

Minutes of the Village of Forrester Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday July 7, 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, Kevin Crase, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, and Trustee Busker. Two members of the public

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the June 16, 2025, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Approval of candidate for vacant Trustee seat – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve Autumn Lapacek for the open Trustee seat and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, Buss and Busker all respond with Yeas.

Oath of Office – Autumn Lapacek

Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Schweertman. All are in favor. Trustee Lapacek abstains.

Public Comment – None

Presentations and Petitions – None

Building Permits – 407 S Walnut Ave – patio Replacement – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Schweertman. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, Busker, Lapacek, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

105 3rd Ave – Deck Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Schweertman, Buss, Busker, Lapacek, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

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

800 S 1st Ave – Patio Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Schweertman. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Lapacek, Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

601 E Main St – Bus Garage – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to send the permit to the planning Commission and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Lapacek, Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his 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. Trustee Norris asked if we could put a blank BDD form on our website for business owners. Clerk Shenberger said yes, she will get it added.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated they did the curb and gutter by Bickford's. They have not heard anything on the sealcoating.

Sewer and Water – President Vinnedge stated we will have to wait until the middle of August to talk to IEPA for the water meter project. He also stated the work on well #3 has started.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated they had a committee meeting to discuss the handbook changes on the dependent coverage. Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the changes and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Schweertman, Buss, Busker, and Lapacek all respond with Yeas.

Approval of paying Planning Commission Board members – The board discussed it and decided to table it for now to check on how much we pay for advertising and other fees to make a decision.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated he wants to wait until the new cameras are up at Warnken before they replace the doors that were damaged.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated she spoke with Rob about meeting with us to discuss the uses for TIF. The board discussed it and decided on July 28th at 1pm if Rob is available. She also stated that Rob looked at the protest ordinance

that Chief Thiel sent over, but he feels it is not necessary for the size of our village. The board discussed the grocery text ordinance and decide to put it on next agenda. Trustee Norris also shared some old Forreton business record books from the 1900's that she received from the library in Lanark.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Vinnedge stated he made a list of everything that we have discussed in the past year, so we do not forget about it and gave everyone a copy. We can keep the list running and mark once complete. He also discussed 412 S Ave now that it is demoed, we need to figure out what the next step is.

Unfinished Business – None

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

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

President Vinnedge will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Norris and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger