

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556
Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Robinson, Radtke, Feitlich, Genslinger, Pearson and Johanningsmeier were present.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve December 10, 2024, regular meeting minutes as published. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve December 23, 2024, special meeting minutes as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the petty cash report as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mayor's Report: President Robinson praised the Public Works Department for the extra measures they take to maintain the trucks and equipment.

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: President Robinson read a letter received from the Waterman Lions Club stating that a donation was made to the Waterman Police Department for their assistance during the 2024 Gobbler Gallop 5K event.

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Swanson provided the December stats report, which showed that monthly activity was up but consistent with this time of year. Newly hired Ofc. Muhammad Rehman's onboarding is going well, and he should be patrolling on his own very soon. Applicant Eric Thomas' background check is progressing well. He has scheduled to have both his fingerprinting and psychological evaluation done. It is recommended that the Board approve to conditionally hire Ofc. Thomas on the basis that he successfully completes the background check process. Property, evidence and records have been relocated to the property cage. Wolter is currently renovating the Police Evidence Vault Room. They anticipate completing the project by January 15th. Once the renovation is complete, we will start the records disposal process and return all valid evidence to the vault room. Corporal Bermudez returned to work January 6th and is currently undergoing a two-week transition period to prepare her for regular duty.

Village Manager Nykaza – The solution to address the algae violation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was received by the IEPA. IEPA notice was issued for the Green Ridge Phase II development, which was forwarded on to the developers to address. Will be attending a legislative breakfast on January 23rd in Elgin hosted by Metro West. Metro West meets virtually once a month to discuss a variety of topics. This month covered the topic of solar farms proximity to Village boundaries, which can impact future developments and comprehensive plans. Minimum wage was increased in Illinois to \$15.00 per hour and tipped employees to \$9.00 per hour. Nykaza serves on the Legislative Committee which has updates regularly on what is happening in Springfield. Nykaza plans to attend the ILCMA Winter Conference in

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February. A meeting with Willett Hofmann & Associates Inc. to go over construction plans for the new well is scheduled. Meeting on January 28th with the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. The Water Meter Replacement Project is well underway and United Meters, Inc. is halfway through completion. Waterman did not receive the OSLAD Grant this round. The updated Lake Shore Recycling trash pickup holiday schedule is posted on the Village's website.

Attorney Neveu – Shared small update regarding the status of the Clinton Township Community Center purchase. Due to restrictions, the Village must now enter into a transfer agreement and not a purchase & sale agreement with Clinton Township. Other updates will be provided during closed session.

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Assisting United Meters, Inc. with the Water Meter Replacement Project when needed. Focused on street maintenance this winter season and providing oversight and assistance for the Well project.

Public Comment: Resident Larry Mason mentioned his concern regarding the recent fluctuation with the water pressure.

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Expressed gratitude to Matt Conlin (Public Works) for all his hard work with projects and addressing the issues that came up. Valve Replacement Project at Well #4 is almost complete. Two watermain breaks occurred on Birch Street and one on Rt. 30 but both have been repaired. Planning a committee meeting in the next few weeks.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: None

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Making plans to fix the streetlight at the intersection located at Cherry & Garfield.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Provided updates from January 13th meeting. Reviewed OSLAD Grant application. Discussed ordering equipment for Garfield Park. Andrew Starykowicz, Coordinator of Seeds & Stones Event, presented the plans for this year's event scheduled for May 3rd. Plans to install a bench at the dog park in honor of Trustee, Suzanne Sedlacek. Received an email from a resident asking the Committee for programs that could be implemented for the older children in town.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: Budget discussions will begin in February.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: None

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Provided updates from December 18th meeting. Received update for Green Ridge Phase II. Obtained IEPA permit. Discussed potential expansion project at The DeLong Company. Superintendent Chad Willis attended the meeting to provide a proposal for installing lights at the track and soccer fields. Talked of the possibility of B&F Construction Code Services providing consultation to property owners to educate them on permits, but costs associated with that process have halted further conversations.

Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: Waiting on Eric Thompson's background check to complete.

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Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Upcoming meeting scheduled.

Old Business: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to transfer ownership of Clinton Township Community Building. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

New Business: Trustee Genslinger motioned to adopt ordinance 2025-01 amending Title 6, Chapter 3, Sec. 2 – Camping. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve hiring part time Ofc. Eric Thomas pending successful completion of his background check, psychological evaluation, and fingerprints. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to enter executive session pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 of the open meetings act to discuss the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1 and (C) 11 to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court, administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed session meeting pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Closed Session – Legal & Personnel

Attorney Neveu provided updates on open legal matters. Trustee Feitlich motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Nykaza

Approved