

Minutes of the Village of Forreton Board of Trustees
Forreton Public Library Community Room
Monday July 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, Cotter, and Norris are in attendance. Village President Metzger, Clerk Shenberger, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, and Officer Klosa are also in attendance. From the Public Jane Koeller.

The Minutes of the July 5, 2022, meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the minutes and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Norris abstains from the vote.

Public Comment – Jane stated that they are looking for volunteers for the un dunk tank, Bingo, and the information tent for Sauerkraut days. She also wanted to bring up the village using local businesses for the new building. She stated it would have been nice if the contractor was told he needed to buy his supplies in Forreton. He instead purchased his materials in Freeport and that helped Stephenson County tax base and not Ogle County or Forreton. She stated that hurts our BDD fund. She would like to encourage the Village to look here first before going outside of town.

Building Permits – Smokin Gun Worx – Sign permit. The sign will be mounted on the roof of the building, and it will be 5ft tall and 11ft wide. It will be a digital sign and they will be going with the state approved brightness. Doc offered to allow the village to advertise on the sign if needed as well. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Treasures report – Treasurer Schneiderman reviewed the treasurers report. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the report and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, Cotter, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Accounts Payable are reviewed by the Board. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Accounts Payable with the correction of moving the code to the audit fund for Jordan Sasscer bill and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys -Trustee Buss stated that they have the seal coat bids that came in. There were two, and Porter Brothers came in lower. Trustee Buss makes a motion to approve the bid for Porter Brothers and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge, On Roll Call Trustees Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated that lead lines are done. Martins has a little bit of blacktop left to do. There are six more houses that may be done depending on if the EPA will approve it to be done. There is a 1in copper line that feeds six houses, and they are trying to get that replaced under this project. The water meter project bid opening has been moved to August 4th.

Finance - Trustee Norris stated that she talked to Sue at the bank about a safety deposit box. It would be \$20 a year for the small box, and she feels like that will be big enough. Trustee Norris makes a motion to approve the small \$20/year safety deposit box and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas. It is decided that the chair of the finance committee and the village clerk will be the ones on the list to be able to access the box.

Budget Officers Report – Budget Officer Schneiderman reviewed the report. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the report and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter stated that he asked Trustee Kalina to look into a grant for the walking path. She has sent him the information. He stated that the GaGa pit is up thanks to Kevin and Scotty. They are just waiting on the correct ADA door to come.

Ordinances – Trustee Vinnedge is going to start working on the parking ordinance.

New Building Committee – President Metzger stated that he had Chief Thiel get some ideas on internet and phone. Chief Thiel stated that there is going to be two options for internet and four for phone. He will go into detail with all of it during the New Building Committee meeting once he has all the numbers. He will have a comparison of all the prices that we are paying now to what the new services would be. President Metzger stated that we got the desks set up at the new building. Trustee Buss stated the plumber is done and the electrician has been there the last couple of days. Once Martin gets the

parking lot patched back in the seal coaters can come back and finish the parking lot. Trustee Buss also discussed vinyl for the windows or plastic letters like the township has.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated we received the grant check for cleanup days. Discussion was had on what to code the check to when it gets deposited. She also stated she had a resident call about wanting to sell their crafts out of the garage like a garage sale. It was discussed that if it were one or two times through the summer, during the weekend it would be ok, but if it was going to be more and during the week, they would need to fill out a home occupation registration form.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Klosa stated they responded to the same residence multiple times for domestic issues and welfare checks on juveniles. DCFS was contacted regarding the issues. Officers stood by with a female during a child custody exchange because she felt unsafe due to a history of domestic violence. He also stated that they have been taking some time watching for Jake breaking due to multiple complaints of semis coming into town. Josh's saloon was warned after a male used the back gate as an entrance. The back gate is for fire exit only.

Supt of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed the public works report for water usage. He also stated that brush pickup is continuing. They fixed the bobcat pins for attachments and cleaned and serviced chain saws. They formed up concrete for sidewalks and fixed five curb boxes with broken tops. They have also been mowing and trimming and continuing to spray.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he will not be in town for Sauerkraut days, but his family will be.

New Business – BDD – Smokin Gun Worx for new sign – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the application and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, Cotter, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Approval for Benning Group for audit – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the Benning Group as our Audit company and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Forrestville Valley Mentoring Program Donation – It is discussed, and the Board decided to donate \$500 to the Mentoring Program. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the amount of \$500 to donate and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Busker, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Buss stated that he would like to start discussing what is going to happen with the old village hall building at the next board meeting.

Old Business – Nothing to report

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Norris and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger