

Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday June 3, 2024, 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, Officer Klosa, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina. One member from the public.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the May 20, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. All are in favor. Trustee Busker abstains from number one.

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – 611 S. Walnut Ave. – Garage Permit. Trustee Cotter stated this is the permit that had to go to the planning committee for a variance. The planning committee met and voted all in favor and passed their approval onto the board. Ordinance 2024-07 Granting a variance to chapter 7-11 residential districts of the comprehensive amendment of the village code at 611 S Walnut Ave – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the variance and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.
611 S Walnut Ave – Garage Permit – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.
112 Meadow Ct – Sidewalk Replacement Permit – No Charge – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustee Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm stated they did brush pickup and mowed and trimmed. They ran the press and moved the sludge pile. They also trimmed trees at the parks and worked on the storm drain at the old village hall. They cored out sidewalks from tree removal and formed up for concrete. They fixed a service leak at 5th and Willow Street. They are continuing spraying and are getting the banners up downtown this week. He also stated his part time help will be starting at the end of this week as well.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Klosa stated they responded to a report of a battery where two brothers were fighting over a snake and other belongings. They also responded to a disturbance where an employee was being fired. The employee told officers that he was pushed. After reviewing the video, it was discovered that he was never touched. Officers responded to the high school in reference to a fight. The incident was handled withing the school and both students were suspended. Trustee Buss asked about a residence on Balsam that the grass is long and a dumpster overflowing at another residence. Officer Klosa stated he would check them out.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger asked where the board would like the check from the old village hall and the checks from the IDOT Sidewalk projects to be coded and deposited. The board discussed it, and they want to put the money for the village hall back to where it came out of to purchase the new building.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge nothing to report.

Finance - Trustee Busker nothing to report.

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

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated the codification is a big process. It is ongoing and moving forward. The deadline for the review for changes is July 19th. She also stated she got the final draft of the policy handbook back from Tim, but Clerk Shenberger has some questions. Clerk Shenberger pointed out the vacation changes do not match up to the chart that is in the handbook. It states after 90 days you will receive 13 days of vacation which is 104 hours. The chart shows 2-5 years you receive only 80 hours of vacation. She then questioned the comp time. It states in the handbook you can only

use 40 hours of comp time in a year. After discussing it the board agreed that more can be used in a year you just cannot keep more than 40 hours on the books at a time.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he spoke with Doc Ruter regarding the lease on the railroad property. He stated Doc Ruter does have some plans for the north part of the property and would like to know if the board would reconsider. President Metzger let him know the board is looking into using that part for burning or compost. He spoke with Rob to get a lease written. Doc would like it written in the lease that he has the first right of refusal if we were to ever want to sell. He would also like it to state that the lease will go with the property so if he ever sells the next owners would still be able to have the lease to use that part of the parking lot.

Trustee Vinnedge stated the week of 4th of July three of the board members are going to be gone. The board decided to move the board meetings to the 8th and the 22nd for July.

Unfinished Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – BDD Forreton Vet Clinic – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

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

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:01PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger