

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Tuesday September 5, 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 Clerk Shenberger, President Metzger, Trustee Norris, Trustee Vinnedge, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina.

**Consent Agenda:**

The Minutes of the August 21, 2023, meeting are reviewed.

Accounts Payable are reviewed.

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

**Public Comment – None**

Building Permits – 512 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave – Porch Replacement Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Cotter is absent.

203 W Logan – Driveway and Sidewalk Replacement Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Cotter is absent.

404 W Elm St – Shed Permit – The shed will be 10x12. Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Cotter is absent.

**Department Reports:**

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they have been continuing brush pickup. They did cold patching streets and prepping shoulders. They sharpened blades on the mowers and put on a new starter. They also mowed the railroad bed and the 407 waterway. They took the EMC out of the Ford truck and ordered a new one. He stated they put dirt in a couple of spots from the water main and lead service projects. The seal coating of the streets has been completed for this year. They completed a sewer dig on Maple Ave and did weed control at parks, WWTP, and 407. They also started to core out a spot on well #3 parking lot from the power paining project. The tower company will be paying for it because it was from when they had their equipment on the lot. They will also be flushing hydrants September 18-22.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers assisted Ogle County Deputies with an accident near Dollar General. Officers were on foot patrol at the first home football game of the year and there were no issues. Officers were requested to assist Ogle County with a suicidal man. The male was transported to FHN without further incident. They also responded to a welfare check on an elderly male in the parking lot of Subway. Chief Thiel stated he would be doing active shooter training at the schools on Wednesday 9/6/23. He also stated we won a judgment on a couple of properties in town that need to be cleaned up. This will give them 30 days to clean it up and if it is not completed in that time, we can do it and place a lien on the home for the cost. He also discussed a program through national safety council where they would send out letters to the local businesses to get donations to provide safety packets to the kids in the schools. The packets topics are bullying, child abduction, police heroes, and several more.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated the audit is officially complete. We also received questionnaires to fill out to send back to Gworks to start the process to get the software installed.

**Committee Reports:**

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss asked Maintenance Supervisor Timm if we have a date on when the curb and gutter is going to get started. Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated it would be next week.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge – Nothing to report.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated she would be working with the committee members to set up a meeting before October.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter is absent.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated she spoke with Nils from American Legal about our codification. He stated we can send everything in in any order and they will start the process once they receive it all. She stated Clerk Shenberger sent in the questionnaire, so the process has officially started.

Ordinance 2023-09 public speaking – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Cotter is absent.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated we did get pricing from McConnell on the railing for the sewer drain next to the Slick property. The aluminum would be between \$1500-\$1800 and the steel would be between \$1200-\$1600. He questioned the aluminum because it oxidizes.

President Metzger also stated that Doc Ruter would like to have a meeting to discuss the railroad property behind the guns shop. The board discussed and agreed on Tuesday September 12, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Village Hall.

Trustee Vinnedge discussed the air vents next to the public seating that is making it hard for the public to hear the board during meetings. He got a quote for \$1300 from the HVAC company to make it quieter. Trustee Vinnedge will let them know to get started.

Unfinished Business – Old Village Hall – it was discussed to get the building cleaned up. Scott and the guys will get the bikes cleaned out. Trustee Norris will get in touch with the Legion about what is left of theirs upstairs.

New Business – Nothing to report.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to go into Closed Session and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. All are in favor.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Norris and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger