

Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday May 20, 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, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, and Trustee Kalina. One member from the public.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the May 6, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.
3. The Treasurer's Report is reviewed.
4. The Budget Officer's Report is 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 – 404 W. Pine St – Driveway Replacement. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

407 N. Maple Ave – Fence 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, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

105 E. Main St – Sign Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

402 W. Green St – Pool Permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they have continued brush pickup and have also been picking up the stump grinding. They put dirt in and seeded where stumps were ground. They sprayed the parks and cemetery for weeds and also flushed hydrants. They also mowed and trimmed and planted trees. The generator guy will be here in June to get the electric run. He stated clean up days went well this year. He also got the new truck ordered through Jeremy.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers responded to a welfare check called in by an employer. The employee was ok just overslept. They also responded to a neighbor dispute and a suicide attempt. Officers responded to a disturbance call. The victim stated a male went to her house and interrogated her about her dogs matching the description of an incident in which a dog bit a female. The victim did not wish to press charges and the dogs were not the correct breed or color. Chief Thiel stated they had just had the bike rodeo and it went well! He is working on a taser grant to update tasers. He also stated there are two FEMA grants out there right now that would pay for generators and another bathroom to finish making the Village Hall the headquarters in case of a natural disaster. He stated Polo approached us with an inner agency agreement. If they need backup or we do, we could back each other. He stated Mt. Morris and Oregon have something like this in place. He will see what the agreement says and then present it to the board.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger gave an update on Gworks software. They have another IT employee working on the issue.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge nothing to report.

Finance - Trustee Busker is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated the ball fields are being used. Lots of kids out and about. He stated there was an issue with a cooler in the concession. Parks will pay for it and then be reimbursed from a donor.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris – Policy handbook changes approval – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the changes and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Trustee Norris reviewed the minutes from the last committee meeting. She stated she spoke with Rob, and he will take the next couple of weeks and look over the codification draft. He suggested they have an ordinance committee meeting to discuss it all.

Village President's Report – President Metzger

Unfinished Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – ADA sidewalk improvement project. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve ADA sidewalk improvement project (job#92-009-20) Parcel #2092006 \$300/Temporary Easement with Mark Metzger being the signing authority for the White Oaks Cemetery Association and has the authority to convey on behalf of the Association and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

BDD – Sweetwood Interiors – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to go into closes session and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Norris and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:42PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger