

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday August 21, 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 Kalina, Trustee Busker, Trustee Buss, Treasurer Schneiderman, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Chief Thiel, Trustee Vinnedge, Trustee Cotter, and Trustee Norris. One member from the public.

Consent Agenda:

The Minutes of the July 17, 2023, meeting are reviewed.

Treasurer's Report is reviewed.

Budget Officers Report is reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Consent Agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. All are in favor.

Public Comment – Ken Toms stated with the air running in the building it is really hard for the public to hear what the board members are saying during the meetings. He asked if maybe we could get microphones. The board discussed checking into moving the air intake that is behind the public seats.

Building Permits – 309 North Church Ave – Patio permit – They will be removing the old cement and replacing it and making it larger with patio block. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. Or Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.
304 W White Oak Rd – Shed Permit – The shed is 7x7 and it will be placed behind the house. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they have continued with brush pickup. They cleaned up from Sauerkraut Days and also cleaned the shop. They did storm drain work and cleaned the edges and cold patched for seal coating. They dug up and fixed broken curb box on Meadows Ct. and worked on the ditch by the Grade school and Memorial Park. They also helped take down a tree on Maple Ave and trimmed trees along the highway. Trustee Buss asked about the truck that we purchased a couple of years ago that needs to be fixed. Trustee Vinnedge stated it is in the budget to get it fixed.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers have stepped up traffic enforcement near both schools due to the beginning of the school year approaching. He received a call from IDOT stating he could not have the speed trailer on 26 without a permit. So, they are working on getting that permit. Officers also responded to a complaint about an illegal eviction. He was advised to go through the formal eviction process. Chief Thiel also stated the white patrol car is in Lena getting the radio and lights taken out and then it will go back to German Valley. The new truck will be going to Lena to get everything installed. The new computer system for the police department is up and running. He also stated they were able to donate 60 active shooter kits to the schools that were donated from local businesses. Trustee Buss asked if we have figured out something to put around the two towers that were installed from LR Communications. Chief Thiel stated he would get in touch with Corey.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger is absent.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated Scott has been working on the edge of the roads that are going to be seal coated. They do not have a date on when they will be coming to do it.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated Kevin did get his water license so he will get an increase in pay. He also we over the minutes from the Sewer and Water Committee Meeting. Trustee Vinnedge also discussed the sewer backup issue on 2nd Ave. Fliers were sent out to the residents in the 100 and 200 block of 2nd to be mindful of what is flushed into their sewer.

Finance - Trustee Busker presented the meeting minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting that were discussed at the last meeting.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated if Gary Ludwig has a buyer that is interested in doing something different with the zoning on the property on Willow, he will let us know. President Metzger just wants to be sure he knows that it is not a quick process. It could take 3 to 4 months to complete.

Ordinances – Parking Regulations Ordinance 2023-07 – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Billboards Ordinance 2023-08 – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. Or Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Cotter, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Norris discussed the public comment ordinance. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to send the ordinance to Rob for review and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Norris stated she talked with Rich from the company that is going to do our recodification process and he explained how the process works. He stated that we can copy, scan, or fax the ordinances to send to them.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

Accounts Payable – Trustee Buss stated the invoices on page 2 for Helm Materials in the amounts of \$10,245 and \$4,160 need to be removed because they were paid on the last accounts payable. Trustee Buss also discussed the invoice for Fehr Graham for the engineering Service for the Slick storm drain. He stated that this account will go over budget by the time this project is complete because this project was not in his budget. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the accounts payable with the changes and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Buss, Norris, Busker, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he received an email from the athletic director at the school that he needed an email sent to IDOT from the village to give permission to put up the State Champ sign for track. It now has to be approved by the school and the village.

Unfinished Business – Discussion of placement of the sign – The sign is going to go in line with the BP sign. Trustee Vinnedge stated he would mark it in the parking lot with paint so everyone can see where it is going to go.

Old Village Hall – Trustee Vinnedge discussed getting the building cleaned out and cleaned up.

New Business – Nothing to report.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger