

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Forreston  
Forreston Public Library Community Room  
Monday, June 21, 2021 7:00 PM**

Village President Metzger Calls the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all in attendance.

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, Buss, Busker, Norris, and Vinnedge are all in attendance. Also, in attendance for the Board is Village President Metzger, Finance and Budget Officer Schneiderman, Chief of Police Thiel, Supt of Public Works Mark Rust, and Village Clerk Drayton. From the public, Jane Koeller is in attendance.

The Minutes from the June 7, 2021, Board Meeting are reviewed. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the Minutes as presented and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, Buss, Busker, Norris and Vinnedge all respond with Yea.

Public Comment is opened at 7:05 PM– Jane Koeller speaks on behalf of the Sauer Kraut Days Committee. She states the festival will be August 6, 7, & 8<sup>th</sup>. The Beer Garden will be in front of the Insurance company rather than Mimmo's. North Side Bar-B-Q is fully licensed by the state and is providing bartenders for the beer garden. There will be a parade on Sunday at 12:30. The Committee is looking for help with the Community Breakfast to be held Sunday morning. Public Comment closes at 7:08 PM.

Trustee Cotter presents the Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits:

Angela Schwartz of 302 N Maple Ave is requesting a No Charge permit to replace the deck boards and railing on their existing deck. There will be no change in size. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Busker, Norris, Vinnedge, Kalina, Cotter, and Buss all respond with Yea.

Thomas & Angela Alexander of 501 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave would like to replace all the sidewalks and remove the existing, rotted patio areas and pour cement patios instead. All the replacement items are no charge. New construction would be a 24 x 24-foot basketball court, for a fee of \$115.20. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and permit fee of \$115.20 and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Cotter, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, and Busker all respond with Yea.

Treasurer Schneiderman reviews the Treasurer's Report for month ending May 31, 2021. He notes we have received the first of 2 payments for the year of our Rebuild Illinois Grant money. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Treasurer's Report and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Norris, Busker, Cotter, and Buss all respond with Yea.

Accounts Payable – Clerk Drayton states there is an updated Accounts Payable report due to the omission of mowing charges. The Accounts Payable are reviewed and Trustee Norris motions to approve the Accounts Payable as presented. The motion is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees, Busker, Buss, Cotter, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yea.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss has nothing to report.

Sewer and Water - Trustee Vinnedge states the Lead Service Line replacement will start soon. The badges for contractors have been ordered. Trustee Vinnedge reminds the Board there are a lot of variables with this project.

Finance - Trustee Norris states the Committee met on June 17<sup>th</sup> to review the budget for funding for an additional employee to be added. The Budget Committee feels this is a viable option, however the Board is not committed to the idea yet. No vote is taken on the approval of funding for a possible new hire.

Budget Officer Schneiderman reviews his Budget Officer Report for month ending May 31, 2021. He notes this is the first month in the new fiscal year, so there has been very little revenue received yet. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Budget Officer Report and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Kalina, Buss, Vinnedge, Norris, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter notes the grills ordered for Warnken Park will be delivered this week. When asked, Clerk Drayton states the new batting cage has been ordered but is on back order.

Ordinances - Trustee Vinnedge states a committee meeting was held last week. The Sewer Ordinance needs to have a fine inserted to allow those dumping toxins and grease to be charged. He states the Stop Sign ordinance will be amended to add stop signs at Walnut and Cherry along with Walnut and Birch to slow down traffic by Memorial Park. Trustee Vinnedge requests copies of all permit applications to ensure all fees and charges are current.

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton passes a card received from Sharon Pepin at CF & PS. She notes the final storm damage payment was received today and will be deposited to the correct funds this week. Pest control quotes have been collected and Orkin is still the least expensive. Trustee Buss states to go ahead and submit the annual fee (with a slight discount) for the next accounts payable. A letter was sent to the current owner of the Buskhol property stating we will no longer mow the property after July 1<sup>st</sup>. ABC advertising would like the Village to sponsor the Cardinal Calendar as we have in the past – Village Buss gives approval for submission to the accounts payable. The Sauer Kraut Committee is looking for every FABA member to sponsor movie night. If all members provide a sponsorship, the fee is \$10. Again, Village President Metzger agrees to have the bill submitted for accounts payable. Lastly, Clerk Drayton explains when she submitted the MFT report for 2019, she received an email from IDOT stating 2014-2018 MFT reports were never received. 2015-2018 were submitted on June 21, 2021. The audit book from 2014 will need to be gotten out of storage to complete the 2014 report.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Thiel reviews his police report for June 6-21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. He states they were able to refurbish a bike from the storeroom to give to a boy in town. They will begin removing usable parts from bikes which should be scrapped to reduce the number of bikes stored. Cameras at Memorial Park have all been replaced and are in good working order.

Supt of Public Works Report - Supt. Rust reports that Fischer's Excavating have finished the required work for the Water Main Replacement project. He notes the continued need for a place to dump spoils – leaves, dirt, yard waste, etc. Also, an energy audit was done at the WWTP. Those who did the audit were very impressed with our updates and energy usage. The next step for savings would be solar panels and a proposal is in the works.

Village President's Report - President Metzger states we are in phase 5 and all aspects of our economy are to be opened. We will no longer have ZOOM meetings or links. Also, he states a link for padded, folding chairs was sent to the board just before the meeting. Please review the information as this may be the best option in our price range.

New Business – the addition of a 6<sup>th</sup> video gaming machine for Josh's Salon is discussed. Clerk Drayton states the fee is paid. The machine had been requested prior to the Covid shutdown. Heather Lamping received a phone call stating the machine was on the way and needed confirmation of the permit for the additional machine. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve and Trustee Kalina 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Cotter, Buss, Busker, Norris, Vinnedge, and Kalina all respond with Yea.

Village President Metzger states the Action Item for a potential new hire was not voted on. Please add it to the Agenda for July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business – Village President Metzger reminds the Board of our energy agreement with Dynegy. Letters have been mailed to residents and be prepared to answer questions regarding the aggregate.

There is no other business to discuss, and Village President Metzger requests a motion for Adjournment. Motion to adjourn is made by Trustee Vinnedge and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss, all are in favor.

The Meeting is adjourned at 8:41 PM.