

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday March 20, 2023, 7:00 PM**

Village 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, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Trustee Buss, Kalina, and 4 members from the public are in attendance.

The Minutes of the March 6, 2023, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes 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.

Public Comment – Ken Toms stated he would like to address his concern about the chicken ordinance that is going to be discussed. He heard that it was stated that we need to have chickens because of the price of eggs. He went to four grocery stores in Freeport and found them for \$2.35 up to \$3.00 unless you get the organic eggs. He also stated that if we allow chickens because of the price of eggs we should allow cows because the price of beef is high. He feels that if this does get passed neighbors need to be notified and approved before they can have chickens. He feels that it will attract other wildlife into town. He feels that there should be a public hearing before we think about passing the ordinance.

Building Permits – 204 S. Ash Ave – Fence Permit – Trustee Cotter stated the old fence on the property is going to be put back up at no charge. The resident would like to put up a split rail fence from the corner of the house out to the front of the property to divide the new parking lot from the house. This permit will need a variance and will need to go in front of the planning commission. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to pass this on to the planning commission and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

306 Main St – Demo Permit – Republic is taking down the building on Chestnut to create parking for the trucks. This permit was passed 5 to 1 prior to this meeting because there was miscommunication between Republic and their contractor about who was to get the permit. Trustee Cotter contacted the board members so they could proceed. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris responds No. Trustee Busker is absent.

306 Main St – Fence Permit – Republic would like to extend the existing fence out to where the building ended to divide the parking area from Caseys. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent. On the same permit there is a no charge demo permit for the curb that is left on the cement pad from the building. They would like to take that curb off so they can drive their trucks on. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit with Maintenance Supervisor Timm taking a look at it to make sure the water flow is still ok and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Schneiderman is absent, but the board reviewed the reports. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the report 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.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated that he received the estimate for seal coating from Fehr Graham. It includes Memorial Park entrance for \$1600-\$1700 and the library parking lot for \$4,050. It would also include the alley behind the library. This is just an estimate, it will still need to be bid. The whole project will be \$85,000-\$90,000.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated we are still working with Winwater on the water meters. There is not an ETA on the rest of the meters. He stated he did get ahold of ComEd and they will not allow us to put the repeaters on their poles so we will have to come up with another option.

Finance - Trustee Norris stated we will be having the public budget meeting at 6:30pm on April 3, 2023 before the regular board meeting. Trustee Cotter presented a quote for vertical blinds for the village hall. There are 5 blinds, and the quote is \$1644.50. This is just information for now.

Budget officers Report – Budget Officer Schneiderman is absent but the board reviewed the reports. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the report and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated that work is continuing at Warnken park concessions. The cabinets should be in next week or so. Memorial Park tables are getting new countertops. President Metzger asked Maintenance Supervisor Timm if the batting cages have gone up and he said not yet. They will be working on them soon.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge stated we have a water ordinance and a wastewater ordinance to vote on. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the Water Ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris responds No.

Wastewater Ordinance – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the Waste Water Ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris responds No.

Chicken Ordinance – Review only. Trustee Vinnedge presents copies of Lanark and Pearl City's Chicken Ordinances. He states that he will set an ordinance meeting to go over it. President Metzger agrees that the Ordinance Committee should meet and discuss it all and have a public meeting to discuss it as well.

Public Health and Safety Ordinance – Review only. Trustee Vinnedge states this ordinance is for the dumpsters in town. There are currently 29 dumpsters in town and most of them are on the village right of way. He would like to discuss this further in an Ordinance Committee Meeting as well.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger states that our grant for the clean up days has been approved. She also said that she received a call asking if we would allow the 4H club to put a donation jar in the office to collect money for Miss Carley's in Rockford. It was decided that that is not something the board would like to do unless it was for something within our community.

Chief of Police Report – Special Events Permit for Easter egg hunt and touch a truck – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Officer Thiel stated officers responded to a call of an intoxicated female that was attempting to gain access into other people's home. They also picked up a female on a warrant on Walnut Ave. Officers took a call from LSSI for a welfare check on a subject. After talking to the subject they learned she was high on Xanax and was transported to FHN hospital. Officer Thiel also stated that they have submitted a grant application for more cameras, overtime hours, and the sign. The bike rodeo is set for May 30<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also stated that Hannahs graduation from the academy is April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and she will be starting here in the office on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Officers are getting letters ready to send out for properties that need to be cleaned up with clean up days coming up.

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they plowed and salted streets and hauled snow. They finished painting and replacing boards and wiring on the trailer. They also picked up brush from the ice storm and hauled in sand and mixed with salt. They had to fix a tire on the red dump truck and welded tables for Memorial Park. They also fixed the stop sign at Walnut and Birch. They hauled gravel and started prepping the mowers and equipment for spring.

Village President's Report – President Metzger discussed the grant that we received through ogle county for the sign. We do have to stick with the original quote. We cannot change or go with a lower bid. We can also install it ourselves and save \$3,000. He asked if there was anything new from Nipco on the community cats. Trustee Norris stated that she talked with Leslie from Nipco and she explained how other communities have formed non for profits to help. Trustee Norris stated she is going to contact Polo to see what their process is. President Metzger just wanted to bring up the Baseball and Softball summer leagues will be starting up soon.

New Business – BDD 815 Industries LLC – This is a new business starting up in town. They have had a nonprofit organization where they take donations to Kentucky for the needy. It has turned into an almost weekly trip. They would like to start doing backhauls to bring in money. They would like to make some offices and put in a dock. They would also like to hire 4-5 people. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the BDD application with Keith Ruter's approval since he owns the building and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustee Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Old Business – Nothing to report.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Norris and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger