

Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday April 21, 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, Officer Klosa, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, and Trustee Kalina. Three members of the public

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the April 7, 2025, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.
3. Budget Officers Report was reviewed.
4. Treasurers Report was reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. Trustees Buss and Busker are absent.

Public Comment – Dan O'Connor asked in the public comment section on the agenda it states limited to 5 minutes per person – does that include answers from the board. President Metzger stated generally public comment is just information that we would gather not to answer questions. He also asked if he has a question how would that answer get into public record. President Metzger stated it could get added to the minutes.

Presentations and Petitions –None

Building Permits – 210 N Locust St – Driveway replacement – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss and Busker are absent.

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

109 Meadow Ct – Fence Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss and Busker are absent.

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

Trustee Cotter also stated we do have some open seats for the Planning Commission, and we are going to need a meeting soon for a variance.

Department Reports:

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

Chief of Police Report – Officer Klosa reviewed the report of activity since last meeting.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger reviewed her activity since last meeting. Benning group will be coming to do field work for our audit this next week.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss is absent. Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated the MFT streets bid opening will be May 1st at 10am at the Village Hall.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated he has a good start on the rate increase letter, but it is not quite finished. He also discussed pool filling in town. Our current policy is one initial fill and there have been some inquiries on why it cannot be every time since the water is not going into the sewer. There was some discussion, but this topic is going to be tabled for now.

Finance - Trustee Busker is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated there was a really good turn out at Memorial Park for the Easter Egg Hunt. He stated the electric update is complete at the park as well. The paperwork for the park grant has been submitted so we are just waiting to hear back.

Ordinances – Ordinance 2025-03 – Ordinance approving a lease agreement between the Village of Forreston and Smokin Gun Worx – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss and Busker are absent.

Trustee Norris stated we have received the first sample run for the digitization of the minute books and it looks good!

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – We received a quote for just under \$17,000 to demo the house. The board discussed it and decided this would be the best decision at this point. Demolition of 412 S 2nd Ave – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the demolition of 412 S 2nd Ave and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss and Busker are absent.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – BDD – R&S Builders – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss and Busker are absent.

Liquor and Gaming License Renewal Forreston Gas and Food, Mimmos Pizzeria Inc, Casey's, Kaps Tap, and Shortys Bar N Grill – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the license renewals and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss and Busker are absent.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger