

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday December 18, 2023, 7:00 PM

President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina.

Consent Agenda:

The Minutes of the December 4, 2023, meeting are reviewed.

The Minutes of the December 4, 2023, Closed Session meeting are reviewed.

Accounts Payable are reviewed.

Treasurers report is reviewed.

Budget Officers Report is reviewed.

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

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – None

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they cleaned up and put leaf vac away and put plows and spreaders on trucks. They salted streets and fixed leak on truck spreader. They put new signs up for snow plowing ordinance and village limits. They worked on blower 2 at WWTP and put new scale and tank at well 2 for chlorine. They also fixed garage door at 407 Locust and painted the signposts. They hauled and burned brush from bin at 407 and hauled sludge from WWTP. Maintenance Supervisor Timm also stated Brian passed his CDL driving test.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officers assisted Ogle Count with a disturbance in Leaf River. They have also assisted Ogle County with multiple driving complaints of vehicles driving erratic in the county near Forreton. Officer Klosa assisted Lee County with their Shop with a Cop Program. Officers also responded to multiple domestic disturbances.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated we had a call asking for a handicap parking spot near the chiropractic office here in town. The board discussed it and thought it is a good idea to have one in the parking lot near his office.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – Nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge – Nothing to report.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated they had a finance committee meeting on Friday the 15th. They discussed employee insurance, and the recommendation is to stay with the Quartz provider that we have had. They also discussed the split percentage of what the village is paying and after doing some research she found that we are very low. Right now, we are 65/35 and the finance committee would like to up the split. They would like to go 80/20 or 90/10 and implement this with the next fiscal year. There will be more discussion on this as there is time before it would go into effect. Trustee Busker handed out the cost breakdown for 80/20, 85/25, and 90/10 to review. Trustee Buss stated we need to stay competitive with surrounding Villages.

Motion is made by Trustee Busker to Renew Quartz for the employee insurance and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter – Noting to report.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris – Nothing to report.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he will not be rerunning for Village President at the next election. He wanted to get it out to the board so if anyone is interested, they have time.

Unfinished Business – Old Village Hall – President Metzger asked if we have heard anymore from the couple that is interested in the building. Clerk Shenberger stated they want to look at it again and get on the roof but were busy this week. They said they would be in touch. When they are ready, we will set it up with Scott as well to get up on the roof.

New Business – BDD – Personal Protection Options – They will be putting in new flooring. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

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

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 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger