

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday June 16, 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, Officer Klosa, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, and Trustee Busker. Two members of the public

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the June 2, 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 and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. All are in favor.

Public Comment – None

Presentations and Petitions – Autumn Lapacek introduced herself and stated she is interested in the open Trustee seat. She has been a resident of Forreton for about 5 ½ years. She graduated from Forreton and has 2 children and is a stay-at-home mom. She stated Forreton is a great community and if there is anything she can do to contribute she would love to. Ken Toms introduced himself and stated he has been a resident for 69 years and has been on the village board in past years. He has been a part of several different committees as well. He feels he has a lot he can contribute.

Building Permits – Trustee Cotter presented a permit for a wheelchair ramp for Bob Thompson on Green Street Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, and Busker.

117 N Walnut Ave – Shed Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, Busker, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

505 S 5th Ave – Pool Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Schweertman. On Roll Call, Trustees Schweertman, Buss, Busker, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

501 W Green St – Fence Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Norris, Cotter, and Schweertman all respond with Yeas.

412 S 2nd Ave – Demolition Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Schweertman. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

202 W Avon St – Fire Escape Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, and Busker 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 – Officer Klosa reviewed the report of activity since last meeting.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger reviewed her activity since last meeting. She stated a lot of residents are not receiving their bill or it is coming after the due date so there will be credits for those late fees. She also stated she has not had the time to get information entered for Gworks. She just cannot find the time to do any of the extra stuff that the part time person used to do, and she is falling behind on her own things. The board discussed it and agreed to get some summer help in the office. Clerk Shenberger will post the job at the office.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – Nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated he has not heard anything on the water meters. We did get the final bill for phase 2 main water replacement so we can finish up rate increase letters and send them out with the next billing.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated she has a meeting scheduled for June 20th. She is going to schedule another one for the handbook. The board discussed it, and they will have it June 27th.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated the parks look with the new mulch that Scott and they guys put down. They are still waiting for the other new toilet to replace at Memorial Park. He has not heard anything on the park grant.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris discussed digitizing the rest of the handwritten minutes. There would be 6 more books to complete. The board discussed it, and they all agreed to have the rest of them digitized. She also discussed the TIF program. She spoke with Rob, and he would be willing to sit down with the board and discuss more about TIF. President Vinnedge stated he would like to look into paying the planning commission board members and asked that Trustee Norris look into it in our ordinances.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Vinnedge stated

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – BDD Sauerkraut/FABA Annual Events – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the BDD and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, Busker, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Planning Commission Appointment – Ken Toms – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to appoint Ken Toms to the Planning Commission chair and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Schweertman, Buss, Busker, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Motion is made by Trustee Busker to go into closed session and is 2nd by Trustee Buss.

Recommendation for vacant Village Trustee Seat – President Vinnedge recommended Autumn Lapacek for the vacant Trustee Seat.

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 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger