

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday February 19, 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, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina. One member from the public.

Consent Agenda:

The Minutes of the February 5, 2024, meeting are reviewed.

The Minutes of the closed session Minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting are reviewed.

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Accounts Payable are reviewed.

Treasurer's Report is reviewed.

Budget Officers Report is reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. All are in favor. Trustee Norris abstains from February 5 Minutes and executive minutes.

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – None

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they took Christmas lights down at Memorial Park. They have been exercising water valves on the water mains. They fixed a water main break on Walnut Ave. they also picked up Christmas trees around town and cleaned up trucks from water main dig. They started working on tractors for the spring season and also changed bulbs on Christmas decorations.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers responded to a complaint at Dollar General about a post on facebook where a resident was giving away food that was discarded from Dollar General. The items were allegedly taken from the dumpster. Officers assisted Ogle County with a domestic in the country. It was believed the male was attempting to harm his father's girlfriend and then fled on foot. The male was located in a cornfield along the residence. Officers assisted a group of juveniles locked out of their parent's house while their parents were on vacation. Officers assisted the Fire Department with an alarm call at the Forreton High School. Chief Thiel stated he looked into grants for generators but all that he has found are currently closed. He also presented a printout with some potential grants if any of the board members would like to look into them. He did reach out to our attorney about the noise ordinance, and they are working on it.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated garage sales will be May 2nd-4th and clean up days will be May 6th-9th pending approval of the grant. She also stated Katie has been concentrating on entering our resident's information into our Gworks for utility billing and should be finished up this week. She discussed four existing utility accounts that have been on the books for years for residents that have passed away or skipped town. She would like to get those cleared up before we switch to Gworks. Trustee Vinnedge stated he would come into the office and go over it with her.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated Wednesday we will be having the Prebid meeting for the phase 2 water main replacement project.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated they held a committee meeting last week discussing budget.

Approval of the village paying 80/20 for employee insurance from 65/35 – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the 80/20 split for insurance effective May 1st, 2024, and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris responds with Nay.

Resolution 2024-03 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Illinois Funds – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the resolution 2024-03 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Illinois Funds and designate Fred Schneiderman as the authorized signer and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Treasurer Schneiderman stated our CD is up for renewal. This will be put on our next agenda for vote.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated he was contacted by Ogle County Health Department in regard to a grant they received for a community freezer. Forreton has been chosen as part of this grant to provide a community freezer in our community. He stated he had a meeting with Ogle County Health Department and Jeremy, and they discussed placing this at the Cardinal Center. They would provide a Refrigerator, Freezer, and pantry inside of a shed. They would stock it for residents in need for three years. This is just a discussion and there are more questions that need to be answered. He just wanted to inform the board.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated all of the ordinances have been sent for codification. It will take them 6-7 months to complete everything.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he wanted to recap from last meeting where Jane had commented on the article in the paper about the program through the Ogle County Economic Development Committee. She had stated that the president had contacted Forreton to be part of the program. President Metzger stated he and Clerk Shenberger met with Paula and she stated that they had not reached out to us. Paula stated she would really like to have someone from Forreton join their meetings. They meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month. They do provide a zoom link. He told Paula to count us in.

Unfinished Business – Old Village Hall – Nothing to report.

New Business – BDD – Fields of Green Boutique – This will be for a grand opening event in their new building. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the BDD for \$500 and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Cotter, Norris, Kalina, Busker, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to go into Closed Session and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger