

**Village of Forreton Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, November 15, 2021, 7:00 PM**

Village President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all.

On Roll Call by Clerk Drayton, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Norris, Kalina, Busker, and Buss are all in attendance. Also attending are Village President Metzger, Chief Thiel, Clerk Drayton, and Scott Timm, Public Works. From the public, Jane Koeller is in attendance.

The Minutes of the November 1, 2021, meeting are reviewed. Trustee Vinnedge motions to approve the minutes as presented and is 2nd by Trustee Norris. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Public Comment – Jane Koeller speaks on behalf of the Christmas in the Country Committee. She requests pedestrian crossing signs, which the committee has offered to make, to be placed through the downtown area crosswalks. Trustee Vinnedge states the Village will purchase signs that will withstand traffic. After discussion, 6 portable signs will be purchased. For Christmas in the Country, there will be a lighted parade which will circle Memorial Park - and deliver Santa to the shelter house. The Park will be lit again and there will be a food truck parked at the old Phil's Egg building adjacent to Memorial Park. Business will also be open late.

Building/Demolition, Sign, Fence & Pool Permits - Trustee Cotter states there are no permits in the works at this time. He also states the bid for the house addition on the north side of town was too expensive and the property owner has requested a refund of the permit.

Treasurer's Report for month ending October 31, 2021 - Treasurer Schneiderman reviews the account balances along with the receipts and disbursements thru the end of October. There are no questions. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and is 2nd by Trustee Cotter. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Cotter, Vinnedge and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Accounts Payable – Brief discussion is held over the park security cameras. Chief Thiel states that a couple additional cameras will be put in place. ARPA funding will cover the additional costs. Cameras are all in place and working at Warnken Park now. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the accounts payable and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Buss, Vinnedge, Cotter, Kalina, and Busker all respond with Yeas.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss has nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge states Fischer should be in town by Wednesday to work on the water main. The pipe size was different than anticipated, so they are waiting for the correct materials. Trustee Vinnedge also states the water meter replacement project dates have been scheduled. The bid opening is set for January 11.

Finance - Trustee Norris states the committee met on November 3rd. They reviewed the Revenue and Expense report and worked on the Tax Levy for next year. Trustee Norris states health insurance premiums will be increasing 15-18% - our renewal date is February 1st.

Budget Officer Report for month ending October 31, 2021 - Budget Officer Schneiderman states all the expenses and revenues look good at this time. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the Budget Officers Report as presented and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Norris, Vinnedge, Busker, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Tax Levy Estimate is reviewed. Overall, there will be a 2.88% increase for the Village and 1.94% increase for the library. Some items were not raised as there is an excess in those accounts. An action item for the approval of the Levy will be on the next agenda.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, Planning - Trustee Cotter states both new memorial benches have been placed and look very nice. Kim Brinkmeier and Dave Vinnedge continue to work on getting the concession stand set up and licensed for next year's summer ball program. The stand must pass as a certified kitchen in order to be open next year. Trustee Cotter also states he talked with Mr. Schneiderman at the Grade School. The Gaga ball pit cannot be on school grounds as students are not allowed to throw balls at other students. The Gaga Ball pit will be put on Village Property, so as not to cause issues for the school.

Ordinances - Trustee Vinnedge has nothing to report.

Clerk's Report - Clerk Drayton states the meeting dates for 2022 are in the packet. There are 2 dates we have moved to Tuesday nights do to holiday weekends and the office being closed (July 5th and Sept 6). Trustee Kalina motions to

approve the Village of Forreton Meeting dates for 2022 and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Vinnedge, Busker, Kalina, and Cotter all respond with Yeas. Trustee Buss responds with Nay.

Clerk Drayton requests notice be given prior to work being done on the water main on South 3rd Avenue. A resident has a rescue dog that will not tolerate people outside the house. They need to be made aware when work will be done so someone can be home, or the dog removed from the home.

Cookie sale dates for Girl Scouts are January 5th -29th 2022.

Chief of Police Report - Chief Thiel states the new cameras at Memorial Park are already paying off. It was reported that 2 young children were causing damage to trees in the park. They were talked to regarding their behavior and Office Klosa also reviewed video footage. The 2 boys were playing with a branch that had fallen to the ground from a tree. However, 2 teenagers were caught on camera moving park benches and were also spoken to. Additional cameras will be placed at 407 South Locust and the Wastewater Treatment plant. This will be paid for from the ARPA funding.

At the next meeting Chief Thiel requests an Action Item be set for the opening of a testing period for a new, full-time officer. An ad will be placed in the paper for applications. Interested applicants will have to pass an agility test and written test. Following that, interviews will be done. The selected applicant will be put thru the police academy and must sign a 3-year contract with the Village.

Supt of Public Works Report – Scott reports they continue to pick up leaves and brush. They also continue to work on jetting and marking sewer lines. Notification was received from the IEPA that our water inspection was good. Trustee Buss asked if Scott would add the amount of water pumped and the amount of water billed each month to his report.

Village President's Report - President Metzger states the Water Main replacement project Phase 1 is complete and the loan is to be closed out. After the grant funding was applied, the total amount financed was \$785,784 to be financed at 1%. 2 payments will be made each year in the amount of \$15,691.59 over the next 30 years. Trustee Vinnedge motions to accept the loan payments as presented and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Kalina, Busker, Buss, Cotter, Vinnedge and Norris all respond with Yeas.

BDD/TIF information – Discussion is held over the past resolutions done and the costs with implementing the BDD and TIF districts. Several times, resolutions have been done, but the Village has never reimbursed itself. 325,000 has not been reimbursed to the Village for the creation of the TIF and there is still \$15,000 to be reimbursed for the creation of the BDD. It is also noted that the funding for the Safe Routes to School project came from the Streets and Alleys (General Fund). It has not been paid back either.

Motion is made by Trustee Buss to reimburse the Village \$15,000 from BDD funds for the expense of creating the BDD and is 2nd by Trustee Vinnedge. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Norris, Kalina, Busker, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

New Business – Trustee Cotter states Sauer Kraut /Forreton Hometown days continues to grow, and he feels we should help. Cotter states we should motion at the first meeting in January, every year, we should fund \$5,000 towards the festival. Clerk Drayton is instructed to put this on the agenda in January.

Old Business - \$35,000 has not been reimbursed to the Village for TIF Expenses. Motion is made by Trustee Buss and 2nd by Trustee Norris to reimburse the Village the money spent for the creation of the TIF. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Cotter, Norris, Kalina, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

A request is made for residents to complete the online survey on their receipts from Dollar General. Please let them know if you will purchase fresh fruit and vegetables if they are allowed to stock them.

A motion is made by Trustee Norris to adjourn the meeting as there is no other business. All are in favor.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:24 PM