

Minutes of the  
Village of Forreston Board Meeting  
June 7, 2021, 7:00 PM  
Forreston Public Library Community Room

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all. VP Metzger calls the ZOOM attendance. Attending Via ZOOM is Kirk Janicke, Jane Koeller, and Christine Klipping.

Clerk Drayton does roll call for those attending in person. Attending in person are Trustees Cotter, Norris, Vinnedge, Kalina, Buss, and Busker. Also in attendance is Officer Klosa, Supt Rust, and Clerk Drayton.

The Minutes from the May 17, 2021, meeting are reviewed. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the minutes as presented and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Vinnedge, Kalina, Buss, Busker and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

There is no public comment.

Trustee Cotter presents the building permits -

305 W Balsam – Pool and fence permit. A new drawing has been provided. The fence will run to the back of the house. The deck will have a high railing. Owners know the pool cannot go in until majority of fence is done and no water in the pool until fence is done. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Buss, busker, Cotter and Norris respond with Yeas. Both permit fees are paid

107 W Prairie – Pool and Fence permit. Fence will be 4 ½ - 5' off the property line except for rear. Owner to the rear has old fence line which will be removed. He will spray weeds between the fences for now and remove his fence when crops are out. Property Pins have been located. East side of fence will remain open until the pool is in to allow for access and landscaping. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Kalina, Cotter, Norris and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas. Fence permit is paid.

Next is a deck redo at 302 N Walnut Avenue. Due to rot, the decking will be replaced with composite decking. This is a no charge permit. Motion is made by trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, cotter, Norris, Vinnedge, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

309 N Maple Ave propose a 10 x 16' deck addition. They are still 8' off the property line. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, Norris, Vinnedge, Busker, and Buss all respond with Yeas. Permit fee is paid.

305 N Maple Ave – The property owners have filed a demolition permit for garage at the rear of the property. This is a no fee permit. Motions is made by Trustee Cotter and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Norris, Vinnedge, Busker, Buss, and Kalina respond with Yeas.

Finally, 305 S Walnut Ave requests for a deck railing permit. Due to wind damage and age, the railing needs to be redone. This is a no fee permit. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the

permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Vinnedge, Busker, Buss, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Cotter also presents a drawing of a proposed garage. It is not in compliance with the residential ordinance. The property owner has a large motor home and is requesting a 14' door. The building would be over the unattached structure height, although it is lower than that of the house. Owner has been told he can request a variance meeting, but that does not guarantee he will be granted a permit.

Accounts Payable – Clerk Drayton states there is 1 additional receipt (a copy was provided in the updates) – Steel beams required for the new score board. Trustee Cotter notes the \$50 refund for a permit, the fence price went up \$7,000 and the owner cannot afford to do the fence. Also noted is that a new pump will be purchased for Prairie Ct lift station for \$9,000 rather than rebuilding existing pump for \$5,600. This was budgeted for. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Accounts Payable is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Busker, Buss, Kalina, cotter, and Norris respond with Yeas.

#### Committee Reports:

Streets and Alleys: MFT Bid opening was today. Only 1 bid was presented, and it was under budget. Due to changes at Warnken Park entrance there will be some additional charges. The Bid will not be awarded by the state due to an 8-day restriction relating to the “Apprentice or Training Program Certification”. Trustee Buss motions to approve the Bid pending an 8 day wait and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker Buss, Kalina, Cotter, Norris and Vinnedge respond with Yeas.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge discusses the 2nd pump that was removed due to damage. The rebuild fees are not worth it and a better pump will be purchased. The \$9,000 price includes installation.

Lead Service Line replacement will start in a couple of weeks. There is a delay in getting materials in. Due to a concern from citizens regarding workers having to enter homes, the Village will be vetting the employees and providing badges. Residents are asked to only let those with an ID badge enter the home to do work. Village Hall will have employee names of who has badges.

Finance Committee – Nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning & Planning – meeting was held last week – 3 new grills proposed and budgeted for are to be ordered. Will use picnic tables we have for now. Public Works employees will install the grills. Concern is noted about continued vandalism at parks. The cost of park upgrades to provide more for youth are mentioned. The new security cameras are in, and repair/installation should begin later this week. An activity that is new and very popular is discussed. A Gaga Ball pit will be considered for Warnken Park. Trustee Vinnedge discusses the new batting cage with golf insert that storm damage funds would pay for. It would go on the existing cement. VP Metzger notes kids walking to park with clubs to practice on the ball diamond. The Restrooms at Memorial Park were vandalized Friday evening. They were left unlocked due to a t-ball game at the Grade School. When the game was over, it was discovered the toilet had been plugged and towel dispenser damaged.

Trustee Vinnedge states an ordinance committee meeting should be planned for next week. 3 ordinances need to be amended. – Stop signs (Ord 6-4-6) need to be added for several streets. The Wastewater ordinance needs to have a section regarding fines due to grease trap issues with businesses and dumping chemicals which is causing issues at the WWTP – Fine ordinance needs to be amended also per Chief Thiel.

Clerks Report: Clerk Drayton explains a lien has not been placed on the 412 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave property due to the fact the owner does not have a resident or permanent mailing address. Also, ORKIN is offering a discount if we go to an annual contract. This would save on monthly checks in addition to the reduced fee. Trustee Buss states he will collect information in regard to other exterminators in the area and get the information to Clerk Drayton.

Mowing is discussed in regard to the 103 Phil Parkway house and the old Buskohl property. Also, Clerk Drayton is instructed to send certified mail to the finance company for 305 E Elm Street for mowing fees done.

Police Report – Office Klosa is in attendance for Chief Thiel. Another camera was damaged at the park. The new security cameras, etc. should be installed later this week. The hay wagon fire was put out quickly and the fire did not spread to the barn as feared. The digital ticket system is up and running in the Squad.

Supt Rust – The storm sewer work on Ash Street is done. The road will be paved after the rock settles. Banners should all be up later this week. Saturday, June 12 @ 9AM Supt Rust will take those interested on a tour of the buildings including WWTP and Well House.

Village President's Report – VP Metzger states tonight is the last meeting with a ZOOM link. All meetings are to be in person now. VP Metzger says he continues to look for chairs for at the library but is not having luck finding anything affordable. Trustee Buss states he will look at Sam's Club in Rockford. VP Metzger also notes the grass being left for brush pick up. Supt Rust states they do not pick up grass, residents need to take it to the municipal lot.

New Business – Trustee Cotter presents 3 BDD applications (Forreston Auto Body, Smokin' Gun Worx, and Village of Forreston) for consideration. This monies would be spent for new blacktop which all 3 parties are responsible for a portion of. Forreston Auto Body's portion is estimated at \$7440 (\$5,000 requested), Smokin' Gun Worx is \$8821 (\$5,000 requested), and Village of Forreston \$9621 (\$5,000 requested). Trustee Cotter motions that all 3 be recommended for funding and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Cotter, Norris, Vinnedge, and Busker all respond with Yeah.

Next, a BDD request is submitted from R & S Builders. They are requesting \$2,606.88 for concrete work and repair/shingle the awning at their building entrance. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the funding request and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, Norris, Vinnedge, Busker, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

A Class D liquor license is presented for Forreston Gas and Food. They are applying for a pour permit so they will be allowed to have video gaming (the property does not qualify as a truck stop as they do not own enough land). The application is complete, and fee has been paid. Trustee Buss motions to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Norris, Vinnedge, Busker, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Next is the request for Video Gaming license at the Forreston Gas and Food. They are requesting 5 machines from the state. Again, the permit is complete, and the fee has been paid. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Vinnedge, Busker, Buss, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Loan request #8 for IEPA loan monies for the Water Main Replacement project is next. The pay request is not included. The request asks for the release of \$3,174.75. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the request and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Busker, Buss, Kalina, Cotter, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Lastly, Fischer's Excavating change order #3 is reviewed. If the project is NOT completed in 30 days, we can fine Fischer's. The punch list has not been completed to the Village's satisfaction. If there is a cost for the change order, the Village states all fees will be billed to Fischer's. Also, any costs associated with the change order will be billed to Fischer's. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the change order and 30-day extension request. He is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Kalina Cotter, Norris, and Vinnedge respond with Yeas.

There is no Old Business.

VP Metzger requests a motion for adjournment. Trustee Vinnedge motions to adjourn the meeting and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. All are in favor.

The Meeting is adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton