

**Minutes of the Village of Forrester Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday May 5, 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 Schweertman. Two members of the public

Ken Vinnedge was sworn in as New Village President

Mark Schweertman, Vickye Norris, and Brittany Busker were all sworn in as Village Trustees.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the April 21, 2025, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the consent agenda and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. Trustees Buss and Busker abstain from number 1.

Public Comment – None

Presentations and Petitions –None

Building Permits – 705 S Walnut Ave – Sidewalk Replacement Permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss abstains.

311 E Main St – Parking Lot Repairs - Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Schweertman. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Schweertman, Busker, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss abstains.

311 S Walnut Ave – Driveway Replacement – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Schweertman, Busker, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss abstains.

305 Hickory Ave – Patio Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Norris, Cotter, and Schweertman all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss abstains.

210 N Locust Ave – Sidewalk Replacement – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Norris, Cotter, and Schweertman all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss abstains.

504 W Green St – Information only – Resident is moving pool to the other side of their deck.

108 N Locust – Patio Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

98 Magnolia St – Patio Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Schweertman. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, Busker, and Norris 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 his report of activity since last meeting.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger reviewed her activity since last meeting. She stated the audit team will be at the office on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to do field work. She also stated the ARPA report is complete.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated we had the open bid meeting for seal coating, and we only had one bid from Helm.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated well 2 is back up and running but there is an electric issue that is being worked on. Well 3 will be started in June.

Finance - Trustee Busker – nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated we had some damage at Warnken park on the concession stand and bathroom doors. He also stated our quote for our park grant is only good until June. After that it will have a 3% increase.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris – Nothing to report.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Vinnedge stated we have a vacant seat to fill. We have 60 days to fill it. He stated we will leave the committees until we have a full board.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – The board discussed the rate increase for Constellation. Clerk Shenberger is going to forward the letter we received from Constellation to Mike at Rock River Energy and then we will go from there. It will be tables until then.

Authorization of President Vinnedge to be added to all Village of Forreston accounts at Solutions Bank and remove President Metzger – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to add Ken Vinnedge to all of the Village of Forreston bank accounts - \*\*443, \*\*498, \*\*553, \*\*\*348, \*\*\*\*753, \*\*\*\*351, \*\*\*\*964, \*\*\*\*980 and remove Mark Metzger from all of the Village of Forreston bank accounts - \*\*443, \*\*498, \*\*553, \*\*\*348, \*\*\*\*753, \*\*\*\*351, \*\*\*\*964, \*\*\*\*980 and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Schweertman, Buss, Busker, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

President Vinnedge will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Buss and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger