

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday May 1, 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, Trustee Buss, Busker, and Kalina.

The Minutes of the April 17, 2023, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes with the change adding the shipping charge to the total of the blind quote making it \$3,472.00 and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Clerk Shenberger swore in the reelected Trustees, Ken Vinnedge, Monty Cotter, and Gary Buss.

Public Comment – None

Clerk Shenberger swore in the new part time police officer Ross Dillon.

Building Permits – 404 S 3rd Ave – Fence permit extension for 3 months. The resident hired a different company and needs more time. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris 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 Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – Nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge – Nothing to report.

Finance - Trustee Norris - Nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated everything is just about done at the concession stand at Warnken Park. Ogle Count and State inspections still need to be done. There will be a donation coming this week for \$2350 for the cabinets that were installed. Lions club still needs to purchase a commercial refrigerator. Trustee Cotter thanked Ken, Scott, and the guys for getting the parks bathrooms opened and the batting cage fixed.

Ordinances – Fence Variance Ordinance 2023-04 for Jeremy Whitehead. The planning commission voted 5-0 to approve the fence. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to pass the ordinance pending payment of the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge stated the Public Health Safety Ordinance is for review only. This will be adding a section for dumpsters. He asked for it to be looked over and it will be voted on at the next meeting.

Special Committee New Building Committee of the Whole – President Metzger stated the open house went great and we had a good turnout. Chief Thiel stated a decision needs to be made on what the fixed part of the new sign is going to say. It was discussed and decided that it would say Forreton Village Hall. Trustee Vinnedge stated that he got a quote to fix the leak in the roof. The quote came to \$480. It was decided to move forward with the repair.

Clerk's Report –Clerk Shenberger stated she got in touch with RMA for the insurance on the building they are going to send someone to the office to take a look now that it is complete. Trustee Cotter asked to have them look at Warnken Park Concessions as well since it is close to completion. She also stated that she touched base again with the Benning Group on the audit and they are planning to have a draft to us by the end of the week.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Thiel stated they have started another sexual abuse case. They responded to a theft complaint in which approximately \$83,000 was stolen. He stated Forreton Car Care had another catalytic converter stolen from a vehicle on their parking lot. Officers also responded to a dog that had been struck while on the road. Chief Thiel stated that the new squad car is in production and should be completed in June. He also stated that the bike rodeo is coming up and he will be getting some bikes for that.

Chief Thiel presented the quote from Jansen for the interview cameras for the police department in the amount of \$1,985.75. He stated he has it in his budget for this year. Trustee Vinnedge asked if we have to vote on it since he put it into his budget. It was agreed that a vote is not needed. He also passed around a quote for a computer program called Central Square in the amount of \$11,000. This will be for the police reports. He put this into his budget for this year as well.

Tom Richter from Ogle County Emergency Management came to share some information on public funding that we can check into to help pay for a new storm siren. He also shared some state funding opportunities to help with mitigation efforts to help prepare if we ever have another serious weather event.

Clerk Shenberger swore in the new part time police officer Brexton Flynn.

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they opened the bathrooms at Warnken Park, so both parks are open now. They helped prepare for the open house at the Village Hall. They picked up brush and fixed a flat on the 1-ton truck. They took out sidewalks for stump grinding and cleaned up the stump grindings. They also filled in the stump holes with dirt and seeded and strawed them. They stained and welded tables from Memorial Park. They also helped with the blower motor inspection at the wastewater treatment plant. They swept away rocks and cleaned up areas around town from snow plowing and snow piles. They will be flushing hydrants next week.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated they met with the Slick's, and they have a plan for the storm drain on their property. He also said he would be looking at the committees and chairs in the next month or so and contacting Trustees to discuss options. President Metzger stated he wants to get a public meeting set for the chicken ordinance. The board discussed it and decided to put a poll on Facebook to get some feedback from the residents and then go from there.

New Business – BDD – Village of Forreston – This would be for new resident welcome bags for FABAs up to \$1,300. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina to approve the BDD and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustee Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Chief Theil stated he is going to check into putting press releases on our website.

Old Business – Approval of Gworks Software – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the software change with any changes our attorney makes to the contract and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

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

Approval of a resolution allowing for the use of MFT funds to pay for the 2023 MFT seal coating project – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the resolution and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Norris stated she talked to our attorney about the cat program. He said we do not need an ordinance we would just need to create a policy. The policy needs to include that if anything happens when the residents are trapping the cats that the village is not responsible.

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 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger