

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees**  
**New Village Hall**  
**Tuesday January 17, 2023, 7:00 PM**

Village 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, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Officer Klosa, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Busker, and Kalina are in attendance. Three members from the public are in attendance.

The Minutes of the January 3, 2023, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss is absent.

Public Comment – Jane Koeller thanked Scott for getting something around the towers. She also stated she would like added to the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes that she stated that it cost the taxpayers \$1200 for the last 2 special meetings that the board has held. Derald DeVries wanted to make sure there were not any questions about the roof that he replaced that he is receiving BDD money for. He feels the building is a good part of downtown and is hoping to get more cleaned up and is hoping to rent more of it out. He also wanted to thank the village for getting water to his building separate from ours.

Building Permits – Nothing

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Schneiderman reviewed his report. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the report and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss is absent.

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

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys -Trustee Buss is absent. Maintenance Supervisor Timm has nothing to report for him.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated Fehr Graham is still working on things for phase 2 of the watermain replacement project.

Finance - Trustee Norris stated we are 2/3 of the way through the fiscal year.

Budget Officers Report – Budget Officer Schneiderman reviewed his report. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the report and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss is absent.

Tax Levy Revision – Treasurer Schneiderman explained that a correction needed to be made on the Tax levy. He was unaware that the library was separate, so the village was over budget by around \$300. Adjustments were made to the Social Security tax. Motion was made by Trustee Cotter to approve the revision and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated they had a parks committee meeting and discussed what may be able to be done for parks in the future. They also discussed the budget for next year. There were some ideas for the future, a walking path, new playground equipment for Warnken, ice skating area for winter, and a dog park area. They want to try to get the plumbing done at the concession stand in this budget and then look into these other ideas for the next budget year. There has been an anonymous donor for new cabinets and countertops for the concession stand.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge stated the parking ordinance is pending. It is still being worked on. The water ordinance is in packets for review. Some changes have been made. It will be sent to Rob next. The public safety and health ordinance has been put on hold so a new dumpster ordinance can be added to that one if needed.

New Building Committee as a whole – President Metzger presented a quote from Zettle Brothers to move the light switches from the entry way to the chambers. It was decided to wait on this for now. He discussed the sign bid for the new village hall and that we need to check into some other options that are less expensive. He also discussed the flag for the new village hall. Trustee Vinnedge called and left a message for them.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she called Rockford Business Systems about moving our big printer. They do charge and it would be about \$210. They will move it and set it back up and make sure it is running. Everyone agreed that

we should have them move it. She discussed the Saur Kraut committee would like to do fireworks this year and were inquiring what needs to be done. It was determined that they will just need to complete our Special Events Permit. Clerk Shenberger asked if everyone is interested in doing the cleanup days this year. Everyone agreed that it has gone well in the past years and would like to continue it. She stated that the audit company is planning on being done with the audit by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Klosa stated they have responded to multiple 911 misdials. No problems occurred. They have responded to a female resident that has called for ambulance rides multiple time due to metal health problems. A female was scammed out of approximately \$1,500. A report was made for her, and she was advised on the proper steps going forward. Officers responded to a hit and run at Farmer’s and a report was completed. Hannah has completed her first week at the academy and all is going well. Lastly the bid for the new police truck has gone up approximately\$5,000.

Supt of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they have salted the streets and took down Christmas decorations. They fixed the broken hydraulic line on the backhoe and changed the rubber plow edge on pusher box. They changed the oil and serviced the lift and had the frame welded on truck bed of the one-ton truck. They chipped 35 Christmas trees. They also washed and cleaned plow trucks and fixed broken fuel line on the lift. They changed the alternator on the mower and put a new starter on.

Village President’s Report – President Metzger stated Keith from Smokin Gun Worx would like to purchase the railroad property that is directly behind his property. The property will need to be rezoned to be split and he will pay the cost. He feels if any other business along there would be interested, they could do the same. The village will keep an easement on the property. He spoke with Rob about being open or closed on Federal Holidays. Rob said there is nothing that states we have to be closed.

New Business – Sauer Kraut Days BDD – This will be the Village applying for the BDD to give to Sauer Kraut Days to help bring in more business. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the application and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss is absent. President Metzger presented the energy rates for our street lighting and pumps that we will need to vote on next time.

Old Business – Nothing to report.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Norris and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger