

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Tuesday July 3, 2023, 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 President Metzger, Trustee Norris, Cotter, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Trustee Buss, and Kalina. Eight members from the public.

The Minutes of the June 20, 2023, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the minutes and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Cotter, Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina abstains from the vote.

Public Comment – Jane Koeller wanted to say that the Forreton sign coming into town looks great to whoever has been keeping it up.

Susan Engelkens stated herself and some neighbors have some concerns about the sign that is going up at the village hall. She would like to know the cost, size, placement, and the purpose. She stated as far as she knows none of them were told about the sign or understand about the sign. President Metzger suspended the public comment rules and stated that the sign was around \$26,000 but would get back to her on the exact amount. He stated we received a grant from ogle county for part of the amount but not the full amount. He stated we will be placing the sign on the business side of the property which is between us and BP. He knows that the sign is dimmable, and it is not a flashing sign. He stated as for the size he would have to get the exact dimensions but thinks it is about 4ft x 6ft. Chief Theil stated it is the exact same sign that Forreton Car Care has from the same company.

Brad Huber stated his water pressure is down because of the water tower. He asked if we could have got the sign cheaper.

Building Permits – 504 W Green St – Shed Permit – 10x10 shed inside their fenced in back yard. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

305 W Walnut Ave – Fence and Patio Permit – Replace chain link fence with privacy fence and cement slab for a hot tub. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

502 N Locust Ave – Fence Replacement – Replacement of fence from a tree falling and damaging it in the last storm. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris abstains from the Vote. Trustees Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

206 W Logan St – Fence and Deck Permit – Increasing the deck size around the pool and putting up a privacy fence around the deck. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Buss, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustees Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave – Sidewalk Replacement – Replacing sidewalk from the front sidewalk up to the house. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Buss, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

602 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave – Sidewalk and Driveway replacement – Replacing broken sidewalk and driveway. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss abstains from the vote. Trustee Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

Accounts Payable are reviewed by the Board. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the accounts payable with a change to the code for the radar for the new police truck and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Cotter, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

**Committee Reports:**

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated we had the opening bid for seal coating on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We only received one bid and that was from Porter Brothers. The bid was \$71,808.55. He stated we need to wait eight days in case anybody wants to appeal. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina to approve the bid of \$71,808.55 from Porter Brothers pending the eight-day appeal period and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustees Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

President Metzger asked if we could tackle the project of the stripes in the library parking lot this year. Trustee Buss stated it could be next spring or summer.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge is absent. Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they are getting closer to getting done with the tower.

Finance - Trustee Busker is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated they had extra mulch, so they took it to Memorial Park and filled in at the playground.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated they are going to try to meet for a committee meeting next week. She has a couple things she wants to talk about in that meeting.

Special Committee New Building Committee of the Whole – Nothing to report.

Clerk's Report –Clerk Shenberger is absent.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated there were a couple of domestics in town. They responded to complaints about fireworks over the holiday weekend. They also gave warnings and violations for tall grass, garbage, and parking violations.

Special Event Permits – American Legion Car Show – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Buss, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustees Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

Sauerkraut Days Food Tents – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Kalina, Buss, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustees Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

Sauerkraut Days – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the permit, liquor license that will be getting through the state, and the fireworks that is being mapped out with the fire department and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Cotter, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustees Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they have been picking up brush and put in manholes for storm drain. They also trimmed trees at Warnken Park and did dirt work on curb stops around town. They put down mulch at the playground at Memorial Park and Jetted sewer main on 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue. They put up a new stop sign at State and Chestnut and started removing concrete sidewalk on White Oak. They also mowed and trimmed and did weed control at 407 and wells.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated last Monday we had the chicken ordinance meeting and we had 18 members from the public attend. They were able to address their comments and concerns. It will be on the agenda for our meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> for a vote to either approve or deny the ordinance. He stated we have had a little bit of interest in the old village hall.

New Business – Nothing to report.

Old Business – Trustee Cotter stated he checked into the old banners that are faded and we can replace 18 of the banners for \$1,297. He received the proofs back and there are a couple of words that do not show up the greatest on the Sauerkraut ones.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger