

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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

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

Approve Agenda: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve January 14, 2025; regular meeting minutes as published. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve January 27, 2025; special meeting minutes as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve February 10, 2025; Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the petty cash report as published. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Mayor's Report: Nothing

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Swanson provided the January stats report, which showed that monthly activity was up but consistent with this time of year. Ofc. Muhammad Rehman has transitioned to weekend shifts under supervision. Wolter has completed the renovation of the Evidence Room. Continuing to work on records disposal. Corporal Bermudez successfully completed her two-week transition to return to regular duty. She has been on independent patrol since January 22nd. Ofc. Vandergrift is assisting with rewriting the Waterman Police Department's Policies and Procedures Manual. Working with Village Manager, Nykaza to revise parking ordinances. Will be attending Police Chief trainings in March.

Village Manager Nykaza – The Valve Replacement Project has been fully completed. Will submit costs for reimbursement as this project was part of the \$100k ARPA grant awarded to the Village by DeKalb County. Applied for the permit with IEPA to address the algae issue at WWTP. Met with Willett Hofman & Associates Inc. to discuss plans for the new well and sewer installation. Met with the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District on February 10th to discuss the feasibility study. Will plan to hold a Public Hearing to educate residents on the transition process of the Wastewater Treatment Plant moving into the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. Attended the IRMA training with Clerk Pool on January 22nd and learned about OSHA compliance. The Water Meter Replacement Project is near completion and a deadline has been set for those who still have not had their meter updated.

Attorney Neveu – Updated on the status of the Clinton Township Community Center's deed transfer to the Village. Clinton Township adopted a Resolution, and the Village must approve a corresponding ordinance to transfer ownership. During

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the Special Meeting held on January 27th, a settlement was reached between the Village of Waterman and Waterman Western Railroad.

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Nothing

Public Comment: Jill Simpson introduced herself to the board as the Clinton Township Public Library Director. Larry Mason asked if the Explorer's program would be reimplemented. Village President, Robinson stated that the Village is looking into it. Mason also asked if plans were established to snowplow the crosswalks during snowfall. The board stated that they have recruited Jed Fenske to provide his services when needed. Norm Gaston stated, in the future, the cost for any damage done to Village property, by accident or not, should be negotiated with the party responsible, the Village Board and the attorneys.

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Village Manager, Nykaza provided updates from the January 29th meeting with Willett Hofman & Associates Inc. They conducted a feasibility study to determine the best location for a new well.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Police patrol to monitor parking in Green Ridge subdivision during snowfall was discussed.

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Currently working on selecting equipment for the Garfield Park expansion project. Norm Gaston discussed proposed pricing for upgrades to the Lions Park shelter. Bench for the Dog Park in Memory of Suzanne Sedlacek has been ordered. John Ecker volunteered to install a concrete pad for the bench to be placed on.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: FY26 Budget Meetings will begin on Tuesday, February 18th.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Received a request for a 6-month TIF extension from Nick Bhati. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the TIF project extension for Nick Bhati through September 9, 2025. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Met in the beginning of February. DCEDC did a presentation regarding some upcoming projects and AI technology for businesses. Still searching for a backup committee head for the Regional Planning Commission. Clerk Pool confirmed that the annual dues have been paid.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Trustee Feitlich motioned to adopt ordinance 2025-02 – Transfer of Real Property from Clinton Township. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Closed Session – Legal & Personnel

No closed session was held.

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Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool, Village Clerk

Approved