

Minutes of the Village of Forrester Board of Trustees
Village Hall

Monday January 5, 2026, 7:00 PM

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

On Roll Call by Clerk Shenberger, President Vinnedge, Trustee Norris, Trustee Toms, Trustee Schweertman, Chief Thiel, Maintenance Supervisor Timm, Treasurer Schneiderman, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Lapacek.

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the December 22, 2025, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Toms. All are in favor.

Public Comment – None

Presentations and Petitions – None

Building Permits – Trustee Schweertman stated he received a call from Republic regarding sidewalk around their office building that is causing water to come into the building. They would like to tear it out and replace it in the spring. The board agreed they can proceed with the demo now.

Department Reports:

Supt. of Public Works Report – Maintenance Supervisor Timm reviewed his activity since last meeting.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel reviewed his report of activity since last meeting.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated she finished up Gworks payroll portion tonight. Waiting to schedule mock payroll.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Toms – The board discussed the water and sewer rate study proposal from Fehr Graham. President Vinnedge is going to get a list of other towns that have had the study completed before moving forward. Trustee Toms asked if the new board members and anyone on the board that wants to attend can have a tour of the sewer plant. Scott said yes Wednesday the 14th at 10:30am.

Finance - Trustee Busker nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Lapacek nothing to report. President Vinnedge asked if she could reach out to Community Funding and ask if there are any updates on the grant for Warnken Park.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris stated she was contacted by Salon K about some work they are going to be doing inside and they wanted to know if they can put a dumpster out from in one of the parking spots or she would talk to Jerney and see if she can put it in his lot next door. Chief Thiel stated they would need to get a permit though IDOT. Trustee Norris will let her know it will probably be easier to put it in the lot next door.

TIF/BDD – Trustee Norris – BDD Cardinal Center Roof – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the application covering 75% of the first \$10,000 and 50% of the remainder and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Toms, Schweertman, Buss, Busker, and Lapacek all respond with Yeas.

Trustee Norris also discussed repairs that Shorty's would like to do to the outside of their building. She stated she would like to cover 75% of the project and then \$8,000 through a TIF application. The board discussed it and President Vinnedge asked for the applications to be completed and submitted for the next meeting.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Vinnedge nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

President Vinnedge will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Busker and is 2nd by Trustee Schweertman. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger