

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston  
Board of Trustees Meeting held at the  
Forreston Public Library Community Room  
Monday, July 19, 2021, 7:00 PM**

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

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Vinnedge, Kalina, Buss, Busker, Cotter, and Norris are all in attendance. Also in attendance is Treasurer/Budget Officer Schneiderman, Village President Metzger, Supt of Public Works Mark Rust, Office Klosa, and Clerk Drayton.

From the public, Jane Koeller and Alexa Zoellner, reporter for Shaw Media are attending.

The Minutes of the Meeting from Tuesday, July 6, 2021, are reviewed. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the minutes as presented and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Cotter, Kalina, Norris, Buss, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

There is no Public Comment

Trustee Cotter presents the Building Permits for the night. First is a new deck proposed for 405 South Locust St. The deck will be 2 ½ feet off the ground with a 3 ½ foot high railing. The area is a low spot which gets very icy in the winter. The setbacks comply. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, Busker, Vinnedge, Buss, and Norris respond with Yes.

Next a Solar Permit is proposed for 511 South 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Trustee Cotter explains the only concern with the permit has been corrected. Originally, the emergency shut off was in an enclosed breeze way. This is not allowable as, in case of emergency, the fire department may not be able to get inside to shut the power off. The shut off will be placed outside to comply with our ordinance. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Vinnedge, Busker, Cotter, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

A demolition permit for a fence at 111 S 4<sup>th</sup> is next. Trustee Cotter explains this is storm damage from last year that insurance company would not pay out on. The resident tore out the section and made the fenced in area smaller. This is a no fee permit. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustee Norris, Kalina, Cotter, Buss, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yea.

Trustee Cotter then states a fourth permit was submitted this afternoon. The owner would like permission to proceed with the work. This is for an addition to a small cement patio. It will be constructed with patio block to make the complete patio 14 x 16. It complies for all setbacks. Consensus of the Board is given for the homeowners to proceed, the permit will be voted on at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting.

Treasurer Schneiderman presents the Treasurer's Report for month ending June 30, 2021. He reviews the balances for the funds and then goes over the Revenue amounts and Property Tax disbursements which were received this month. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Treasurer's Report and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

The Accounts Payable are reviewed next. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the Accounts Payable and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Busker, Vinnedge Buss, Norris and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

**Committee Reports:**

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss asks Supt Rust if he has heard when the seal coating will be done. Supt Rust states he was told August.

Sewer and Water - Trustee Vinnedge states the Lead Line Replacement work continues. Supt Rust states in 2015 we have 25 hydrants below the required water pressure level. With the water main replacement work done last year, all off our hydrants are above the recommended flow rates. There are hydrants that need to be replaced yet. There is also an issue we are trying to get covered by the Lead Line program – 4 houses are being fed off 1, 1" lead water line. This will need to be corrected with a proper main.

Finance - Trustee Norris reminds the Board there will be a Finance Committee meeting Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at the library.

Budget Officer Schneiderman reviews his Budget Report for month ending June 30, 2021. He explains we are closing out the second month of the fiscal year, so each fund line should reflect about 17% for income and 83% remaining for expenses. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Budget Officer Report and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Vinnedge, Buss, Norris, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yea.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter states a big Thank You for those who worked the Park Clean Up day. The picnic tables are all painted, the flower beds look great, the train and cabin have been resealed. Things look very good! Thank you! It is noted there are still some security cameras to be installed.

Ordinances - Trustee Vinnedge has nothing to report

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton states the Clean Up Day grant funding was received last week and deposited. Of the original 20 Village Code books, we are down to 14. Please be carefully with the Code Books – they are expensive to replace. The \$15 movie sponsor fee was approved on the accounts payable – what does the Board want for their ad photo? Jane Koeller states she can simply take a photo of the office and or sign. The Board agrees with that. A decision has not been made yet regarding pest control yet at Village Hall.

Chief of Police Report – Officer Klosa is in attendance for Chief Thiel. The Board reviews the report. A question is asked about the noted parking complaints. Officer Klosa states it is people parking facing the wrong direction or in the grass typically. Trustee Buss asks about the old squad in German Valley, does it sit out all the time? It is explained that it is always in the garage – except when food for the food pantry is delivered. Then, they pull it out for easier access. When they are done unloading the delivery truck, it is put back in the garage.

Supt of Public Works Report - Supt Rust's report is reviewed. Trustee Buss asks about our water loss ratio – it is high. Supt Rust explains the leak at the school for 3 months, they are finding leaking lead lines often. The loss rate is getting better, and we will get back the percentage back down as we continue to do work. Martin's will continue working this week, then they will move to a different project for a month. The parts needed for the lead line replacement work are not available at this time.

Village President's Report - President Metzger reports that the IML email received this afternoon discusses raising the annual renewal rates on gaming machines. The House has passed a bill increasing the fee from \$25 per machine to \$250 per machine. We will have to see if the bill passes in the Senate. He also states that one of the engineers with Fehr Graham did not keep up with billing. We have already submitted the final loan request and received another bill. We will have more information on that in August. The Safe Routes to School project is complete except for the push button extension. There are also some trees to be trimmed. The Water Meter grant information has been submitted to the state, it is not approved yet, but there are no concerns at this point.

New Business - Saur Kraut Days – Jane Koeller hands out the schedule of events for the weekend. We need volunteers for the 'UnDunk Dunk Tank' at the Forreton Mutual parking lot. The Beer Garden will be in front of Forreton Mutual. Jane requests the Village to block off Walnut to Elm Street and Cherry to the east of the alley. The parade route was discussed with ways to get around the parade for those passing thru town. Finally, Jane requests the Board to consider donating funds to the Saur Kraut Days committee as they have done in the past. Village President Metzger states we will consider it on the next accounts payable.

Old Business - Ordinance 2021-07 Amending Title 6, Chapter 4, Section 6-4-6 of the Forreton Village Code (Stop Intersections). This ordinance was reviewed at the last meeting and placed on the agenda to be voted on tonight. It allows for stop signs to be placed at Walnut and Cherry (making it a 4-way stop) and at Birch and Cherry (making it a 3-way stop). Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve Ordinance 2021-07 and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Kalina, Cotter, Busker, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Cotter and Trustee Norris thank Treasurer Schneiderman for his 45 years serving the Village. Village President Metzger calls for a motion to adjourn, all respond with Yea.

The meeting is adjourned, and we all ate cake.