

Minutes of the Village of Forrester Board of Trustees
Village Hall
Monday March 3, 2025, 7:00 PM

President Metzger calls the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Trustee Buss, Trustee Busker, and Trustee Kalina. Two members from the public

Consent Agenda:

1. The Minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting are reviewed.
2. Accounts payable are reviewed.

Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge to approve the consent agenda and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor. Trustee Norris and Cotter abstain from #1.

Public Comment – Garriet from Surf internet stated he was there to answer any questions the board had. Trustee Vinnedge asked if there would be a generator place at the main hub. Garriet stated they would only bring one out if needed. They have 48 hours of batter backup.

Presentations and Petitions –None

Building Permits – Trustee Cotter stated he talked to a resident that has a barn in his yard and is looking to redo it and asked if he would need a permit. He stated a no charge permit is needed because the footprint is not changing.

Department Reports:

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

Rock Salt Contract – Motion is made by Trustee Buss to approve the contract and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, and Kalina all respond with Yeas.

Chief of Police Report – Chief Thiel reviewed the report of activity since last meeting. He also discussed the different sizes of iPads for the board members to make the packets digital.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Shenberger stated 27 shut offs were delivered for utility billing this month. She also gave an update on Gworks and will be having another call with them next week.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Alleys - Trustee Buss – nothing to report.

Sewer and Water – Trustee Vinnedge stated we figured out the rates sheet for water and sewer increase. He also discussed the invoices we have for phase 3 water main replacement.

Finance - Trustee Busker – nothing to report.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Zoning, and Planning – Trustee Cotter stated we received a couple of more drawings for Warnken Park we are just waiting on the pricing.

Ordinances – Trustee Norris discussed an ordinance to trap in town for getting stray cats to the vet. She also discussed the digitization project. The number of pages has gone up since the original quote so the price will be slightly higher.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

Village President's Report – President Metzger stated they received their mail in vote, so it is getting close for the election. Please come out and vote.

Unfinished Business – Surf internet Right of Way Use Agreement – Motion is made by Trustee Cotter to approve the agreement and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Cotter, Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, and Norris all respond with Yeas.

Surf Internet approval to start installation – Motion is made by Trustee Norris to approve the start of installation and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Vinnedge, Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, and Cotter all respond with Yeas.

New Business – Discussion and approval of PWS Loan 17-5807 Request #5 – the request was discussed, and the amounts do not match the total on the paperwork so this will be tables until next meeting.

Discussion and approval of PWS Loan 17-5807 Change Order #3 – Motion is made by Trustee Vinnedge and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. On Roll Call, Trustees Buss, Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, and Vinnedge all respond with Yeas.

Motion is made by Trustee Busker to go into closed session per ILCS 120/1 Sec. 2 (c)(1) for Personnel and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. All are in favor.

Approval of Employee wage increases – Motion is made by Trustee Busker to approve the wage increases and is 2nd by Trustee Kalina. On Roll Call, Trustees Busker, Kalina, Norris, Cotter, Vinnedge, and Buss all respond with Yeas.

President Metzger will entertain a motion for adjournment. Motion is made by Trustee Kalina and is 2nd by Trustee Busker. All are in favor. The Meeting is adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Shenberger