

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees
Forreston Public Library Community Room
Monday May 16, 2022, 7:00 PM**

Village 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, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Cotter 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, Don Carlson, and Ken Toms.

The Minutes of the May 27, 2022, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Trustees Busker and Norris abstain from the vote.

Public Comment – Ken Toms states that his neighbor approached him about an ordinance violation he received for his grass/weeds. Ken stated that the lawn was only a week grown. He asked that we just not hand them out willy nilly. Remember what the intent of the ordinances were for.

Building Permits

Trustee Cotter presents the building permits

103 Prairie Drive – Fence – Fence will be black chain link 4ft high. Fence will run 18ft from the house to the tool shed with a 5ft gate. Then it will run 12ft to the back of the lot and 136ft across the back. Then 140ft back to the front corner of the property and 30ft back to the house. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Norris, Cotter, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

8785 N. Baileyville Rd – Parking lot extension – The parking extension will be in the northeast corner of the property. It will be gravel for a couple of months for it to settle and then will be blacktop. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

800 S. 1st Ave – Solar panels – The solar panels will be placed on both sides of the garage roof. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

602 3rd Ave – Steps – This will be a tear out of the existing cement steps and replaced with wood steps. They will also be putting new wood on the porch as well. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss responds with Nay.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Schneiderman reviews the treasurer report. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the treasurer's report and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Amended Accounts payable from May 2, 2022, meeting. The new computer for the utility billing clerk was coded wrong. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to accept the amended accounts payable and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

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

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys -Trustee Buss has nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge states Martins is done in town until they get the permits from IDOT for the highway. Supervisor Timm states that he talked to Tom from Martins, and he thinks it will be next week sometime. Trustee Vinnedge also stated that they received the water meter packets for review.

Finance - Trustee Norris states that there is a finance meeting with the potential new audit company Benning Group on Tuesday at 10am. Treasurer Schneiderman reviews the Budget Officers Report for month ending April 30, 2022. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the budget officers report and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated they looked at where the horseshoe pit was, and it would be a good place for the gaga pit. They got a quote back for a 20ft pit for \$1,555. He also stated that they want to see if the camera can be adjusted to cover the pit area. Chief Thiel will get pricing on a camera. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the purchase of the gaga pit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Cotter stated that there is a church group in town that would like to volunteer their time to do any work needed at the parks or wherever needed. It will be around the last week in June.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge states we have an amending ordinance 2022-11 prohibiting 1st floor apartments in the business district. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve Ordinance 2022-11 and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

New Building Committee – Trustee Kalina states that the committee has not met since last meeting. Trustee Buss states that the contractor has been working and it is really coming along. He also stated that the committee needs to meet in the next week or so to discuss a few things and the progress. Trustee Buss also discussed options for signs or letters for the windows. President Metzger asked if we have heard anything on the carpet. Trustee Buss said he has not checked on it yet but when it was ordered they said 6-8 weeks.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger asked about the fine for the mobile home removal. Trustee Vinnedge said he will check into it. She also asked if we take donations for the parks when people reserve them. The response was yes, any donations are welcome. Clerk Shenberger presented resolution 2022-10 providing for the appointment of an authorized agent for IMRF. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the resolution and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Norris, Cotter, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel states that there were ten checks stolen from Solutions Bank and four were used by an unknown person. There was a hit and run in the 300 block of South Second. After investigation it was learned that both parties were intoxicated and there was no damage to either vehicle. There were approximately 15 reminder/warnings handed out for the grass ordinance in town. Chief Thiel also stated that they purchased two bicycles from Koeller hardware and received two bikes by donation from another retailer for the bike rodeo.

Special Events Permit – Lyle Zumdahl church event. They will have a food truck and ice cream truck. There will also be a donation trailer. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Supt of Public Works Report - Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated brush pickup is continuing. Mowing has also started, and they have been replacing dirt and seeding from the stump grindings. They got the snowplows put away and the Christmas lights in memorial park taken down. He also stated that they installed a new chlorine scale at well #3.

Village President's Report - President Metzger stated he emailed Sheri Smith to see if there were any groups that would be interested in taking care of the park signs and the sign coming into the north end of town. She replied and said Mr. Mac has a class that would be interested. Supervisor Timm stated that he talked with Mr. Mac and has it all set up. He also stated that he has reached out to Jerry from WIPFLI but has not heard back. He also talked about the parking lot that we lease. He asked Clerk Shenberger to get the contact information for the owners of the lot and see about purchasing again.

New Business – Shorty's Slots liquor and gaming license. Motion if made by Trustee Kalina to approve the license and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Cotter, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris responds with Nay.

Discussion and approval of IEPA Loan Request #6. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the loan request and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Norris wanted to go on record for why she voted against Shorty's Slots. She stated it was because of the proximity to the library. She does not have a problem with the business itself it is just with the proximity.

Old Business – Trustee Cotter wanted to discuss the concession building at Warnken Park. The lion's club does not have the money to put into it right now and neither does the parks. He questioned if they could apply for BDD money to help them out. President Metzger stated he would run it by Dan. That property is not in the business district so they will have to check into it.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Buss and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger