

Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Tuesday February 17, 2026, 7:00 PM

President Vinnedge calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, President Vinnedge, Trustee Schweertman, Chief Thiel, Kevin Crase, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Lapacek.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the February 2, 2026, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.
3. Budget Officers Report is reviewed.
4. Treasurers Report is reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. All are in favor. Trustee Busker abstains from #1.

Public Comment – None

Presentations and Petitions – None

Building Permits – 108 S 5th Ave – Garage Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Schweertman to approve the permit pending payment and a survey and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Schweertman, Buss, Busker, and Lapacek all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris and Toms are absent.
405 S 5th Ave – Addition Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Schweertman to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Lapacek, and Schweertman. Trustees Norris and Toms are absent.
306 E Main St – Demolition Permit – Permit is tabled until next meeting.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Kevin reviewed their activity since last meeting.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Thiel reviewed the report of activity since last meeting.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she received a call from a property owner asking if we could check to see if a property could be added into the TIF district. President Vinnedge state he would contact Rob and find out. She also stated we are up and running for payroll in Gworks and she sent Fehr Graham the info the requested for the rate study.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated one of trucks needs some work and it will be about \$4,000. He also discussed the pine trees at the cemetery – wanted the boards opinion on if some of them should be taken down. President Vinnedge stated everyone can think about it and we will talk about it again at the next meeting.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Toms is absent.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated they had a finance committee meeting on February 10th to discuss the budget.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Lapacek updated on the parks grant. Once the documents are signed, we have two years to complete the project. She also shared several ideas on ways to raise funds for the difference in the cost to what we are getting in grant money.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris is absent. Ordinance 2026-01 Water Ordinance (Water Leaks) – President Vinnedge stated this is only on for review again as it needs more changes.

TIF/BDD – Trustee Norris is absent. BDD Application – Mimmos' Pizza and Catering – Flooring – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the application for 50% of the \$2,963 quote and is 2nd by Trustee

Lapacek. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Lapacek, Schweertman, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris and Toms are absent.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Vinnedge

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Approval of notice of grant award in the amount of \$112,500.00 – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the notice and is 2nd by Trustee Schweertman. On Roll Call Trustees Lapacek, Schweertman, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris and Toms are absent.

Motion is made by Trustee Busker to go into closed session and is 2nd by Trustee Schweertman. All are in favor. Trustee Norris and Toms are absent.

Approval of Employee Wage increase – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve a 3.5% wage increase for all employees and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Schweertman, Buss, Busker, and Lapacek all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris and Toms are absent.

President Vinnedge will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Buss and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. Trustee Norris and Toms are absent. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Clerk Shenberger