

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday April 1, 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.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the March 18, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. The Minutes of the Closed Session Minutes of the March 18, 2024, are reviewed.
3. Accounts payable are 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. Trustee Busker abstains from 1 and 2.

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – 401 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave – Fence Permit – The fence will be 6ft high chain-link fence. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

605 S. Walnut Ave – Fence permit – This will be a 6ft white privacy fence. Trustee Cotter stated he discovered that the shed they have in the back yard that was there when they bought the house is part on the easement and part on the neighbor's property. The board discussed it and would like the shed moved onto the property and the back fence pulled into the property as well. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending moving the shed and fence onto the property and pending payment and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

506 N. Walnut Ave – 3 season room – This will be a 3-season room 16x20. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, Norris, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they removed sidewalk on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and formed up and poured a concrete pad at Village Hall for the generator. They continued to haul old rock and black top away. They plowed and salted streets and hauled away snow. They also opened the bathrooms at Memorial Park for the Easter egg hunt but locked them back up until it gets warmer out. They started to clean up parks and washed up the plow trucks. They changed out the starter on Kevin's truck and finished servicing the lawn mowers. They also fixed the PTO seal on the Ferguson tractor and started to haul brush from 407 and burned the pile.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers received a complaint of an unknown person attempting to open the front door of a residence. The parents were not home, and their teenage children were scared. Officers learned that the unknown male from Rock Falls thought he was at the correct address. The male had an outstanding warrant and was arrested and transported to the Ogle County Jail. Officers went to a residence to assist DCFS with a complaint of a sexual assault regarding a juvenile. The Juvenile refused to speak with officers or DCFS case worker about the incident. Chief Thiel stated officers have begun speaking to residents about ordinance violations for items piled up such as recliners and other miscellaneous items in yards. Officers also met with Lena PD regarding a prior juvenile sexual assault and interviewed multiple subjects about the incident. Officers responded to a car accident. A Forreston Fire Truck struck a vehicle that was moved off the side of the road during the last snowstorm. Chief Thiel also stated he contacted Jansen to get a quote on the broken camera at Memorial Park.

Resolution 2024-05 approving hourly rates for IDOT-Sponsored police hire backs. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the resolution and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she received a phone call from a resident asking if we can put happy birthday messages on the sign at Village Hall. The board discussed and decided against that. She also stated Josh's is looking to sell and it is liquor and gaming renewal time. Can we prorate and reimburse the fee once they sell and prorate for the new owners? The board agrees that is ok. Chief Thiel brought up the issue with people using the back door. It was addressed with Josh a few years ago.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated he is going to have a committee meeting to get numbers together for the new truck. It could take 12-18 months to get the truck once the order is put in.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated Pepin’s filed all the paperwork to IEPA for the Water Meter Project.

Finance - Trustee Busker – nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated the Easter egg hunt at Memorial Park went well. Lots of kids showed up. He also stated the planning commission will have to meet for an approval after next meeting.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated she will get the minutes from the last committee meeting in the next couple of weeks. She stated they discussed some changes to the policy handbook. She is hoping to have the changes to look over at the next meeting. She also stated there is a noise ordinance in the packet for review only. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None.

Village President’s Report – President Metzger read the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Proclamation. He also stated last Friday he came down and recorded a video to send to local businesses for the CGI video.

Unfinished Business – Old Village Hall – Nothing to report.

New Business – Approval of ADA sidewalk improvement projects – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve ADA sidewalk improvement project (Job number R-92-009-20) Parcel # 2092026 Agreement to compensation/offer - \$300/TE for 272 s.f. and ADA sidewalk improvement project (Job number R-92-009-20) Parcel # 2092033 Agreement to compensation/offer - \$300/TE for 88 s.f. \$400/Warranty Deed for 22 s.f. President Mark Metzger has authority to convey and sign and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

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

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:13PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger