

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday November 6, 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 President Metzger, Trustee Norris, Trustee Cotter, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina. Three Members from the public.

**Consent Agenda:**

The Minutes of the October 16, 2023, meeting are reviewed.

The Minutes of the October 16, 2023, Closed Session meeting are reviewed.

Accounts payable is reviewed.

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

Public Comment – Jillian Slick stated she was here for the timeline for the railing. She said last she was told it would be Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. She asked if that was still the plan. Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated yes that is the plan. Trustee Buss asked Supervisor Timm if they could fit that in with leaf pickup. Supervisor Timm said they were just going to stop picking up leaves to get the railing installed.

Building Permits – None

**Department Reports:**

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they cold patched and cleaned up coal bins. They got the hole vac at the Village Hall for the sign post. They saw cut the new sidewalks poured this year. They had to replace a couple of meters and mxu's at the trailer parks. They also cleaned up the dump truck and Helm finished the patch work in town. They closed the bathrooms at the parks. They glued retaining wall on Willow Street and also painted storm sewer railing for Willow Street. They have continued leaf pickup. Brian takes his CDL driving test on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers had a complaint of a female who had believed she had been drugged. Upon arrival it was learned that the elderly female is in early stages of Dementia. While officers were patrolling the high school football game there was an accident that occurred north of town and officers left the game to assist at the accident. Officer also responded to multiple complaints of thefts at Dollar General. It appeared in both instances the suspects attempted to pay, or their payments were unsuccessful.

Special Event Permit – Christmas in the country – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the permit and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge is absent.

Chief Thiel presented three quotes for body/squad cameras. He stated he is working on a grant through the state. He would like approval to purchase the cameras if he gets approved for the grant. The quote that he is looking at is the one for up front cost of \$14,030 with a five-year subscription that would be a total of \$49,070. The grant would cover \$14,030. Motion is made by Trustee Busker to accept the quote upon approval of the grant and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustee Cotter, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris responds No. Trustee Vinnedge is absent.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger is absent.

**Committee Reports:**

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – Nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge is absent. President Metzger stated a letter was sent to WinWater from our attorney in regard to them not getting the meters to us in a timely manner. The letter states we would like our money back and we will return the meters that we have received. We have not yet heard back from them.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated there is a meeting set for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Approval of tax levy estimate – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the estimate and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustee Vinnedge is absent.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter thanked Scott and the guys for getting with Rick and getting the bathrooms closed up at the parks. He is looking forward to Christmas in the Country.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated she finished sending the minutes to the codifiers last week. She stated the ordinances will be started next.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated Illinois has passed the paid leave for all workers act. Our attorney is checking into what we have to do. President Metzger also discussed the email that Clerk Shenberger forwarded to everyone about Rise Broadband. They would like to talk to the board to see if we would be interested in them bringing in fiber optic service. Trustee Buss stated he feels we should listen to his presentation and give him an opportunity and President Metzger agrees.

Unfinished Business – Old Village Hall – Upstairs still need to be cleaned out. Trustee Buss asked if there is a timeline on when the sign will be up. Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated he is hoping to get to it in the next couple of weeks.

New Business – Nothing to report.

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

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger