of experience with the Sheriff's Office.

- Deputy Higar reported that officers saw a significant rise in retail thefts in the Village for December, but noted that there was also a high number of retail related arrests for the month. In an effort to deter this activity, officer tried to increase their visibility in the mall during the holidays. Deputy Higar pointed out that officers also were able to maintain patrols in the local neighborhoods during this time.

- One major accident occurred Christmas Eve. Three cars were involved, but only minor injuries were received. Deputy Higar reported that as a result of the accident, traffic was delayed for about an hour, two people taken to the hospital, and one person was cited for failure to yield by turning left onto US Rt 51.

- Deputy Higar reported that quite a few vehicles slipped off the road along east Hickory Point Road following the Christmas Eve snow, and noted that he believes this area has always been a problem. The road is used a lot and at times, traffic is quite heavy.

Public Works Director Larry Coloni pointed out that the road is not within the corporate limits of Forsyth. It is jointly maintained by the City of Decatur and Hickory Point Township. Although the road has been resurfaced in the past couple of years, it still needs widened.

Trustee Morr remarked that this road has been a pet project of his. Any help the Sheriff's Office can give the Village in getting the road improved would be much appreciated. A lot of people use it on a daily basis.

- Lt. Scheibly remarked that he was glad to be back in Forsyth and pointed out that the Village has a great group of guys working here. Officers are trying to provide the Village the best service possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS —

Village Administrator Heather Kimmons mentioned that in addition to her report, Trustees have been provided with written reports from the Librarian, Treasurer, Public Works Director, Attorney, and Engineer to review. Mayor Gilbert asked if there were any questions concerning any of these reports. No questions were asked.

Trustee Allsup voiced his appreciation to Staff for their efforts in providing the written reports presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Pride and Progress Humanitarian Award – Terry Taylor

Mayor Gilbert recognized Terry Taylor, who was in attendance and invited him to come forward. Terry was presented with the 2010 Pride and Progress Humanitarian award. Mayor Gilbert explained that the award was given to Terry, based upon his many years of volunteer service throughout the area. Efforts include helping with local food drives, various fundraising activities, helping out the Futures tournament, and the Decatur Celebration. Mayor Gilbert commented that he appreciates Terry so much. Terry thanked the Mayor for being chosen to receive this award.

Tate and Lyle Players Championship Update, Cindy Deadrick-Wolfer

Mayor Gilbert recognized Cindy Deadrick-Wolfer who was in attendance on behalf of the Tate and Lyle Players Championship (FUTURES Tournament). He invited Cindy to address the Board concerning this item.

Cindy greeted Trustees and commented that she was appreciative of being given the opportunity to come to the meeting on behalf of the tournament committee and talk about this year's event. She mentioned that last year fulfilled a three-year commitment and was cornerstone for what would be in the future. Cindy announced that the tournament committee has signed a new three-year agreement with the golf tour, and also reported that Tate and Lyle has agreed to return as the Title Sponsor this year.

Cindy reported that the golf tournament brings approximately 144 talented professional to the community, and noted that the Futures is the only four-day golf championship on the LPGA Tour. She mentioned that the tournament brings more than \$500,000 in economic impact to the local community, which is significant to local businesses. This money includes hotel room nights, food, shopping, and also revenue generated from the staff, caddies, family and friends of the players who participate. Cindy also provided Trustees with some stories about a few of the golfers that have been part of the event in the past. One of the winners last year gave one third of her winnings back to the community, which was donated to several youth associated agencies.

Cindy mentioned that the committee is asking that the Village of Forsyth consider sponsoring the Corporate Village again this year, with a contribution of \$15,000. She described some of the benefits the Village would receive for a donation in that amount. Cindy stated that she would like to sit down and talk with some of the Trustees about this proposal, along with other ideas concerning the 2011 event.

Mayor Gilbert thanked Cindy for coming tonight and for her presentation. He asked Trustees to think about this and if interested in meeting to discuss Cindy's proposal, to let him know.

Plan Commission Special Meeting Report and Recommendations

- *Forsyth Antique Mall – Application for Special Use Permit for non-conforming monument sign*
- *EYEMART-Application for Special Use Permit to exceed maximum allowable size and maximum number of signs permitted a business*

Village Administrator Heather Kimmons reported that the Plan Commission met on December 30, 2011 to discuss these two Special Use Permit petitions. Members voted unanimously to recommend the request presented by the Forsyth Antique Mall be denied, and voted three to two, to recommend the request submitted by EYEMART be denied.

Heather pointed out that the *Findings of Fact* report has not been received yet, and recommended the Board table any action on these petitions until a report from the Plan Commission Chair is received. This would provide consistency with this process. Trustees agreed.

Trustee Allsup moved, and Trustee Morr seconded, to table any action on the Special Use Permits for the Forsyth Antique Mall and EYEMART be tabled pending receipt of a *Findings of Fact* report from the Plan Commission Chair. Both petitions were in regard to signage.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 5—Allsup, Morr, Johnson, Hubbard, Reed.
Nays: 0—None.
Absent: 1—Rasho
Motion declared carried.

Equipment Replacement

- Mosquito Fogger

Public Works Director Larry Coloni mentioned that in his opinion, it is time to replace the Village's mosquito fogger. He referred to the cost estimate provided to Trustees in meeting packets and pointed out that the new one proposed would be more efficient, and quieter than the existing unit the Village has. Larry mentioned that Forsyth is fortunate to have one of the top distributors in the State here in Forsyth and noted that Mug-A-Bug has offered to buy the 20-year old fogger for \$600. The proposed new fogger would cost \$11,690. Larry reported that \$15,000 was budgeted this fiscal year for this purpose and asked for approval to make the purchase.

Trustee Morr moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded to authorize the Public Works Director to purchase a new mosquito fogger from Mug-A-Bug at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, as recommended by the Public Works Director. Upon a call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas: 5—Allsup, Morr, Johnson, Hubbard, Reed.

Nays: 0—None.

Absent: 1—Rasho.

Motion declared carried.

- *Leaf Vacuum*

Public Works Director Larry Coloni also provided Trustees with a request to purchase a new leaf vacuum at a proposed cost of \$32,000. He mentioned that the current unit was purchased in 2000 for \$15,552. Larry stated that after reviewing the cost estimate and talking with another vendor, he would recommend the Board table any action on this request to allow time to seek another estimate to consider. Trustees agreed.

Adjournment

Trustee Allsup moved, and Trustee Hubbard seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. on voice vote.

By: _____
Village Clerk