

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday October 16, 2023, 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, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, and Trustee Kalina. Three members from the public.

Consent Agenda:

The Minutes of the October 2, 2023, meeting are reviewed.

The Minutes of the October 2, 2023, Closed Session meeting are reviewed.

Accounts payable is reviewed.

Treasurers Report for month ending September 2023 is reviewed.

Budget Officers Report for month ending September 2023 is reviewed.

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

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – 602 N Chestnut Ave #18 – Fence demo/Medical Ramp installation. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

306 S 3rd Ave – Sidewalk Replacement – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated brush pickup has continued. They cold patched alleys and streets and changed oil in clarifier. They made brackets and jacked up the shelter house at Memorial Park. They changed the oil in the leaf vac and put up the payment drop box at Village Hall. They trimmed trees around town and pulled the aerators up in WWTP ponds and cleaned them. They also cored out and graveled an alley. They put the leaf box on and will be starting to pick up leaves this Friday. Supervisor Timm stated Brian passed his written CDL test and will be getting signed up to take the driving test part next.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers responded to Casey's for a report of a car versus structure. A male with a medical disability had accidentally accelerated instead of breaking. Officers are continuing investigation on a felony theft case. They also responded to a car versus truck accident at the intersection of Main Street and Walnut Avenue. Officers were able to retrieve video footage of the incident. Chief Thiel stated shop with a cop will be on December 2, 2023. He also stated he is working on a grant for body cameras that will be mandatory by December 31, 2024. Trustee Buss asked where we are at with enforcing the dumpster ordinance. Chief Thiel stated officers handed out the ordinance to everyone in town with a dumpster. We will give everyone time to coordinate with the garbage companies.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she will be meeting with Treasurer Schneiderman next week to go over some questionnaires for Gworks to move to the next step.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – Nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated he spoke with Dan Pepin on Friday, and he said we want to cancel the contract with WinWater we can. We would have to start over with the bidding process if that is what we decide to do. We will have to get Rob involved. The board is in agreement with canceling the contract.

Finance - Trustee Busker is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated the parks will be getting closed down soon. We will be getting ready for Christmas in the Country soon. He stated we will be getting some new lights for the trees at Memorial Park.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated she has been in the office working on sending the minutes for codification and has completed ten years.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he was in contact with Jillian Slick on the railing. We should be getting it sometime this week then it will need to be painted before it gets installed. There are also a couple of loose bricks there that will be taken care of when the railing is installed.

Unfinished Business – Railroad property behind Smokin Gun Worx – Trustee Norris is going to talk to Rob to get the paperwork going. He will work with Seth at Fehr Graham to get it divided out and then will get us a resolution to vote on. Trustee Vinnedge discussed the temporary enclosures we did on the towers. He spoke with Kevin Propst, and he did enclosures on a tower in Leaf River. Trustee Vinnedge passed around a picture of that enclosure. Kevin gave a quote of \$1200 for both towers. The board is in agreement to have him do the work.

New Business – BDD – Moring Transit – Black top parking lot – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the BDD and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

BDD – Village of Forreston – Improve drainage off of the work that Moring is doing on their parking lot. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the BDD and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

BDD – Koeller Forreston Hardware – Remove window and replace with wood – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the BDD and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge abstains. Trustee Busker is absent.

BDD – FABA – Christmas In The Country – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the BDD and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Busker is absent.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to go into Closed Session and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger