

**Minutes of the Meeting - Monday August 2, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**Village of Forreton Board of Trustees**  
**Forreton Public Library Community Room**

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

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Cotter, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, Buss, and Busker are all in attendance. Also in attendance from the Village are Village President Metzger, Chief of Police Thiel, and Village Clerk Drayton. From the public, Derald DeWall and Dave Vietmeier are in attendance.

The Minutes from the July 19, 2021, Meeting are reviewed. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the minutes as presented and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, Buss, Busker, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

There is no Public Comment

Trustee Cotter presents the Building Permit for the meeting. The permit was discussed and allowed to begin construction at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting but was not on the agenda, so it was held over to vote on. Trustee Cotter Motions to approve the patio permit for 205 W Logan Street and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Norris, Buss, Busker, Cotter, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

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

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss has nothing to report

Sewer and Water - Trustee Vinnedge states there was a water main break Sunday night at 1<sup>st</sup> and Elm. Due to lack of staff an outside contractor had to be called in to help with repairs. The Lead Line Replacement is still on hold while they wait for materials to become available. IEPA has given permission for a new 8" main to replace a lead main which feeds 7 houses.

Finance - Trustee Norris states the Finance Committee will meet after the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in August (no date or time was stated).

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter states painting is done at both the parks and things look good. The new grill locations for Warnken have been marked, now we need to get the cement pad areas marked for the picnic tables.

Ordinances - Trustee Vinnedge has nothing to report

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton reports the engagement letter from WIPFLI has come in. The audit will take place this fall. The price has gone up to \$1,000. We will no longer be contracting mowing for the abandoned property on Phil Parkway. The bank has initiated proceedings to foreclose on the house. They have paid us in full for our contracted mowing and will have their contractors handle it from now on. Clerk Drayton states she will be taking a family vacation in September and will be out of the office September 11-19<sup>th</sup>. She will not miss any Board Meetings and will not have a conflict with doing payroll that week. Clerk Drayton is asked about the property at Willow and South Walnut. She states a letter was mailed regarding mowing in June. Evidently, it was not received. Trustee Buss asks if the letter was sent certified mail. Clerk Drayton states no, it was not. Chief Thiel states he will have Officer McClain talk to the owners tomorrow.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Thiel gives the Board a moment to review the Police Report. He states they have made 2 warrant arrests in the past week. The letters to property owners are helping. 3 targeted properties are showing progress.

The Intergovernmental Agreement between Forrestville Valley School District and the Forreton Police Department is reviewed. Village President Metzger states he has no issues with the agreement. It states the expectations and states the Police Department will be held harmless for time missed due to emergencies in the community. Trustee Vinnedge Motions to approve the agreement and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustee Buss votes Nay. Trustees Kalina, Busker, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Norris all vote Yea. The Agreement passes.

Chief Thiel states the National Night Out is Tuesday night and there will be events in Byron for the family. This weekend there will be a daytime officer and 2 officers on duty in the evenings with the beer tent and band.

Supt. Of Public Works Report - Supt. Rust reports you may have seen a face book post from a past resident regarding suing the Village for Lead Poisoning in her child. The nature of our water coats the interior of the lead line. Unless something causes the lining to deteriorate, there is no issue with the lead lines. The culvert was replaced on Maple Street at White Oak Road as the crew will be in next week to do coal patch. Last night water main break was quite large. The pipe had a 4" hole. We will see the amount lost when I provide water pumped reports next week. The pipe was from the 1930's or earlier. The painting has been done at the parks. An adult female did her community service work, and a young man did his community service painting tables at Warnken. A 2<sup>nd</sup> young man was not a painter, and he still has community service hours to complete.

Village President's Report – the final numbers for phase one of the Water Main Project has come in. Due to an increase in costs, the loan amount had to be amended. This was a 1.5-million-dollar project. After Principal Forgiveness, we owe \$426,659.49 – a much more manageable amount to pay back. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the amended loan and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Cotter, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

Village President Metzger also reports funding for NEU's thru the federal/state government was finally released and the Village will be working on completing the steps needed to appropriate the funds for they are not allocated to the states. Clerk Drayton states she has begun the process, there are documents to be signed and an ordinance will need to be passed.

Next Village President states we briefly talked about funding for Saur Kraut Days at the last meeting. I propose the Village donates \$1,600 this year to help with getting the event up and going this year. This is not an expected annual amount to give. All Board Members agree. Clerk Drayton requests permission to add the amount of \$1,600 to the approved accounts payable to which Village President Metzger replies Yes.

There is no New Business

Old Business – a BDD Application for Salon K was submitted last week. The requested amount is up to \$5,000. The contractor has no idea what he will find when he gets into the wall/roof area. There is water leaking into the upstairs thru the shared wall between the Salon and Josh's. Trustee Cotter Motions to approve the BDD application for Salon K and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees cotter, Kalina, Vinnedge Norris, Buss and Busker all respond with yeas.

Trustee Norris adds that the meeting regarding updating the Village handbook did not accomplish much. The Village Attorney has a template for handbooks, and we will look into that. Several handbooks from other municipalities were sent to the attorney.

Village President Metzger states a request for a letter supporting Broadband internet coverage in Ogle County has been requested and will be sent this week.

Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to adjourn the meeting and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vinnedge. All are in favor. The meeting is adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton, 8/3/2021.