

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

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

Roll Call: Robinson, Radtke, Feitlich, Pearson and Johanningsmeier were present. Genslinger 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 Feitlich motioned to approve February 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Trustee Pearson abstaining.

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

Mayor's Report: Nothing

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Swanson provided the February stats report, which showed that monthly activity was up but consistent with this time of year. Provided the Village Manager with amendments to the parking ordinances, which are currently being reviewed by legal before they can be presented to the Board for approval. Officers responded to a juvenile battery report on February 21st. March 3rd-7th, Chief attended a Police Executive Training in Carbondale, which was a continuation of the Policemen Management trainings held in October 2024. Working with President Robinson on researching the potential formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee to improve communication between the Police Department and the community.

Village Manager Nykaza – Attended the Northern Illinois Mayor's Association meeting with President Robinson. The Valve Replacement Project is complete. Submitted all required documentation to DeKalb County to receive reimbursement from the ARPA Grant (100k) for the Valve Replacement project. Approval for the reimbursement should be granted on March 19th at the DeKalb County meeting. The Metro West legislative meeting will be held on March 12th. The DeKalb County Community Foundation is hosting a gathering on Thursday, March 20th from 5:30-7:00pm at the Clinton Township Community Center. This will be an opportunity for the Board and Staff to meet elected officials, donors, and organizations serving the Waterman community and to share information about how the Foundation serves the community. Rep. Brad Fritts office would like to schedule a town hall meeting on Wednesday, June 4th from 6-7PM; the location is to be determined. Continuing to work with Willett Hofman & Associates Inc. to obtain quotes for the new well development project. The Water Meter Replacement project is near completion.

Attorney Neveu – Provided update on the status of the Clinton Township Community Center's deed transfer to the Village.

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Nothing

Public Comment: Larry Mason questioned the Board regarding the development status of the Deerfield Crossing subdivision.

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Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Plans to schedule Public Hearing Meeting to discuss the new well development project.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Working on a street paving schedule and sidewalk repairs.

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Asked for update regarding the streetlight located at the intersection of Cherry and Garfield. Village Manager, Nykaza requested Julie service and will proceed accordingly from there.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Discussed the status of upgrades and funding for the Garfield Park expansion project.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: Provided update from the budget meetings that were held. Discussed making modifications to the Employee Handbook. Working to address some billing discrepancies with Chastain & Associates, Inc.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the GameTime Quote for Garfield Park playground equipment to not exceed \$25k. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to table the adoption of Ordinance 2025-03: Amending Annual Appropriation FY25 Budget Ordinance. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

Clerk Pool had requested that the Board schedule the Special Meeting and Public Hearing to present the FY26 Budget. Public Hearing will be held at 6pm and Special Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Closed Session – Legal & Personnel: Nothing

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool, Village Clerk

Approved