

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday December 4, 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, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina. Two Members of the public.

Consent Agenda:

The Minutes of the November 20, 2023, meeting are reviewed.

The Minutes of the November 20, 2023, Closed Session meeting are reviewed.

Accounts Payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. Trustee Buss responds with Nay to number 3, Trustee Kalina abstains to number one and two.

Public Comment – Christine Cox introduced herself. She is running for Ogle County Coroner. She stated she has been here for families for 20 years guiding them as a funeral director. For over two decades she has owned two businesses. This has taught her what it means to be a leader and serve others. Along with that she is currently working as the Deputy Coroner. She has lived in Polo for over three decades. After this evening she is hoping to earn the support of the board and community.

Building Permits – 506 N. Walnut Ave – Shed permit – It will be an 8x10 metal shed. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm is absent. Trustee Vinnedge reviews his report. They picked up, hauled, and burned brush. They fixed the blower motor on dump truck. They plowed and salted the streets and put Christmas lights up downtown and at Memorial Park. They ran the press and cleaned up the shop at Locust St.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers responded to the same residence multiple times for domestic disturbances. They also responded to an unresponsive female and the resident was pronounced deceased. Forreton officers along with various other law enforcement agencies held our annual Shop with a Cop Program over the weekend. Trustee Buss asked what the next step is on getting the sign up. Trustee Vinnedge stated the post that is going in has to be cut because it is too tall. The electricity still needs to be run and then it can be put up.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger asked if the board decided on where they would like the check deposited that we received from the title company. It was decided to put it into the general account coded to the miscellaneous revenue code.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – Nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated the termination of the contract with Winwater is moving forward.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated they will be having a finance committee meeting on Friday December 15th at 10am.
2023-11 Tax Levy Ordinance – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the Ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated the parks looked really good for Christmas in the Country.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated she did a little research on the process of going through documents at village hall to find out what we should keep and what we should throw away. She stated we have to go through the Secretary of States Office, and they send someone to go through it all with us.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he spoke with Sonia on Friday, and she is looking to retire this next summer. He stated this is bittersweet – she has been an asset and has done a wonderful job. He stated he would like to get on looking for her replacement right away so Sonia can get them trained.

Unfinished Business – Old Village Hall – Clerk Shenberger stated she did show the building and they seem interested.

New Business – BDD – Norm Meeks – Replace Door between Subway and Chiropractor and replace the material on the front of the building. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Cotter stated this year we have done 13 BDD applications. We have approved \$52,779 and our budget is \$77,000 for this year. So, we have roughly three or four more that we can do to stay under budget.

Approval of survey from Fehr Graham – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the survey from Fehr Graham pending Mark's signature and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

2024 Meeting Dates – Motion is made by Trustee Kalina to approve the dates and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

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

Sale of Railroad Property to Smokin Gun Worx – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the sale with easements for utilities, easement to access property, future expansion of water and sewing, and pending a conversation with the property owners on the drainage issue and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris and Cotter respond with Yeas, Trustees Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all respond with Nay.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Busker and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger