

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board Meeting  
Monday, November 1, 2021  
Forreston Public Library Community Room**

**6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN AT 7:00 PM**

Village President Metzger Calls the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Trustee Vinnedge motions to enter Executive Session and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. All are in favor. Executive Session begins at 6:33. At 6:58 PM Trustee Norris motions to exit Executive Session and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor.

Village President Metzger calls the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:03. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all in attendance.

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Cotter, Kalina, Norris, and Busker are all in attendance. Also in attendance is Village President Metzger, Officer Klosa, Budget Officer and Treasurer Schneiderman, and Clerk Drayton.

Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2021 meeting – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Minutes from October 18, 2021 meeting and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

There is no Public Comment

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits - Trustee Cotter has nothing to present tonight.

Accounts Payable – Clerk Drayton states there are 2 additions for the Accounts Payable. 1<sup>st</sup> is that the Football team won the 1st round of playoffs, and we were asked to put an ad in the program for the 2nd round of sectional games. This will be another \$102, and Clerk Drayton must let the publisher know tomorrow morning. Secondly, a memorial amount needs to be set for Superintendent Rust. Typically, we have done either \$50 or \$100. Discussion is held by the Board. There are no questions raised regarding the printed accounts payable. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Accounts Payable as listed with the addition of \$102 to ABC advertising and \$500 to Supt Rust's Memorial. The motion is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Buss, Cotter, Busker, Vinnedge, and Kalina all respond with Yea.

**Committee Reports:**

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss has nothing to report however, he then states Scott, Kevin, and Trustee Vinnedge should start a project list to help in setting next year's budget.

Sewer and Water - Trustee Vinnedge states the precon meeting was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This project was to have been completed in November – start date is now November 8<sup>th</sup>. When work is completed on North Walnut the crew will move to Oak Street. Regarding the Lead Service Replacement project, 36 lines have been replaced out of 261. Trustee Vinnedge also states the Water Meter replacement project should begin in late January or February. Village President Metzger states he has received the final loan paperwork for the Phase 1 Water Main Replacement. Total funds spent was \$1,582,892. The Village must pay back \$789,409 with 1% interest, over 29 ½ years. The final loan paperwork came in today so this will be on the agenda as an action item at the next meeting.

Finance - Trustee Norris states there is a Finance meeting on Wednesday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 21– along with the monthly expenses and receipts, the Committee will begin looking at the Tax Levy and Budget for next year.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter states he has been approached by Kim Brinkmeier and Dave Vinnedge that they would like to head up the updating and running of the

concession stand at Warnken Park. The concession stand needs to be updated and have work done to meet the requirements of the Health Department.

Ordinances - Trustee Vinnedge has nothing to report

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton states the High School Art Department is asking permission to paint the windows for Christmas – the Board agrees to allow the windows at Village Hall to be painted. Clerk Drayton explains the Audit has been pushed back again. WIPFLI is unable to give a date as to when they will do the audit. Brief discussion is held regarding the Audit and Clerk Drayton is instructed to contact the Village Attorney. Increases in Postage rates and annual fees are starting to come in. Clerk Drayton informs Trustee Norris she will compile a list and get the information to her. Also noted is an issue with a food truck. A permit has been completed and paid for as of October 28. Per Village President Metzger, the permit is for the year, so if there are no issues with the permit, the permit stands.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Klosa reviews the report as Chief Thiel is out of town.

Supt. Of Public Works Report – The parks are winterized, and leaf pick up has begun. They will continue to do brush pickup for a while yet. Sewer jetting will continue also.

Village President's Report - President Metzger states Trick or Treating on Saturday was very well attended. He discusses having Trick or Treating annually on the Saturday closest to Halloween. The State of Illinois has passed a Video Tax Push tax. When it passes, we will have to look into changing our ordinance as the fee will be increased from a max of \$25 to \$250.

#### New Business

Trustee Cotter presents a BDD request for Norm Meeks to help with the brick repair expense. The permit was signed prior to work beginning on the building however trustee Cotter was on vacation and did not receive the permit until he returned, and work had begun. The repairs are expected to be more than \$40,000. The request is for the maximum amount of \$5,000. Trustee Norris motions to approve the BDD and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Cotter, Vinnedge, Norris, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Vinnedge states he will be talking to Tom Glendinning regarding mentoring Scott thru his testing. It will be a slight additional cost but worth it in the long run.

#### Old Business

Census Certification of Population is reviewed. Per the Census the population of Forreston is 1,435. There is no other old business.

Village President Metzger states there is no other old business, and he would accept a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion is made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Norris and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. All are in favor.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton.