

**Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday April 15, 2024, 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. One member from the public.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the April 1, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. The Minutes of the Closed Session Minutes of the April 1, 2024, are reviewed.
3. Accounts payable are reviewed.
4. Treasurer's Report is reviewed.
5. Budget Officers report is reviewed.

Accounts payable is removed from the consent agenda.

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

Public Comment – Courtney Warren gave an update from CFPS. She stated Fischer was the lowest bidder for phase 2. IEPA is looking at that now and will put together loan documents.

Building Permits – 611 S Walnut Ave – 2-part permit. 1<sup>st</sup> is a demo of an existing garage. The garage is leaning and needs to come down. This is a no charge permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the demo of the garage and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the permit is a new garage. This will be a 24x50 garage. This is over the 900 square foot maximum so this will have to go to the planning commission for a variance.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated the bathrooms are open at both parks now. They swept and washed floors at 407 N Locust and marked curb stops and storm sewers for phase 3. They put the batting cage net up and cleanup up yards from snow plowing. They started mowing and trimming and hauled brush. They also ran the press and fixed the defrost motor on Kevin's truck. They raked and cleaned up parks and cleaned up storm sewers. He also stated they hired part time help for the summer.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated Blake and Hannah attended the funeral and procession for the Dekalb County Deputy who was killed on duty in a traffic accident. Officers attended a Shining Star interview with Polo Police Department regarding an allegation of battery and neglect from multiple students. This incident is still under investigation. Officers responded to a possible suicide attempt. Forreton EMS transported the juvenile and the School District was also advised of the incident. Officers also responded to a check welfare call and a male was found deceased upon arrival. Forreton EMS and Ogle County Coroner's Office were also dispatched to the scene.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated we got the approval for the clean up days grant. She also stated Sonia's last day will be May 31<sup>st</sup> and she will be cutting her hours down from here going forward until her last day. She also discussed the possible sale of Josh's Saloon and the new owners getting a liquor license.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – Nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated there have been some sewer issues on 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue and Fischer's is going to come dig it up to find and fix the issue. It will be about \$10,000.

Finance - Resolution 2024-06 – Authorizing a budget increase for payment of prior water system improvements. Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the Resolution and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Norris all reply with Yeas.

2024-03 Budget Ordinance – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter nothing to report.

Ordinances – 2024-01 Noise Ordinance – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the noise ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Cotter, Norris, Kalina, Busker, and Buss all respond with Yeas.  
2024-02 Ordinance authorizing the Village of Forrest to borrow funds from the public water supply loan program – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustee Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, Norris, Kalina, and Busker all respond with Yeas.  
Trustee Norris stated she has sent changes to Tim for the policy handbook. She also talked to him about the paid leave for all works act. She also stated the first draft of the recodification came and she sent out a digital copy to everyone to review.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – #3 Accounts payable – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve accounts payable and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Village President's Report – President Metzger - Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – BP Gas and Food Liquor and Gaming Renewal – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the licenses and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Josh's Saloon Liquor and Gaming Renewal – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Licenses and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.  
Mimmos Pizzeria Inc Liquor and Gaming Renewal – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the Licenses and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.  
Shorty's Slots Liquor and Gaming Renewal – Motion is made by Trustee Kalina to approve the Licenses and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas.  
Casey's Liquor and Gaming Renewal – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Licenses and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.  
BDD – Subway interior remodel. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.  
BDD – Forreston Sauerkraut Days – FABA – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.  
Old Village Hall - Trustee Vinnedge stated we had two other bids in addition to the bid from the Clark's, one for \$35,000 and one for \$55,000. The board agreed to move forward with the offer from the Clark's for \$35,000.  
Old Village Hall – Redevelopment Agreement – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the agreement and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

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 Cotter and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:29PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger