

Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday May 19, 2025, 7:00 PM

President Vinnedge calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, President Vinnedge, Trustee Norris, Trustee Cotter, Trustee Schweertman, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, and Trustee Busker. Two members of the public

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the April 21, 2025, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.
3. Budget Officer's Report is reviewed.
4. Treasurers report is reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the consent agenda with number 1 removed until next meeting and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. All are in favor.

Public Comment – Steve Moring stated they are getting ready to remodel the barn on his son's property. They would like to put a 10ft door in but the ordinance states 9ft is the max. He stated they are going to go through the variance committee to see if they can, if not they are talking about extending the current overhang. The last option they were thinking about is to see if they can get annexed into the county. President Vinnedge told him to get the plans drawn up and turned in and the board will discuss it.

Presentations and Petitions –None

Building Permits – 602 1st Ave – Solar Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Schweertman. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas.
305 W Pine St – Fence Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, Busker, and Norris all respond with Yeas.
501 S 1st Ave – Fence and pool permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Schweertman, Buss, Busker, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.
116 N Prairie – Driveway/step replacement and patio permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Norris, Cotter, and Schweertman all respond with Yeas.

Department Reports:

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

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel reviewed his report of activity since last meeting. He also discussed quotes for more cameras at the parks. He just got them so he will have to take a closer look to see what the differences are. He also briefly talked about a police grant that he is going to apply for. He asked the board if they would like to set up a meeting with the representatives for the Flock cameras so they can learn more about them to see if it is something that we want.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she sent out 80 delinquent letters this month. She discussed Shred Beast prices for the contents of the 2nd avenue house.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – MFT Streets Program – Approval to award contract to Helm Civil for \$72,940.20 – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the contract and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated we are going to have to wait to send out rate letter increases for phase 2 because we do not have final numbers for the project.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated she will be setting up a committee meeting in the 2nd week of June.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated there is not enough water pressure at memorial park to properly flush the tankless toilets. The board discussed it, and they want to put the toilet tanks back in. He also stated that we will probably not hear back on the park grant until July.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated the digitization project is complete. She also discussed the vacated alley by Sweetwoods old building. She did some research and found the original ordinance from 1978. Trustee Norris also asked if we would like to send more minute books to get digitized if she can get a discount on the courier price. She also asked if it

would be ok for her to go through the old ordinance and organize them all and get them in one place. The board was in agreement to get this done.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Vinnedge stated Keystone Solar has been contacting him wanted a meeting to present solar at the wastewater treatment plant. The board agreed to set up a meeting.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – BDD – Forrester Koeller Hardware 10-year anniversary open house – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker abstains.

President Vinnedge will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Buss and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger