

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday April 17, 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 President Metzger, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, Busker, Kalina, and 2 members from the public are in attendance.

The Minutes of the April 3, 2023, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Public Comment – Jane Koeller stated she wanted to thank Scott and Kevin for helping with the easter egg hunt and Monty for coming and helping as well. It was well attended.

Building Permits – 208 S 3rd Ave – Deck permit – The deck will come off the side of the house and out to the existing pool. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit upon payment and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Cotter, Norris, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Schneiderman reviews his report. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the report and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina 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 Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated that the gentleman that owns the land where we take our brush would like to be compensated some. Trustee Buss stated we use his land and his loader when we take loads out there. He would like to pay him \$1000 per year and put it in the budget to do that going forward.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated Mueller said they shipped 75 residential meters, but they have not arrived yet. There is still no date for the remainder. They did say that they would have everything to us by the end of June.

Finance - Trustee Norris reviewed the minutes from the April 10, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting. They discussed payment of the Jansen invoice and the remainder of the new sign. She also discussed the drawings for the open house. She suggested we do drawings for money off the water bills. One \$75, one \$50, and ten \$25 for a total of \$375. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the drawings and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Budget Officers Report – Budget Officer Schneiderman reviews his report. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the report and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated the new cabinets have been delivered to the Warnken Park concession this week. They will be installed next week along with the countertops and sinks. The new serving tables are complete and at Memorial Park. He also stated that there was also another large donation of equipment to the lion's club for them to use in the concession stand for the ball season. They received pizza ovens, nacho machine, rotisserie, and other items. Trustee Vinnedge stated all the new poles for the batting cages are cut and painted. Trustee Cotter stated the batting cage poles were damaged in the last heavy snow and then the windstorm.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge stated everyone received a copy of the wastewater ordinance 2023-02. There was just some math corrections that needed to be made. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. He also asked what the next step is with the Chicken Ordinance. President Metzger asked if everyone had a chance to look it over and if there were any questions. He would like to get the ordinance prepared with any changes and then have a public meeting to get the residents' input. Then from there decide as to if it goes to a vote or not.

Special Committee New Building Committee of the Whole – President Metzger reviewed what was discussed at the New Building Committee of the Whole meeting on April 10, 2023, placement of the sign, flagpole, and payment drop box. Trustee Norris stated that when they went to get the blinds from Menards the price increased. They went back to talk to Sweetwood and got a new quote of \$3,223.00 plus shipping for a total of \$3,472.00. An amended motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to purchase the blinds from Sweetwood instead of Menards and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Cotter abstains from the vote.

Clerk's Report – President Metzger stated Clerk Shenberger is not feeling well so she is not here. He asked for her input on the new software, and she said she feels it would be a good fit for us and that she likes the fact that we would not be the only village switching so we would still have the support of each other. Trustee Buss asked if we had heard anything back on the insurance for the new building. He stated Clerk Shenberger was going to check into it.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Thiel stated officers responded to a deceased female. It appeared the cause of death was natural causes. Officer Wolber graduated from the Sauk Valley Police Academy and will begin her training program on Monday April 17, 2023. Officers assisted Ogle County in a fatal car crash that occurred in Ogle County. He also stated that officers went to Shining Star regarding a sexual abuse/assault case and while there they learned one of the children may have also been physically abused. The investigation is still ongoing. Officer Klosa assisted Ogle County Sheriff's Department in translating a traffic stop which resulted in an arrest. Officers also assisted Stephenson County Sheriff's Department in a vehicle chase which resulted in a felony traffic stop north of Forreston. Chief Thiel also presented two quotes from Jansen Electronics. The first is for cameras at the library and he has submitted paperwork for a grant to cover this. The second is for audio and visual recording in the interview room for the police department. He also stated that letters are going out from our attorney on the nuisance properties around town. He stated that at the next meeting Clerk Shenberger will be swearing in a new part-time officer. He is a certified FTO and will be helping to train Hannah.

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they hauled brush and helped with tree removal. They fixed the fluoride pump at well #3. They opened the bathrooms at Memorial Park and cleaned up both well houses. They also fixed hydraulic house on the skid loader and washed the backhoe. They fixed the yards and streets from snow plowing and graveled and graded an alley. They put new tires and tubes on the trailer and cleaned storm drains. Kevin passed his class C water test and will be applying for his license next. Maintenance Supervisor Timm is very proud of Kevin for this accomplishment. Warnken Park bathrooms will be open next week. Stump Busters will be coming in the next couple of weeks to grind the stumps from the trees that were taken down. Trustee Buss asked where we are with the water tower painting projects. Maintenance supervisor Timm stated the tentative start date is June 5th.

Village President's Report – President Metzger read the Proclamation of the President for Motorcycle Awareness Month that is coming up in May. He also wanted to congratulate the elected trustees that were elected at this last election. He also stated that we had a meeting with a representative from Mueller on the new water meters and we were able to utilize the meeting room with the new screen. The representative connected his laptop and demonstrated their software. President Metzger stated it all worked really well. He also asked to spread the word about the open house on Saturday April 22, 2023 from 1-3pm. He would like to see a good turnout. We will have drawings for money off water bills as well. He went over the update from Community Planning on our projects going on. He said if we are satisfied with everything with the lead service replacement, we can close out the loan with IEPA.

New Business – Approval of Change order #2 for QC Winwater contract extension. This will extend the contract to the end of June. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the change order and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Approval of Gworks software – President Metzger stated that the current software, Village Books, used to be part of Community Planning and they sold it quite some time ago. In the last 6months to a year the support for the software has been nonexistent. He explained that we were hoping to wait a bit longer, especially with the new meters so we could get that up and running first. Unfortunately, Brian with Village Books has not responded to the meetings with Mueller to get our software to work with the new meters. So, this has sped up the process in looking for a new company. He also stated that other communities that have Village Books are switching as well because they are having the same issues. Discussion was had between the board members, and it was decided that it would be best to have an informational meeting with Gworks where the board can be there to ask questions to be sure the software does have everything we need it to do. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to set up a presentation with Gworks and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Liquor License Renewals: Josh's – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the liquor and gaming license and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Mimmo's – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Liquor and gaming license and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Forreston Gas and Food – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the liquor and gaming license and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Casey's – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the liquor license and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Shorty's – Trustees questioned the amount being prorated. They would like clarification and vote at the next meeting.

Approval of a resolution for the use of MFT funds to pay for the 2023 MFT seal coating project – The paperwork was not provided to us until after the packets went out, so the paperwork was passed around for trustees to view. Trustee Buss had some questions on the amount, so it was decided to wait until the next meeting to vote.

Old Business – Trustee Norris stated she contacted Mt. Morris and spoke with Brook. They do not have a cat ordinance because they do not have the trapping. She also stated that the Mt. Morris village does pay for the program. She included the ordinance that Freeport has. She stated she would like to have Jackie from NipCo come to a meeting in the future to talk about the program.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Buss and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger