

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees  
Forreton Public Library Community Room  
Monday, February 21, 2022, 7:00 PM**

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

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Norris, Kalina, Buss, Busker, Cotter & Vinnedge are in attendance. Village President Metzger, Clerk Drayton, Maintenance Supervisor Timm and Chief Thiel are also in attendance. From the Public, Jane Koeller, Justin Merry, Alexa Zoellner, Sonia Green and Attorney Rob LeSage are present,

The Amended Minutes of the November 15, 2021 Meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the minutes as presented and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Norris, Buss, Cotter, Vinnedge and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

The Minutes of the February 7, 2022 Meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the minutes as presented and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Busker, Cotter, and Norris respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge abstains due to being absent from February 7, 2022 meeting.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

**Building Permits**

Trustee Cotter states there are no permits

Treasurer's Report – Capital Development balances are incorrect. They will be corrected and reviewed at next meeting. No motion for Treasures report as balance is incorrect.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Streets & Alleys -Trustee Buss has nothing to report however, he will look at Seal Coat for next year.

Sewer and Water - Maintenance Supervisor Timm states Martin Bros are back in town next week to start back up working on lead lines.

IEPA Water Meter project – total of 5 bids and only one was complete. IEPA said they did not need everything complete. All bids are rejected. Bids will be redefined, and we will start all over. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to reject all bids 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Kalina, Busker, Vinnedge and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Finance - Trustee Norris states committee met on 2/21/22 to review January Revenues and Expenses, and also Preliminary Budget.

Budget Officer Report – 75% complete. All funds in good condition. Everyone will have access to the budget numbers as soon as possible. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to accept the Budget Officers report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Kalina, Busker, Vinnedge and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter states there will be a Wiffle Ball Tournament at Warnken Park on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> by the Sports Boosters. They will have to provide a certificate of Liability coverage.

Ordinances – Solicitors, Peddlers, and Street Vendor amending ordinance are reviewed. To be voted on at next meeting. Gaming License Fee Amendment is reviewed. Discussion regarding new fee of \$250.00 per machine – half to be paid by business owner and half to be paid by vendor. Attorney LeSage explains a little more in detail. To be voted on at next meeting.

New Building Committee – Flooring, electric, and budget discussed. Mayor Metzger suggests that the next meeting be just the committee. Working on Phase 1 only at this time.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Drayton has nothing to report.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel explains if you call the Sheriff’s department at 815-732-2136 it will go to an off-duty officer or dispatch Ogle County. He also talked about an ordinance for Nuisance liens – for junk on property, we can clean it up then a lien can be placed against the property. An “injunctive relief” order by the judge allows for the lien and penalties to be enforced if the cleanup work is not done. Liens for Delinquent water bills are difficult to collect because the property is usually in foreclosure or bankruptcy. Chief Thiel also informs the board that the Salvation Army has donated a refrigerator and a washer and dryer for the new Village Hall. Swore in Officer Justin Merry.

Supt of Public Works Report - Maintenance Supervisor Timm states they repaired a water main break on Garden Ave. Addressing a few sewer issues. Water loss is approximately 15%. Chris Ingram will be in town to remove trees.

Village President’s Report - President Metzger states he has received 6 resumes for the clerk position. Interviews will be set within the next few days.

New Business –Payment for Loan Request #4 for Lead Service Line Replacement loan #17-5764 in the amount of \$188,690.25 including Fehr Graham invoice and Martin & Co. Pay application #3. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the payment 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Kalina, Busker, Vinnedge and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Attorney LeSage discusses appointing an Active Clerk. After a brief discussion, Motion is made by Trustee Norris to appoint Sonia Green as active Clerk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Kalina, Busker, Vinnedge and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Old Business – Public Comment Policy is discussed.

There is no other Old Business to discuss. Trustee Buss motions to adjourn the meeting and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk