

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Forreton Public Library Community Room
Tuesday July 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, and Cotter are in attendance. Village President Metzger, Clerk Shenberger, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, and Chief Thiel are also in attendance. From the Public Jane Koeller.

The Minutes of the June 20, 2022, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris is absent.

Public Comment – None

Building Permits

Trustee Cotter presents the building permits

311 S. Oak – Building Addition – Wood post frame building to match existing building. The building will be used for storage. There was a variance granted in 2006 and there was no need for a new one because it will be the same set back. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris is absent.

404 S. 3rd Ave – Fence – Homeowners had a survey done to find the pins. The fence will come 4ft off the side of the house and back 75ft to the back of the property. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris is absent.

107 S. Prairie Ct – Pool extension– The extension will be good for 6 months. Fence is complete but they did not get the pool completed and need more time on the permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris is absent.

303 Hickory Ave – Solar Panels – The solar panels will cover most of the roof. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Cotter, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris is absent.

202 W. Avon – Replace wood on front porch – Homeowners will just be replacing the wood on the front porch. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris is absent.

Accounts Payable are reviewed by the Board. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the Accounts Payable and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris is absent.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss asked about the bid opening for seal coating and Supervisor Timm stated it is July 7th at 10am at Village Hall. Trustee Buss also stated that since they were able to change the amount of the MFT he would like to get with Supervisor Timm to look at the roads on 2nd avenue and see about getting the edging done this year instead of next year.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge has nothing to report. Supervisor Timm stated that Martin's is down to about 10 houses or less for the water main replacement project. It has been slow going on this end of town with being on the highway and with the porches they have been having a tough time pulling the main out. He thinks they should be finished up in a couple of weeks.

Finance - Trustee Cotter – They had a finance committee meeting. They talked about the audit and that we do have money in the budget for it. They want to lock in a price with Benning Group.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter wanted to thank Supervisor Timm and the guys for the work they did at memorial park with the mulch. He stated they did a heck of a job, and it looks great. He also wanted to thank Trustee Vinnedge and his family for getting the batting cage up. The next thing to complete is the GaGa Pit. He is going to get with Supervisor Timm to get the instruction and get a group together to get it assembled. He also stated that several people approached him about the walking path that they read about in the paper. There is interest in the town already. President Metzger stated he was also approached by some residents that were happy to hear about the walking path as well and he let them know we are just in the beginning stages.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge has no new ordinances. He did ask if we have heard anything more on the recodifying. President Metzger stated that he wants to reach out to our TIF administrator to see if we can use some of that money to help with the cost of the project.

New Building Committee – President Metzger stated they met last Monday, and the carpet is in and looks awesome! One of the discussions they had was heating and air and Trustee Vinnedge got a quote from Loescher to run duct work. They would like to move forward but finance will take a look at the budget before that call is made. He stated Chief Thiel will talk about pricing for phones and internet. These will need to be done right away to be done for the move. President Metzger stated that when the move does happen it will be the whole office and police all at once time. Chief Thiel stated that the football team is willing to help with the move when we are ready. Desks will be delivered on Friday 7/8/22 so we will close the office for a couple of hours to go to the new building for placement.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger reported numbers for delinquent and shut offs for utility billing. She also stated that Jordan is going to come in and assist her with balancing for the last few months. President Metzger asked how village books was going. Clerk Shenberger stated that she talked to Paula in Mt. Morris, and she is going to switch over to Village Books for the balancing part of the program. She said she would come and help once she gets switched over.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Thiel stated there was a domestic disturbance involving a gun. Both adults were intoxicated and DCFS was contacted. The male's gun was taken. There was also a disturbance at Dollar General where a male was in a drug induced state and was yelling and jumping. There has been an ongoing issue with young children driving dirt bikes on the roadway. The children's parents have been spoken to about keeping them off the road for safety purposes. Officers also responded to a domestic in the Springbrook Trailer Park involving a minor. Officer Thiel also stated that they have a new police officer candidate that they interviewed. They recommended going to the next level which includes an extensive background check and a physical. Then she will have to go to the police academy.

Special Events Permit – Faith Lutheran Church – This will be an event for the youth group outreach. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris is absent.

Special Events Permit – Sauerkraut Days – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris is absent.

Trustee Buss asked if there was an update on the bathroom vandalism incident. Officer Thiel stated he cannot positively identify the female juvenile. They are still working on it.

Supt of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they finished putting banners up downtown. They started framing up sidewalks from tree removal and worked on algae sprayers at WWTP. They got the streetlights fixed from the lightning strike. They put banners up coming into town for Sauerkraut days. President Metzger stated we had six resumes come in for the open maintenance position.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he will be out of town July 9-16. He also sent out an email right before the meeting with images of the entry mat for the new village hall. He discussed prices on safe despite boxes for the paperwork that was in the safe. He also discussed the internet and phone options for the new village hall. Chief Thiel has some more to check into and get some more quotes.

New Business – Nothing to report

Old Business – Nothing to report

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger