

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday September 16, 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, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, and Trustee Kalina. Three Members from the public. Trustee Vinnedge arrived at 7:25pm.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the September 3, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.
3. Treasurers Report for Month ending August 2024 is reviewed.
4. Budget Officers Report for month ending August 2024 is reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the consent agenda and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. All are in favor. Trustees Vinnedge and Busker are absent. Trustee Kalina abstains from #1.

Public Comment – Keith Ruter wanted to make a correction to his BDD application and remove the Amazing Grace part off. He would like to resubmit it as just Smokin Gun Trucking. He stated it is a for profit business. He has two part time drivers and a part time mechanic that works for him out of that location.

Building Permits – 205 W. Pine St – Deck Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker and Vinnedge are absent.

403 S. Oak Ave – Garage Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker and Vinnedge are absent.

212 1<sup>st</sup> Ave – Patio Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Vinnedge are absent.

308 S. Locust – Fence 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 Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker and Vinnedge are absent.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they continued brush pickup, and they landscaped around new sidewalks that were poured this summer. They did weed control at the WWTP, and they did dirt work at the Memorial Park playground. They Potholed storm drains on E. Birch Street and moved and trimmed. He stated they will be doing hydrant flushing next week 23-27.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers responded to a suspicious person. They were advised that a black car was driving past his residence. Officers also responded to a report of a reckless driver at the trailer park. They also took a couple of reports with both email and bank scams.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated we were able to fix the IT issue with Gworks. She also stated she sent out 99 delinquent letters this month.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated they guys started cleaning up for the storm sewer project.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated he is setting up a committee meeting for Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Finance - Trustee Busker is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated he is going to have a parks committee meeting to discuss the grant for playground equipment. It has been decided that Warnken Park needs the equipment first. He stated for the grant we would need to pay the \$5,000 up front and then it will pay up to half of the total amount.

Park quote for electric next to Memorial Park – The quote to fix it is \$1,100 from Zettle Brothers. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the quote and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina. Trustee Busker is absent.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris - Ordinance 2024-09 Authorizing Payment of TIF Redevelopment Project Costs – Fehr Graham Survey costs. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge. Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he would like to schedule a meeting on Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup> with Keith Ruter to discuss the railroad property behind his business further.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – BDD – Smokin Gun Trucking – The board agreed to table to application until next meeting.

BDD – Forreton Auto Body – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustee Vinnedge, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss responded No. Trustee Busker is absent.

Discussion and approval of Change order #1 for IEPA PWS Loan 17-5807 – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the change order and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Discussion and approval of Change order #2 for IEPA PWS Loan 17-5807 – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the change order and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Discussion and approval of IEPA PWS loan #17-5807 request #1 in the amount of \$78,314.00 including Fehr Graham design and construction observation invoices and CFPS, Inc. Loan administration invoice. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the request and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Approval of final plat for Howald property – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the plat is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger