

Minutes of the Village of Forrester Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday March 17, 2025, 7:00 PM

President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina. Four members from the public

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the March 3, 2025, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.
3. Budget Officers report is reviewed.
4. Treasurers report is reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor.

Public Comment – Mark Schweertman introduced himself and stated he was running for a Trustee seat in the next election. Ken Toms also stated he would be running for a trustee seat as well.

Presentations and Petitions –None

Building Permits – 602 N Walnut – Patio Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all responded with Yeas.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report and activity since last meeting.

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

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she sent out 85 delinquent letters for the month. She also stated she is waiting to hear back from Gworks to see if anything else is needed.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated they finished up a storm sewer up on 1st avenue. Trustee Vinnedge stated he spoke with Fred and there is \$60,000 left in the equipment budget, and they got a price on a new skid loader for \$47,000. The board agreed to purchase it since there is money in the budget.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge – nothing to report.

Finance - Trustee Busker – nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter went over the minutes from the committee meeting that they had. They discussed the grant they are applying for for Warnken Park.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated we received the first invoice for half of the digitization. She will be scheduling the pickup of the minute books. She also stated we will have to change the number of the liquor license back. The board discussed and agreed to schedule the meeting on March 31st at 4pm. She also discussed the handbook and the insurance coverage for spouses. After some discussion the board agreed to have a committee meeting to discuss the changes.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he received a call from Keystone solar to see if the village would be interested in putting solar at the wastewater treatment plant. He stated he would forward the email to all of the board members for review.

President Metzger read the motorcycle awareness proclamation to declare May as motorcycle awareness month.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – BDD – FABA for Easter Egg Hunt – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Approval of PWS Loan 17-5817 Request #5 in the amount of \$32,376.75 – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the request and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to go into closed session per ILCS Sec. 2 (c)(5) for possible sale/purchase of property and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. All are in favor.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Buss and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger