

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village of Forrest
Board of Trustees
Forreston Public Library Community Room
Monday, January 03, 2022, 7:00 PM**

Village President Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all in attendance.

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Buss are all present. Also present is Budget Officer and Treasurer Schneiderman, Chief Thiel, Village President Metzger Maintenance Supervisor Timm, and Clerk Drayton. From the public, Alexa Zoellner, Reporter with Shaw Media, is in attendance.

The Minutes of the December 6, 2021, and December 20, 2021, are reviewed. Motion is made to approve both sets of Minutes by Trustee Cotter and 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Cotter, Norris, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

There is no Public Comment.

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits - Trustee Cotter has no permits for the evening.

Accounts Payable are reviewed. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Account Payable as presented and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Buss, Cotter, Vinnedge, Norris, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss states he would like to Meet with Maintenance Supervisor Timm on Wednesday at 10 AM. Maintenance Supervisor Timm agrees.

Sewer and Water - Trustee Vinnedge states he has talked with Maintenance Supervisor Timm regarding the Budget, and they will continue to discuss as needed. Trustee Vinnedge also states we have a resident with a water leak on their property. This is a lead service line scheduled for replacement so the lead line will be replaced on Tuesday by Martin Bros.

Finance - Trustee Norris states she has spent a great deal of time reading old minutes to find answers to Board Members questions. She also asks to have an agenda set for a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022, for the Finance Committee.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter has nothing to report. Trustee Kalina states the grant for funds toward a Skate Park was resubmitted. She also states the boys really want to see this project happen and are starting a grassroots fundraiser. She has not heard what the fundraiser will be yet.

Ordinances - Trustee Vinnedge states Attorney LeSage is reviewing the solicitor's ordinance. He also states the environmental reports came back clear, so the closing for the new Village Hall should be in the next week or two.

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton states she will be in the office on Wednesday. Sonia is doing an excellent job in dealing with water billing issues and has gained a great deal of confidence in making decisions regarding issues. Clerk Drayton also states she will be contacting Trustee's Norris and Vinnedge regarding payroll questions with the new handbook.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Thiel reviews the Police Report. Trustee Buss asks if we can have Snow Ordinance signs made and posted so people are more aware of the snow parking regulations. Chief Thiel states he and Maintenance Supervisor Timm will look into it.

Supt of Public Works Report - Maintenance Supervisor Timm states they kept up with brush pickup and sewer jetting when possible. Two more Christmas decorations have needed repair. At the High School cross walk, we are taking care of the sidewalk and the school is doing the crosswalk.

Village President's Report - President Metzger states Attorney LeSage has the contract for the building purchase, and we will present it to Gene when possible. The Board members did not receive the environmental report so VP Metzger forwards it to the Board and Clerk.

VP Metzger states he has reviewed the IML listing of new laws. Of interest to us is that the Lead Service Replacement we are doing right now is being mandated by the state of Illinois. New projects will not be fully funded as ours was. The fee we can charge for Video gaming machines has also changed from a maximum of \$25 per terminal to a maximum of \$250 per terminal. Minimum wage has increased to \$12 for 2022 and will continue to increase \$1 per hour per year until 2025 at \$15 per hour.

New Business

BDD Application for Forreston Hometown Days – Trustee Cotter states the BDD is a tax from business. It is growing more than we thought it would be. We talked about the betterment of activity – all business will benefit if the festival grows. They will not get funding from the Band Fund anymore if they receive the money from BDD. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Vinnedge, Norris, Kalina, Cotter, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

There is no other new business.

Old Business – Trustee Buss asks when we are going to look at applications. VP Metzger states that Scott and Kevin do not have time to train someone in the winter. There is too much going on. This will be revisited in the spring.

Adjournment – motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to adjourn the meeting and is seconded by Trustee Buss. All are in agreement.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton