

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday April 6, 2026, 7:00 PM

President Vinnedge calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, President Vinnedge, Trustee Norris, Trustee Toms, Trustee Schweertman, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Lapacek. Three members from the public.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the March 23, 2026, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Toms to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. All are in favor. Trustee Busker abstains from number 1.

Public Comment – Holly Bawinkle stated she has been a resident for 20 years. She stated she is here to voice her concerns about the vendor and food trucks permits with that season coming up. Her first concern is the permit being good for 365 days and valid during special events. He would like the board to consider adding to the permit that it is not valid during special events. She also stated that she does not feel that the \$100 permit fee is enough.

Jane Koeller stated she was not in favor of the coffee truck being in town and she is also a big supporter of everything Forreton. She stated that owning a brick-and-mortar store is one of the hardest things her and Gary have ever done but it is one of the proudest for them. She suggests that we increase the fee for the solicitor permits. She stated the truck does not raise any money for the Forreton BDD. She would also like to see food trucks limited when specials are going on at one of our brick-and-mortar establishments. She would also like to see the food vendor permits get approved by the board.

Monty Cotter stated he is here to say thank you and congratulations on getting the park grant. He feels the grant will be a great influence on our youth to use Warnke Park more. The new equipment and the handicap accessibility is a great improvement that we have worked on for many years to get. He stated he does know that donations are coming to help cover the rest.

Presentations and Petitions – None

Building Permits – 611 S Walnut – Permit extension for 6 months – Motion is made by Trustee Schweertman to approve the permit extension and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Toms, Schweertman, Buss, Busker, and Lapacek all respond with Yeas.

406 Maple Ave – Driveway approach permit – Motion is made by Trustee Schweertman to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Toms. On Roll Call, Trustees Toms, Schweertman, Buss, Busker, Lapacek, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

206 S 3rd Ave – Patio Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Schweertman to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Lapacek. On Roll Call, Trustees Schweertman, Buss, Busker, Lapacek, Norris, and Toms all respond with Yeas.

102 S 1st Ave – Demo/Replace Driveway – Motion is made by Trustee Schweertman to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Lapacek, Norris, Toms, and Schweertman all respond with Yeas.

407 S 2nd Ave – Sidewalk and ramp permit – Motion is made by Trustee Schweertman to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Lapacek, Norris, Toms, Schweertman, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

402 W White Oak – Patio and Fence Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Schweertman to approve the permits pending a survey and fence restrictions and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Lapacek, Norris, Toms, Schweertman, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Schweertman also stated Robert would like to put a cement pad in front of the house for parking. Trustee Buss stated we can't do cement it would need to be gravel because that is village property and utilities running through there.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed their activity since last meeting.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Thiel reviewed their report of activity since last meeting. He also discussed posting park hours and rules at both parks.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated the TIF Audits are complete, and the joint review board meeting is set for April 23rd at 10am. She also stated that she would like to pay out the part time employees for the time they accumulated for the PLAWA from last year. She also stated she started a spreadsheet to keep track this year so they can use their time throughout the year.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated he doesn't know if we are going get our salt in time to get the invoice on this year's budget.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Toms stated he would be meeting with Scott to discuss water mains and meters.

Finance - Trustee Busker – nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Lapacek stated she has not heard back on the t-shirt designs. She will be completing the food safety class this week.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris we have the budget ordinance to approve. Treasurer Schneiderman there are a couple of more changes that could be made so we can table it until the next meeting. This is his recommendation. The board agrees.

Trustee Norris stated she spoke with the local garbage companies, and they all allow residents to get as many trash bins as they want. She will speak with Rob about these changes.

TIF/BDD – Trustee Norris – nothing to report.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Vinnedge – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

President Vinnedge will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Busker and is 2nd by Trustee Toms. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Clerk Shenberger