

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday March 18, 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, Trustee Buss, and Trustee Kalina. Four members of the public.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the March 4, 2024, meeting are removed from the consent agenda.
2. The Minutes of the Closed Session Minutes of the February 19, 2024 are reviewed.
3. The Minutes of the Closed Session Minutes of the March 4, 2024 are reviewed.
4. Accounts payable are reviewed.
5. The Treasurer's Report is reviewed.
6. The Budget Officer's Report is reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the consent agenda and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. All are in favor.

Public Comment – None

Petitions and Presentations – Mike Clark is interested in purchasing the old village hall. He presented a plan for his ideas for the building.

Building Permits – 201 W. Willow – Fence and Pool Permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

603 N. Walnut Ave – Fence Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they took out trees at the WWTP along the fence and along the creek bank at 407. They helped Area Tree Service take down and haul away trees from around town. They replaced the tire on the Ferguson tractor and started cleaning up ditches and streets from snow plowing. They also fixed the down spout at Village Hall and fixed the door on the utility truck and changed the oil. They continued to haul old black top and gravel from 407 to RR campground. He stated he had a certificate of authority for the board to appoint him to be able to sign the contracts for the rock salt that we purchase. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the certificate and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers received a complaint of a juvenile fight at Memorial Park. One juvenile was taken to UW Madison for head injuries sustained during the fight. Officers assisted DVFS with a complaint of a sexual assault regarding a juvenile. Shining Star conducted an interview. Another agency was also given information due to other instances occurring in another village. Officers patrolled the school area after receiving a tip from another Law Enforcement Agency regarding threats made by a resident. It was later learned the males were no longer in the area. Officers also assisted the U.S. Marshalls over a two-day period in attempting to locate and arrest a male on a federal warrant. The male was arrested peacefully.

Special Events Permit – Forreston Lions – Easter Egg Hunt – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she has information on the 1% tax increase for the school district if anyone would like to see it.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss they are getting numbers together for a new one-ton truck.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge – Nothing to report.

Finance - Trustee Busker is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated Memorial Park bathrooms will be open for the Easter egg hunt. He also stated he received two quotes for the remodel of the Memorial Park bathrooms. One came in at \$4,200, the other is \$3,950. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the quote for \$3,950 and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris reviewed the minutes from the committee meeting last week. She stated she spoke to Rob about the new paid leave act, and he stated we are covered with what we have now. She has checked into a bus ordinance. She spoke with Rob, and he has not done much with that. She then spoke with Chief Thiel and there is a county ordinance that will cover our area.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes of the March 4, 2024, Meeting – Under finance remove the vote on the CD. It was decided at that meeting to not move forward with the CD. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes with that section removed and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated Governor Pritzker is looking to eliminate the grocery tax in the state of Illinois. This 1% tax goes directly to municipalities, so we need to keep this in mind for the future budget. Trustee Buss stated he thinks Treasurer Schneiderman already took that into consideration for the budget. He also stated that in the past we were part of the Northern Illinois Mayor Association. They stopped meeting through Covid, but they are starting to meet again. He received a membership renewal in the mail. For our size village it is \$125 for renewal. The board agreed to pay the renewal. He also stated he has a zoom meeting set up with CGI tomorrow to discuss the community video for anyone who would like to attend.

Unfinished Business – Old Village Hall – Nothing to report.

New Business – Approval of Master Power Supply Agreement – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the agreement and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all reply with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Notice of Intent to Award to Fischer Excavating – Water Main Phase 2 – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the Notice of Intent to Award to Fischer Excavating for \$1,515,221.00 and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Courtney from Community funding discussed the debt service that will be added to the bills for this phase. This number is a rough estimate with the current numbers and with the loan being 50% forgivable for 30 years at 1% interest rate. We are looking at an increase of around \$4.36 on the bills.

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

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Norris and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:41PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger