

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees
Forreston Public Library Community Room
Monday, April 4, 2022, 7:00 PM**

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

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, & Buss are in attendance. Village President Metzger, Clerk Shenberger, Treasurer Schneiderman, Maintenance Supervisor Timm and Chief Thiel are also in attendance. From the Public Jane Koeller is present.

The Minutes of the March 21, 2022, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes as presented and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

There is no Public Comment

Building Permits

Trustee Cotter presents the building permits

98 Magnolia St. - extension for fence permit from 2020. The extension is good for 6 months, expires October 4, 2022. The residents ran out of material, and they have not been able to get more. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the extension and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

602 N. Walnut – Fence permit for 4-6 ft high dog-eared wood privacy fence. The fence will run 10ft off the side of the garage, back 60ft towards the back of the property, 21 ft across the back and angled 34ft back to the other side of the garage. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit pending payment and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call Trustees Norris, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Treasurer's Report – President Metzger stated that this is for the January report that Treasurer Schneiderman thought that there had been an error on, so we waited to pass it. Treasurer Schneiderman stated that the report is ok with no errors. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to accept the treasurers report and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Treasurer Schneiderman states we may not be final with February and March next meeting with the change in clerk position, but he will have something as close as he can.

The Accounts Payable are reviewed by the Board. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the Accounts Payable and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys -Trustee Buss states he met with Scott about seal coating. He stated they picked out what streets are going to be done. Seth has all the information and hopefully next meeting they will have a resolution to pass so then it can go out to bid. Trustee Cotter asked about the park parking lot. Trustee Buss stated that they will be doing the entrance to the parking lot and that there is a sperate bid for lot. Maintenance supervisor Timm has a copy of the park bit and will get it to Trustee Cotter.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge states Martin Brothers are still going. There was a discussion about five houses on 3rd avenue. The lines coming out of the houses are copper but unknown from the curb stop. He made the decision to make sure that there is no lead in the services. He stated his goal is that at the end of this project there is no lead left. He also stated that they fixed one big leak and isolated another one.

Finance - Trustee Norris states budget is set to go out to public. Treasurer Schneiderman states that it will be available after the update with the wages. It will be available for public view on Friday April 8th. Trustee Norris states that the public meeting will be at 6pm on Monday April 18th right before the regular board meeting at 7pm.

Trustee Norris also states that they must move the clerks pay from the elected line item to the appointed line item.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter states he went to Polo to see their GaGa Pit. He said they ordered all the brackets but bought all the wood. This is just for future thought.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge states that he will have a special event permits and an ordinance to go with it for review next meeting. Also, a new ordinance for penalties and a liquor regulation amendment for special events. There will be four to review next meeting.

New Building Committee – Trustee Kalina states they are not going to do anything with the construction bid this meeting. The plumbing bid was \$2000 this includes a toilet that needs to be special ordered. They would like to get it ordered so they are not waiting on it. Trustee Buss discusses the flooring. The company wants 50% down at the time of order which is roughly \$5000. Trustee Norris states that they did do price comparison on the carpet, and this is the cheapest quote. Trustee Norris states they have three construction bids, and the committee would like to discuss these bids. They are meeting on Monday April 11th at 5:30pm. Trustee Norris also stated she and Trustee Buss would be meeting Randy from Wagner at the new building Tuesday at 9:30am to discuss the desk and counter. Trustee Buss asks for the board to start thinking about ideas for the signage for the new building. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina to move ahead with the plumbing bid estimated at \$2000 and order the flooring at approximately \$5000 down 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger states that she spoke with Laura Cook about changing the clerk position from elected to appointed. Laura let her know that she needs to email the ordinance to her so they can put it on file. Clerk Shenberger also asked about joining IMRF. Is there a waiting period or can it start right away? Trustee Norris is going to check into it.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel Stated there was a domestic in the trailer court DCFS was called as well. He also stated that there is a Tic Toc challenge going on where juveniles enter a store, scream, and yell and make a mess before leaving. This did happen at Dollar General, and two juveniles were issued trespass notices. A resident in Springbrook trailer park had their vehicle keyed. He stated that they responded to an attempted criminal damage to property as well. He also stated there was a chase in town that involved three black males that fled on foot. One was taken into custody immediately; another was found at Josh's and the last one was last seen on White Oak where he used a telephone to get a ride. Chief Thiel also discussed the cat issue in town. He spoke with Animal Control, and they said you can trap cats with the only purpose of rehoming them.

Letters were sent out on 4/1 for yards that need to be cleaned up.

The officers will continue to monitor the intersection of E Garden and E Willow for the stop sign request.

Supt of Public Works Report - Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they have been doing brush pickup for a couple of weeks now. They did find the big water leak it was by the BP gas station. He stated there was a water leak on 2nd Ave as well. They started to clean ditches and graveling some shoulders from the snow plowing. They will be flushing hydrants the week of April 25-29. Maintenance Supervisor Timm also stated he was going to be calling Civil about the potholes in town.

Village President's Report - President Metzger discussed our audit company WIPFLI. They referred us to Lucas group. He asked Clerk Shenberger to reach out to Mt. Morris and Polo to see who they use. President Metzger read the proclamation for child abuse awareness month.

New Business – Trustee Buss had someone contact him about coming to the next meeting to talk about opening a bar and gaming and asked if he would need to be put on the agenda. President Metzger states that he can come for public comment to give us information on what they are doing. If they have questions, we can get back to them.

Old Business – Gaming License Fee. President Metzger talked with Josh and Mimmo and they both agreed that raising the gaming license fee to \$100 would be fair. Trustee Norris motions to raise gaming license fee to \$100 and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Norris reminds everyone about the OMA information session Saturday morning at 9am.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Norris and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger