

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday April 3, 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, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, Busker, Kalina, and 3 members from the public are in attendance.

The Minutes of the March 20, 2023, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker abstains from the vote.

The amended minutes from the November 21, 2022, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Public Comment – Jane Koeller stated they are still looking for volunteers to help at the easter egg hunt on Saturday. Anyone that can help please be at the park at 11:30am.

Building Permits – 306 E. Main St – Demo Permit for Republic. They want to take down the brick office building. There is no time frame for when they will be doing it. Trustee Cotter did check the historical listing at the library and this building is not on it. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustees Vinnedge and Norris respond with no.

302 Maple Ave – Deck extension – They will be extending their deck 3ft x 15ft on the north and south end of the existing deck. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

105 3rd Ave – Fence Replacement. This will be a fence replacement in the same footprint. It is a shared fence with the neighbors. They are sharing the cost of the replacement. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

103 3rd Ave – Shed – The shed is 10ft by 16ft and will be placed in the backyard 4 ft from the fence. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

103 3rd Ave – Fence Replacement – This is the shared fence with 105 3rd Ave. It will be the same footprint. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

707 1st Ave – Barn Demo – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

204 N. Walnut – Demo and replace sidewalk – This will be replacement of the sidewalk going up to the house and from the house to the garage. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

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

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated 75 residential water meters will be in by the end of this week, but we are still waiting to hear about the rest.

Finance - Trustee Norris stated the finance committee will be meeting Monday April 10, 2023, at 6:00pm and Ordinance will be meeting at 5:30pm.

Approval of Budget Ordinance 2023-03 – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the budget and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated the Memorial Park tables are being worked on and they are just waiting on the cabinets for Warnken Park concessions.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge stated they will be having a committee meeting on Monday April 10, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Special Committee New Building Committee of the Whole – President Metzger stated we have 2 quotes for the window treatments at the Village Hall. Trustee Cotter stated the quote from Menards is \$1,644.50 and the quote from Sweetwoods is \$4,250.00. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the quote from Menards for \$1,644.50 and is 2nd by Trustee

Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Vinnedge, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustee Cotter abstains from the vote and Trustee Buss responds with No.

President Metzger also stated that we need to discuss the placement of the flag and sign at the village hall. Trustee Vinnedge will draw up a map and discuss it at the committee meeting to be held on Monday April 10, 2023, at 6:30pm.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger nothing to report.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Thiel stated officers have continued investigating an aggravated sexual assault case. They also assisted Ogle County Deputies with damage from the tornado. Officer Klosa received a complaint about a stolen vehicle. After an investigation it was learned the male was intoxicated and given a ride home. Coroner was called for a deceased elderly man he has passed from natural causes. They also responded to an identity theft complaint. Chief Thiel stated he found a FEMA grant that could be used for a generator. He passed that information onto Trustee Vinnedge. He also discussed the ESDA documents that need to be filled out yearly for succession authority. Trustee Buss asked when the internet would be completed on the towers. Chief Thiel stated they are still waiting on equipment to come in. Trustee Buss also asked if anything has been decided on, to go around the towers.

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they helped with the removal of a few trees around town. They fixed a gas leak on the Ferguson tractor. They plowed and salted streets and hauled snow. They also put the batting cage net up at Warnken. They started cleaning up edges of roads from snowplowing. He stated they also fixed mailboxes from the last snowfall. They put a new cutting edge on the V-plow. They also started cleaning up parks for spring.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he would like to have an open meeting to the public about the chicken ordinance that is being considered. He reminded everyone that Tuesday is election day and that we have 4 people running for 3 open positions. Trustee Buss asked if there was any update on the walking paths in town. President Metzger stated it was his understanding that we will need the money to hire an engineer. Trustee Buss stated it is in the budget. Trustee Vinnedge stated if we are looking at grants, the walking path has to connect the parks to the schools and downtown. Trustee Norris brought up the open house. She would like to get something put on the website and in the paper to let everyone know.

New Business – President Metzger stated the change order that is on the agenda is going to be moved to next meeting. We are looking to extend Winwater's contract again once we know more about when meters are coming in.

Approval of Loan 17-5764 Request #9 in the amount of \$157,756.34. This is the final request, and this will close out the loan for the lead line replacement project – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Old Business – Nothing to report.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger