

Minutes of the Village of Forrester Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday April 7, 2025, 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. Three members of the public

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the March 17, 2025, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor.

Public Comment – None

Presentations and Petitions –None

Building Permits – 611 S 3rd Ave – Patio, Shed, and Fence Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

208 S 3rd Ave – Shed Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

206 S 3rd Ave – Driveway Replacement Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

604 S 3rd Ave – Patio Permit – 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.

511 S Walnut Ave – Sidewalk and Driveway Replacement Permit – 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.

Trustee Cotter stated there would be another permit coming in for next meeting. There was a resident that put up a small fence to keep her dog in, but it is material that is not allowed. So, she is filling out a permit and will be replacing it.

404 W Willow St – Solar Permit – 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.

Department Reports:

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

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel reviewed the report of activity since last meeting. He also stated that Hannah is doing a fundraiser for Shining star. The board agreed to donate \$100.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated the Surf internet right of way agreement is completed, and they are set to start on Wednesday.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated he is going to work on a letter to explain the rate increases.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated she will be setting up a committee meeting for the handbook changes in May.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated Courtney has all the numbers for the grant she will just be getting with Clerk Shenberger for a few things she needs, and they she will get it submitted.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris – Budget Ordinance 2025-02 – Trustee Vinnedge stated the repairs for well 2 have started but will not be finished until after the new fiscal years starts so adjustments will need to be made on a couple of line items.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Norris stated the minute books have been picked up for the digitization project.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated the easter egg hunt is the 19th at memorial park. He congratulated the board members that were voted on to the board. The transition will take place at the May 5th meeting.

Clerk Shenberger stated we were approved for the Clean Up Days Grant. The event will be held on May 5th-8th.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – BDD – Kap's Tap – Discussion was had about changing the guidelines for BDD approvals. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the BDD application and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris and Cotter respond No.

Special Events permit – FABA – Egg Hunt – Motion is made by Trustee Kalina to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Joint Agreement between the Village of Forreston and IDOT for a milling and resurfacing project on IL 72 from east of N. Locust Street in Forreston to 0.3 miles east of Mt. Morris, just east of the Leaf River. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the agreement and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to go into closed session per ILCS Sec. 2 (c)(5) for possible sale/purchase of property and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger