

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Tuesday January 2, 2024, 7:00 PM**

President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, President Metzger, Trustee Norris, Trustee Cotter, Trustee Vinnedge, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, and Trustee Busker.

**Consent Agenda:**

The Minutes of the December 18, 2023, meeting are reviewed.

The Minutes of the December 18, 2023, Closed Session meeting are reviewed.

Accounts Payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the consent agenda and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. All are in favor.

**Public Comment – None**

Building Permits – 705 S. Walnut – Fence Permit – This will be a four-foot-high chain link fence. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

506 N. Walnut – Gravel Parking Pad – This will be 30x50 to park his boat, camper, and truck on. There was discussion on the grass alley that may get worn from using it so this will be something to keep an eye on and address in the future.

Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

105 Meadows Ct – Dog kennel/6ft chain link fence – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

**Department Reports:**

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they salted streets and finished hauling brush from the bin and burning the pile. They put the sign up at Village Hall and cut and removed blacktop for electric for the sign. They changed the oil in the one-ton truck and cleaned up the shop. They also fixed a pipe that was leaking at well 3. They worked with Huber Co. at the WWTP on their yearly inspections of the influent and press machines. They hauled old mulch and concrete away from Locust St. Shop. They also cleaned the buildings at the WWTP.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers were advised of a subject at the BP Gas station with a valid warrant. The female was arrested for two valid Stephenson County warrants for dangerous drugs. Officers responded to several verbal domestics. Officers also responded to a suicide attempt. A juvenile male admitted to consuming alcohol and taking a large amount of medicine in an attempt to kill himself. He was transported to FHN. They also responded to Forreton High School for an accident involving a school bus. The bus driver backed into a parked vehicle.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated we have had a lot of resumes come in for Sonia's position. President Metzger asked if any board members would be interested in interviewing. Trustees Busker and Norris will do it and Clerk Shenberger will be involved as well. She also stated we did receive our refund check from WinWater. She will get it deposited tomorrow.

**Committee Reports:**

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated he is going to get ahold of committee members to go over some numbers for the budget.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated he is going to have a committee meeting next week on Monday at 6pm. Dan Pepin would like to come and talk about phase 2 and water meter replacement project.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated she is going to be scheduling a meeting to discuss insurance splits. Treasurer Schneiderman stated for budget purposes the revenue is going to be pretty consistent with last years revenue.

Approval of clerk's wage – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to increase Clerk Shenberger's wage retro to Monday December 18, 2023, and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated he will be getting a meeting set up in the next week or two to look at numbers for budget.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris shared a letter from the Ogle County Board stating we have had complaints about vermin. Chief Thiel stated he would contact them tomorrow to check into it.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he received a message from Missy Clark in regard to a crack in the sidewalk by Shorty's. He let her know that he would share it with the board. He also stated he would like to get reviews done in the next couple of weeks.

Unfinished Business – Old Village Hall – Clerk Shenberger stated the people that were interested, still are they have just been busy, but they do still want to take another look at it. We are just waiting to hear back from them.

New Business – Resolution 2024-01 Building Maintenance tax for Forrester Public Library – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Resolution and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to go into Closed Session and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. All are in favor.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger