

**Minutes of the Village of Forreston Board of Trustees**  
**Village Hall**  
**Monday December 2, 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 Cotter, Trustee Vinnedge, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina. One member from the public.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the November 18, 2024, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the consent agenda and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor.

Public Comment – Ken Toms stated he has been at the last couple of meetings and has listened to the discussion about the potential solar farm outside of town. He stated his property is adjoining the property that the solar farm would be on. He stated if you owned that property and were offered the amount of money they were you would want to allow the solar farm too. He also asked if we were ever going to expand Forreston out that far.

Presentations and Petitions – Vickye Norris presented some pictures from the old village minute books. These date back to the 1800's. They are getting very hard to read. She would like to get some quotes on preserving the oldest two books. The board agreed to get some quotes and go from there.

Building Permits – None

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his report. He also stated he will be having a walk through with Fischers and Martins next week to make sure everything is wrapped up from the water main project.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel reviewed the activity of the officers since last meeting.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger - Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – Nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge – Nothing to report.

Finance - Trustee Busker nothing to report. Treasurer Schneiderman discussed the library maintenance tax levy and the timeline for posting in the paper. This will be included on the next agenda for a vote along with the tax levy. He also included a copy of the Budget timetable for everyone to review.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated there have been some lights put up at Memorial Park for Christmas in the Country this weekend. There will be more going up this week.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris – Ordinance 2024-12 – Ordinance authorizing the publication of notice of the invitation to bid for the sale of real property. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Ordinance 2024-16 – Ordinance enacting a code of ordinances for the Village of Forreston, revising, amending, restating, codifying, and compiling certain existing general ordinances of the Village of Foreston dealing with the subjects embracing such code of ordinances, and declaring an emergency. Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

Ordinance 2024-17 – Ordinance authorizing the Village of Forreston, Ogle County, Illinois to borrow funds from the public water supply loan program. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the ordinance and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated Christmas in the Country is this weekend.

Unfinished Business – The board discussed the remainder of the ARPA funds that need to be spent or allocated by December 31, 2024. Clerk Shenberger will go through what has been reported and check to see if Gworks software is covered.

New Business – 2025 Meeting Dates – Next year's meeting dates were presented. January 21<sup>st</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup>, and September 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings will be Tuesdays due to holidays. Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the meeting dates and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

The board discussed the DCEO Grant opportunity. Trustee Cotter will speak with Courtney to see if she will take a look at it.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:36PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger