

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday October 7, 2024, 7:00 PM

President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:02 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. Four Members from the public. Trustee Vinnedge arrived at 7:07pm.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the September 3, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. All are in favor. Trustees Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – 304 W Willow St – Solar Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris Cotter, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge and Busker are absent.

111 S 1st Ave – Sign Permit – The sign is 48 x 48 with framework around it. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the sign permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Presentations and Petitions – Keith Ruter stated the topic at hand is the railroad property behind Smokin Gun Worx. He stated it has been a topic since 2015 when he bought the property. He stated there have been many discussions on the amount of property and it is very frustrating. In the future when he sells this is going to be a contingent problem. He stated he would like it cleaned up and has offered many different paths on this topic. He has no answer as to why it was voted down to sell him that portion of the property. There have been other portions of the railroad property that have been acquired by other residents in the past and doesn't understand why he cannot. He would like to know why it was voted down to sell it to him and only offer a 99-year lease. Trustee Vinnedge stated the first time he heard that Keith wanted to buy the property was after the parking lot was blacktopped. He stated it was blacktopped without the board knowing about it. Keith responded and said that is not true he had permits to blacktop the parking lot. Trustee Buss stated the one issue he has is how the water runs off of his parking lot onto his neighbor's land. Keith explained the water runs off in three different directions and he put rock for it to filter down as well. He stated it has prevented an immense amount of erosion that he experienced prior to him fixing it. Keith stated he spoke with the property owner last week and there is not an issue with the water runoff. Trustee Vinnedge said let's put it on the next agenda and talk about it again.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they ran the press and hauled brush. They also flushed fire hydrants. They took the NE clarifier offline and washed down and checked it over. They hauled dirt away for building the new road on Birch Street. They also helped with seeding and straw blanket on ditches on Birch Street. They started removing trees and pushing dirt off on the railroad bed. They have continued mowing but it is slowing down very quickly. He stated Fischer's have started hooking services up on 2nd avenue and the 3rd Avenue main is in and being tested this week.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers have begun giving out ordinance warning for furniture in residents yards. Officers also responded to a complaint of an agitated juvenile male that had suffered a concussion during a sporting event. They also responded to a complaint of a violation of an order of protection.

Approval of Taser Grant – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the grant and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she has started entering the vendors into Gworks and she has a call with them on Tuesday. She also stated she sent out 99 delinquent letters and 41 shut offs.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss stated we received the final approval for MFT funds for smear coating.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated he had a conversation with Dan Peppin last week. IEPA contacted him and asked if Forreton would like to get a low interest loan without forgiveness for the water meter project. The board discussed and agreed to wait and try for a forgiveness loan to keep the rates low.

Finance - Trustee Busker is absent. Treasurer Schneiderman presented the Tax Levy timetable.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter reviewed the minutes from the committee meeting. He discussed the Park Grant for Warnken Park. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to move forward with the park grant and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris – Ordinance 2024-10 Amending number of Liquor License – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve ordinance 2024-10 and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Norris also discussed hours of operation for liquor license on Sundays. It is currently 12:00 PM to 10:00PM and Clark's asked if he could be open from 11am to 11pm on Sundays for football. This was discussed in 2017, but the ordinance was not changed. The board agrees to get the ordinance changed and put on the next agenda.

Trustee Norris also asked why we are not using TIF money for Birch Road Extension project. The board agrees this project fits all the guidelines.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he received a phone call from Marcia Kleeve. She was coming to town and wanted to meet. He stated there was no talk about selling the parking lot, but it was a good conversation. He also received a call from Summit Ridge energy, and he set up a teams meeting with them on Friday the 11th to discuss a solar project outside of town that is zoned Ogle County, but it is in our comprehensive plan.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Discussion and approval of Loan 17-5807 pay Request #2 in the amount of \$550,608.10. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the request and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

BDD – Shorty's Bar N Grill – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

BDD – Smokin Gun Trucking – Seal Coat parking lot – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

BDD – FABA – Halloween Event – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

BDD – Salon K – Back of building repairs and some interior – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Liquor License – Shorty's Bar N Grill – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the license and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger