

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Village Board of Trustees Forreston Library Community Room
Monday, October 4, 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, Norris, Cotter, Busker, Buss and Kalina are all present. Also in attendance is Village President Metzger and Clerk Drayton.

The Minutes of the meeting from September 20, 2021, Minutes are reviewed. Trustee Norris motions to approve the Minutes as presented and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Norris, Cotter, Busker, Buss, and Kalina all respond with Yea.

There is no Public Comment

Trustee Cotter presents the Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits for the night.

At 111 S 4th Ave, a Shed Permit is presented. The shed had been ordered and was delivered sooner than expected. It was set within compliance to our setbacks. The paid permit was submitted after the fact. Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Cotter, Norris, Buss, Busker, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.0

Next, a deck addition is discussed for 306 W Cherry. The addition to the deck is 5½ feet x 20 feet and has been paid. It meets all setback requirements. Motion is made by Trustee Cotter and 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Kalina, and Cotter respond with Yeas. Trustees Vinnedge and Busker Abstain due to family relation.

At 602 N Walnut Ave a 1st floor addition is proposed to add a main floor bedroom. It meets all setback requirements. Motion is made to approve the permit, pending closing on the property, by Trustee Cotter and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Kalina, Cotter, Norris, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

At 407 N Maple Ave the property owner is improving his front steps, adding a roof at the landing, and sidewalk to the driveway. All is within setback requirements. A permit fee of \$50 is required to be paid yet. Motion is made to approve the permit, pending payment of the permit fee, by Trustee Cotter and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Kalina, Buss, Busker, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Lastly, a permit for a cement patio is proposed at 406 W Balsam. Trustee Cotter states it is all within setbacks, though he has not spoken with the new owners. This permit has been paid and Trustee Cotter motions to approve the permit pending closing. This is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Buss, Kalina, Vinnedge, Norris, Busker, and Cotter all respond with Yea.

Accounts Payable, the partial payment of Lead Line Service Bills for the July 2021 & Aug 2021 Loan Request are discussed. Trustee Vinnedge states he will speak with Seth regarding the yards not completed yet. Motion is made to approve the Accounts Payable by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Buss, Cotter, Busker, Vinnedge, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss has nothing to report.

Sewer and Water - Trustee Vinnedge he will contact Martin & Co and let them know we will not release any more funding for the Lead Service Project until the yards tore up earlier this year are leveled and seeded. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina to approve the bid from Fischer Excavating for the Oak Avenue and Walnut Avenue Water Main Replacement bid. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Buss, Kalina, Cotter, Norris, and Vinnedge all respond with Yea.

Finance - Trustee Norris submits copies of the Minutes from the Finance Committee meeting on September 27th. Motion if made by Trustee Norris to open a new account at Forreston State Bank for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds the Village has received. Signers on the account will be the Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Norris, Village President Metzger, and Clerk Drayton. This is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll call, Trustees Vinnedge, Norris, Cotter, Kalina, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter states they may get the new grills set at Warnken Park this week. Trustee Kalina informs the Board that she submitted the grant application for funding of a skatepark last week. If we are not approved Kalina continues, we can resubmit every 3 months.

Ordinances - Trustee Vinnedge has nothing to report.

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton states she submitted the Annual Treasurer's report to Treasurer Schneiderman over a month ago but has not heard back from him. This must be published in the newspaper by October 31. She will reach out to Treasurer Schneiderman. Trustee Buss asks Clerk Drayton if she will send Committee Agendas to all the Board members instead of just the Committee. Clerk Drayton states she can, however Committee meetings are for the Committee. Technically, others present cannot speak unless asked to or if there is Public Comment on the Agenda.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Thiel reports the Grade School was broken into and the students were identified. Two 10-year old's trashed rooms but caused little damage. We arrested David Crocker on a \$100,000 warrant. Ogle County took the canine unit thru the jr high and high school last week – there were only 2 students we had to speak with. There was vandalism at Memorial Park again – no real damage. Toilets clogged and garbage thrown around. Due to this, estimates have been handed out for cameras to be installed at 407 N Locust (\$3,991.50) and Memorial Park (\$3,635.70). The Memorial Park estimate would put modems in so all cameras could be viewed remotely (at Village Hall or on the Police department phone. This is something we will look at using the ARPA funding for. Attorney LaSage sent a complete list of the steps required to be done in order to put liens on nuisance properties and get the homes demolished.

Trick or Treat will be on Saturday, October 30th from 5 to 8 PM. Meet the Chief night will be on October 20th from 5:30 to 7PM at the Library Community Room. Shop with a Cop is tentatively set for December 11th.

Supt. Of Public Works Report Trustee Vinnedge reports the guys have flushed all the fire hydrants and continue to work on jetting manholes and manhole inspections. They are also working at getting the leaf vac ready to go.

Village President Metzger states the Fehr Graham contract handed out needs to be signed tonight, we will vote on it at the next meeting. However, we must get someone in with a wastewater Operator license. Scott is good with the water testing, etc., but does not have his wastewater license yet. Discussion is had regarding raises for Scott and Kevin. Executive Session will be held at 6:30 on October 20, 2021.

Village President Metzger states he will be out of town October 13-17th.

New Business

Clerk Drayton is instructed to forward the new Village of Forreston Employee Handbook to the Village Attorney. Motion is made to adopt the new handbook by Trustee Norris and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Norris, cotter, Kalina, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yea. There is no other New Business.

There is no Old Business

Village President asks for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting, Trustee Norris motions to adjourn and is 2nd by Trustee Buss. On Roll Call, all respond in favor, the meeting is adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Drayton.