

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday July 8, 2024, 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 Clerk Shenberger, President Metzger, Trustee Norris, Trustee Cotter, Trustee Vinnedge, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina. Four members from the public.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the June 17, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the consent agenda and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. All are in favor. Trustee Busker abstains.

Public Comment – Derald Devries stated he and few other historians have been talking about putting a mural on the south side of the library. He stated he talked to a gentleman in Polo that does it for a living. He explained that a hotel used to be in that parking lot and was tore down in the 70's. He would like to have the hotel as the feature of the mural and incorporate sauerkraut days and a cardinal as well. He was quoted \$25 a square foot and he is estimating it to cost around \$25,000. He asked for some financial support in any amount.

Building Permits – 402 W. Green St – Deck Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

306 W. Cherry St. – Roof over existing patio – 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, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge and Busker abstain.

308 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave – Porch replacement permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

111 Meadows Ct – Shed Demo – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they mowed and trimmed and mulched at Warnken Park. They Trimmed trees at Warnken Park and the highway. They sprayed weeds downtown and, in the parks, and right of ways. They also did bush pickup and hauled it to the quarry and burned it. They hauled grass clippings and started piles of compost. They jetted the sewer backup on Ash Ave. They removed forms from sidewalks and started landscaping and they formed more sidewalks to be poured. They also did locates for phase 3 and they ran the press.

Chief of Police Report – Police Chief Thiel stated officers responded to a phone scam. A female employee stated a person called pretending to be a sales rep and now the company is out roughly \$5,000. Officers responded to a solicitor complaint. Upon arriving it was learned the solicitors had lanyards from the village and had been approved to solicit. He stated officers took over an investigation originally handled by Ogle County of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was left with keys in it overnight and unlocked. The vehicle was later located in Ogle County and is still being investigated.

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

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

Chief Thiel stated he got a quote for Flock Cameras (license plate reader cameras). It is a minimum of two cameras, and it would be \$6,000/year with a 2-year agreement. President Metzger stated he would like to schedule a time to set a meeting to talk to the company more in depth about it.

Trustee Norris stated she had someone approach her about the mobile homes in town that have been empty and falling apart for a few years. Chief Thiel stated he talked to the health department, and they said they are no longer using their services to condemn houses so we will have to go with a contractor to help with that process. He stated Polo and Mt. Morris use a gentleman by the name of Casper.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she has a meeting with Gworks on Wednesday and will give an update at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated they had a sewer draining issue by Memorial Park with the last heavy rain. They are going to do some checking on the grade in the area and try to find a solution to the issue. He also stated that he was going to get a quote for some smear coating on some of the streets.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge went over the update from CFPS. Construction should be starting in a couple of weeks for phase 2 water main project. He stated we did not get the forgiveness loan for the water meter project, so he reached out to Dan to check into a low interest loan through IEPA and that is an option.

Finance - Trustee Busker – Nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter went over the minutes from the committee meeting. They discussed the water issue at the park. It washed all the mulch out, so they discussed putting down some more mulch to get through Sauerkraut Days. Then decide what they are going to do moving forward.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris reviewed the minutes from the last ordinance committee meeting that Rob attended to go over the codification.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he received a call from a resident with a complaint of the abandoned trailers at the Springbrook trailer park. He wanted to see if there was anything that we could do as a municipality. Trustee Vinnedge stated we could do some work on our ordinances and see if there are any violations. Chief Thiel stated he will do some checking as well.

Unfinished Business – Howald Property plat review – The plat is not complete so this will wait until it is complete.

New Business – BDD – 815 Industries LLC and Angry Dads Garage LLC – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to table both BDD's to get more information on them and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:22PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger