

Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday May 6, 2024, 7:00 PM

President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Kevin Crase, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the April 15, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. The Minutes of the Closed Session Minutes of the April 15, 2024, are reviewed.
3. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor.

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – 111 N Prairie Dr – Fence Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.
402 S. 2nd Ave – Sidewalk/Cement Pad – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.
106 4th Ave – Porch Permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.
201 W. Willow – Deck permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.
709 Garden Ave – Driveway replacement permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.
407 N. Walnut Ave – Fence replacement permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.
108 S. 2nd Ave – Patio permit/step replacement. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.
509 5th Ave – Fence/Gazebo permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all reply with Yeas.
601 Cedar Ave – Cement parking pad permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss abstains.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Kevin Crase stated they have been doing brush pickup, hauled it, and burned it at the quarry. They did the dirt work and seeded alleys from the tree removal. They also removed sidewalks for stump grinding that started today. They did two sewer digs, one at 2nd and Cherry and one at 2nd and Elm. He stated they fixed a water service that was hit during a gas main replacement on White Oak. They started spraying at the parks and downtown and cemetery. They mowed and trimmed. He stated clean up days started today and goes through Thursday 8am-7pm. They will be flushing hydrants May 13-17th.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers responded to a complaint of a female bitten by a black pit-bull. The owner of the dog retrieved her dog and left before officers arrived. Animal control was contacted, and the incident is still being investigated. Officers attended prom in Rockford. Everything went well and there were no issues. Officers also assisted Ogle County Sheriff's Department regarding a domestic disturbance. A female was arrested by Ogle County and transported to the jail. He also stated that officers have advised multiple residents of ordinance violations and of the upcoming clean-up days to dispose of items. Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. One occupant was riding on top of the vehicle and had been doing so since Freeport. Multiple citations were issued.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated Soina will be in this month to assist Katie with utility billing if needed. President Metzger asked about Gworks. Clerk Shenberger stated we are waiting on them on an IT issue.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss asked thoughts on getting the new 1-ton truck ordered. It will take 6 months to a year to get the truck. It was decided to get it ordered it is in the budget for this year.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated we received a proposal from Fehr Graham to pinpoint where all the rainwater is coming into the sewer plant from. He stated we get a lot of it and all that water has to be treated. The proposal is for \$17,000 and it is not in the budget but there are reserves that can be used. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the proposal and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Finance - Trustee Busker – Nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated there is a terrible mole problem at Warnken park around the swing set and park area. Scott is going to treat the area and put signs up.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris reviewed the minutes from the last committee meeting. She would like everyone to review the changes to the policy handbook before we meet next time. She also stated she spoke with Rob, and he will take a look at the draft of the codification for us.

Ordinance 2024-04 – Approving a redevelopment agreement between the Village of Forreton and Michael R. Clark and Mellisa J. Clark. Trustee Vinnedge stated we received two other bids, one for \$35,000 and one for \$55,000. The board decided to move forward with the offer from the Clark's. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Ordinance and is 2nd Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Ordinance 2024-05 – Authorizing an agreement for the purchase of certain real property (Howald Trust Property). Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Ordinance 2024-06 – Authorizing the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Forreton (2017 Troy Built Lawn Mower). Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Village President's Report – President Metzger - Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – BDD – Fields of Green – They will be putting up a sign and purchasing a checkout desk. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the BDD and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

Liquor and Gaming License – Josh's Saloon – Trustee Norris stated we have an ordinance that states there is a \$250 fee for change of ownership. Clerk Shenberger stated she will let him know this needs to be paid when they take ownership. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina to approve the license and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 7:59PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger