

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Tuesday September 3, 2024, 7:00 PM**

President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:01 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, and Trustee Busker.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the August 19, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. The Minutes of the August 19, 2024, Executive session are reviewed.
3. Accounts payable are reviewed.

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

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – 610 1<sup>st</sup> Ave – Solar Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

114 N. Prairie Dr – Shed Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

605 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave – Garage Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and a discussion on a survey of the property and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, Norris, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

Trustee Cotter discussed adding the 15ft height limit and max 900 sq ft to the permit so applicants are aware. President Metzger also discussed moving the information about the resident being responsible for finding the property lines to the front page by where the applicant signs. The board agrees on all of the above.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they ran the press and continued brush pickup. They mowed and trimmed and sprayed the right of ways. They also stripped parking spots at the post office and S Walnut Avenue. They hauled chips and road rock from the quarry. They dug up a sewer line on 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue, tree roots were the problem, and the trees have been removed. They cleaned storm drains and started locating services for the water main project starting this week. They also removed sidewalk and prepared for new. He stated hydrant flushing will be September 23-27.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers handled a call where someone posted a photograph of a starving dog, it was learned that the image was from a sick dog that was put down a couple of years ago. They also responded to a check welfare of a juvenile. The minor was located and taken to school. Officers responded to a domestic where an intoxicated mother and daughter had been in a physical altercation. The daughter left the residence for the night. Officers then responded to the same residence for another domestic where an intoxicated son came home and began fighting with mom and stepdad. The son was taken into custody and taken to Ogle County Jail.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated Gworks is going to uninstall and reinstall the software on the computers to see if that fixes the issue. She stated last Utility billing we sent out 93 delinquent letters and 41 shut off notices. She reminded everyone that garage sales will be the 12th-14th and the office will be closed the 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated the water main project is starting tomorrow.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated they had a committee meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>. She will have minutes from that for our next meeting. She stated they discussed a budget amendment for the purchase of the Howald property and future budgeting items.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter presented four plans for new playgrounds, and they are anywhere between \$40,000 and \$60,000. If this is something we want to move forward with we pay \$5,000 to Community Funding for the grant and then we pay half of the total. This is information only and we can put it on next agenda for a vote.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris Resolution 2024-08 – Resolution to release closed session minutes. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Resolution and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

Ordinance 2024-08 – Ordinance Authorizing payment of TIF Redevelopment Costs. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris to approve the Ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he ran into Jeremy Kappes, the new owner of Josh's, and they talked about the work they were doing on the building, and he let him know about BDD funds. He also stated he would like to look into being able to help more financially with bigger projects for the BDD program.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – BDD – American Grace/Smokin Gun Trucking. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the BDD and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Norris, and Cotter all respond with No. Trustee Kalina is absent.

BDD – Smokin Gun Worx. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the BDD in the amount of \$5,000 and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustee Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Kalina is absent.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:19PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger