

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday February 6, 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 Buss, Busker, and Kalina are in attendance. Four members from the public are in attendance.

The Minutes of the January 17, 2023, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – None

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 Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss - Nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge - Nothing to report.

Finance - Trustee Norris stated there is a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to discuss the budget. She stated they have not seen numbers from streets and alleys or water and sewer and asked to see them for the meeting. Treasurer Schneiderman stated he had them and would bring them to the meeting.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated he gave the Zettle Brothers the ok to do the wiring at the concessions at Warnken Park. He also stated that Clerk Shenberger ordered the sinks and faucets for the concession stand.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge stated the parking ordinance is still pending. The downtown is going to be a 2-hour parking with loading zones at different businesses. The water ordinance is in the packets for final review and will be voted on at the next meeting. The public safety and health ordinance has been put on hold to add a section about dumpsters to it.

New Building Committee as a whole – President Metzger presented a quote from Freeport Flag for a new flag pole to be placed at the new Village Hall. The board discussed the two sizes and decided to go with the 25ft pole. Freeport Flag would like to wait to do the project in the spring when the ground is thawed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the quote for the 25ft flag pole and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger asked for input from the board on the dates for spring garage sales and clean up days. It was decided to do garage sales May 4-6<sup>th</sup> and clean up days May 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Klosa stated they assisted Ogle county in a traffic stop where the driver did not initially stop. They were from out of the country and were not aware they needed to stop. They assisted in translating as well. Officers also stopped a vehicle that drove through the Grade School crosswalk while the crossing guard was displaying the stop sign. The driver was cited. He also stated that they assisted with multiple vehicles in the ditch during the last snowfall. President Metzger stated Chief Thiel got word from the academy and Hannah is progressing very well. He also stated Chief Thiel signed the agreement for the new truck but there is no build date as of yet.

Supt of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they fixed a curb stop at Garden and Pine and fixed rain gutters downtown. They also fixed the plow on the 1-ton truck and washed the plow trucks. They have replaced a few frozen meter heads at the trailer park. They plowed and salted the streets and hauled snow.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated a trustee brought up going through the closed meeting minutes. It will need to be done through an executive session. This will be set up in the near future. He went over the updates from Community Funding on projects. Trustee Kalina stated she has had community members ask if we could change our ordinance so that they can have chickens in town. She stated Shannon changed their ordinance to allow them with stipulations. President Metzger asked if she could get more information and we would discuss it.

New Business – Approval of change order #1 for QC Winwater contract extension – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the change order and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Old Business – Rock River Energy Electrical Bid Approval for Pumping – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve Dynegy Energy for the provider for 3 years and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker abstains from the vote.

Rock River Energy Electrical Bid Approval for Street Lighting – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve Constellation for the provider for 3 years and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker abstains from the vote.

President Metzger discussed old village hall. He asked if we are ready to move forward with selling the property. Everyone agrees. President Metzger will get in touch with Rob to move forward.

Trustee Norris reminded everyone that when the committees have meetings the agendas need to be posted.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger