

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Forreton Public Library Community Room
Monday May 2, 2022, 7:00 PM**

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Cotter are in attendance. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent. Village President Metzger, Clerk Shenberger, Treasurer Schneiderman, Maintenance Supervisor Timm and Chief Thiel are also in attendance. From the Public Jane Koeller, Dori Simmons, and Eileen Anderson.

The Minutes of the April 18, 2022, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes with a correction in old business. The money goes straight from IDOT to the Helm Group and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

Public Comment – Two members of the public state their concern for the growing issue with the stray cats in their neighborhood. Pictures were provided showing how bad the issue is. It's not just a roaming cat. Chris Thiel states that the village ordinance only allows you to own three animals. State law states that if you feed an animal for more than 7 days it becomes yours. He stated they will talk with the residents that are feeding the cats. He also stated that cats can be trapped with the only purpose of rehoming them.

Building Permits

Trustee Cotter presents the building permits

310 N. Walnut Ave – Fence – Fence will be 6ft high dog-eared wood privacy fence. It will be on the south side of the property running 22ft off the deck then 80ft to the back of the property and then connect to the shed. They spoke with the owner of the property next door, the fence will be 3 ft away from their garage. The fence is going to be 1 ft off the property line. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustee Vinnedge, Cotter, Buss, and Kalina. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

404 S. 3rd Ave – Fence – Dog eared wood fence on the south side of the property. The property owner is going to have a survey done because he is unsure where the property line is. Permit is postponed until the next meeting after the survey is complete. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter and 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustee Buss, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Cotter. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Schneiderman reviews the treasurer report. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the treasurer's report and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call Trustees Vinnedge, Cotter, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

Accounts Payable are reviewed by the Board. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the Accounts Payable and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss has nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge asked Supervisor Timm how Martin's was coming? Supervisor Timm states they are down to about five houses then they are moving to the highway. Just waiting on permits.

Finance - Treasurer Schneiderman reviews the Budget Officers Report for month ending March 31, 2022. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the budget officers report and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated the committee met to discuss the gaga pit. They are waiting on bids to come back.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the 2022-06 Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 4 (amendments to liquor regulations) and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the 2022-07 Ordinance Amending Title 2 By the Establishment of a new Chapter 5 Pertaining to Special Event Permit and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the 2022-08 Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 4 (General Penalty) and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

New Building Committee – Trustee Kalina states Chief Thiel had some money left in his budget, so he ordered conference room tables and chairs for the new building.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger asked about the mobile home removal fee. Trustee Vinnedge will check into it. Clerk Shenberger also asks if we have someone or a group in mind to take care of keeping up the landscaping around the welcome sign coming in the north end of town. It is discussed to reach out to the school to see if the FFA class would be interested. President Metzger will contact the school. Clerk Shenberger gave an update on searching for a new audit company. Clerk Shenberger reached out to Lucas Group, and they are currently not taking on any more clients. They referred us to the Benning Group. Clerk Shenberger reached out to them, and they are currently reviewing our file and will get back to us. She also discussed the fee for food truck vendors that will be doing more than one event in the community. Benchwarmers is going to do an event for the church and for Sauerkraut days do they need to pay the \$100 for both. Trustee Vinnedge was going to check into it and get back to her.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated there has been several domestics in town recently. There was also an out-of-control juvenile. There have also been thefts of catalytic converters in the area. They are targeting larger RVs because they are easy to get under. He also stated that the trailer that is being worked on that had the mess is being cleaned up. Chief Thiel also said they put out about 30 letters for yard clean up and residents are getting things cleaned up. He also talked about parking along the roads. You cannot park at an angle on any roads in town.

Supt of Public Works Report - Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated brush pickup is continuing. They had a water main break at Garden and Pine that is now fixed. He stated they flushed hydrants last week. Both parks are open now and so far, no issues. They continue to pick up stump grindings. They did start cold patch as well. Trustee Buss asked about the baseball net. Maintenance Supervisor Timm said that he is going to need some help with that.

Village President's Report - President Metzger stated he has some residents ask about VRBO. He did speak to Rob about it, and they are looking into it. He told the resident that they can proceed now at their own risk. He also discussed apartments on 1st floor in the business district. We do not currently have anything that says either way. Rob is working on that as well.

New Business – BDD Application – Forrester Gas and Food – They are going to be making a gaming room, redo the bathrooms, and the main counter area. Motion is made to approve the BDD by Trustee Buss and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Kalina, and Vinnedge all reply with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent.

Old Business – Nothing to report

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. Trustees Busker and Norris are absent. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger