

Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday October 21, 2024, 7:00 PM

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

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, President Metzger, Trustee Norris, Trustee Vinnedge, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Trustee Buss, and Trustee Busker. One Member from the public.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the October 7, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. Trustees Cotter and Kalina are absent. Trustee Busker abstains from number 1.

Public Comment – None

Building Permits – 303 1st Ave – Sign Permit – The sign is going to be a sticker in the window. The board discussed it and agreed that a permit is not required for a sticker sign in the window.

111 Meadows Ct – Shed permit – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the permit and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Vinnedge, Buss, and Busker all respond with Yeas. Trustees Cotter and Kalina are absent.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He stated they ran the press and hauled dirt from 407 to RR bed for use later. Hauled Vegetation out from 407 to RR bed and covered. They also cut trees on RR bed and pushed junk dirt off at RR bed from Birch Street expansion project. They continued brush pickup and took the batting cage net down at Warnken.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel stated officer responded to the same residence multiple times regarding a child custody dispute. They also responded to a complaint of a loose dog multiple times. The owner was cited. Officers have been to a residence multiple times to talk to him about not paying the village for his water and sewer deposit.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger discussed the handbook changes to the comp time for employees. It was agreed to be able to have 32 hours of comp time on the books at time and to be able to carry over 32 hours to the next year.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated he let Dan know we are going to wait for a forgiveness loan for the water meter project.

Finance - Trustee Busker stated Trustee Schneiderman put the tax levy estimate in the packets to approve tonight or we can wait until next meeting to approve. The board agreed to wait until next meeting.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter is absent.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris - Ordinance 2024-11 – Ordinance Authorizing payment of TIF Redevelopment Project Costs – Birch Street Expansion Project. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the ordinance and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Norris all respond with Yeas. Trustees Cotter and Kalina are absent.

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated he met with Summit Ridge energy about a solar farm they are looking to put in on property that is within 1.5 miles of the Village. This property is within our comprehensive plan. He reached out to Rob, and he is going to do some checking, but he thinks it will be up to Ogle County for approval.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Motion is made by Trustee Norris to go into closed session and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Buss and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:18PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger