

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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

Roll Call: Robinson, Radtke, Feitlich, Genslinger and Johanningsmeier were present. Trustee Pearson arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as amended to add under Public Safety the approval of vacation time rollover for Chief Swanson. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the March 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Trustee Genslinger abstaining.

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

Mayor's Report: Nothing

Request for Consideration: Norm Bee thanked Village Manager, Nykaza for her continued efforts to coordinate with BNSF Railway to address a blocked underground pipe in Deerfield. Norm Bee requested a land use waiver to allow farming of the empty lots in Deerfield Crossing. Beeh was advised to submit a variance application.

Correspondence: Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Swanson was not in attendance as he is currently at a week-long training in Carbondale. The March stats report was provided for review.

Village Manager Nykaza – Received payment from DeKalb County for the ARPA Grant (\$100k) to partially reimburse the Village for the cost of the Well's Valve Replacement Project. Representative Brad Fritts will be holding a town hall meeting on Wednesday, June 4th from 6-7 p.m. at the Community Center. Emailed a copy of the service work order amounting to \$1,342,000.00 for engineering costs associated with the transition to the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation Sanitary District. Mark Eddington (Executive Director for the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District) is currently in Washington D.C. to lobby for federal funding. Waterman has set aside \$350k in the budget for this project. Approximately twelve homes left regarding the Water Meter Replacement Project. Applied for an AED Grant for the three police squads and one for Village Hall. Reapplied for the Police Body Camera Grant (\$5,000.00). DCCF Community Gathering Event on March 20th went very well. Trustee Radtke was the drawing winner and donated the \$1,000.00 grant to Waterman Summer Rec. It was also announced that there is a new DCCF endowment fund for Waterman.

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

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Lions Park Shelter has been opened for the season. Plans to purchase cold patch to start filling in the potholes. Will be hanging town banners on the light poles throughout the downtown area.

Public Comment: Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing

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Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Village Manager, Nykaza informed the Board that George Bros Paving is set up to work on fixing the sidewalks impacted by the recent watermain breaks. Trustee Feitlich asked if the Committee could look into placing speed tables in high traffic areas, for pedestrians' safety, specifically near Garfield Park and Indian Creek Middle School.

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve vacation time rollover of 40 hours from FY25 to FY26 for Chief Swanson. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Nothing

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: Provided updates from the meetings held on March 18th and April 1st. Informed the Board that the Village of Waterman passed the 2022 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Audit. Working to finalize the FY26 budget.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Trustee Feitlich motioned to reappoint John Ecker as Regional Planning Commissioner. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Trustee Radtke abstaining.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve Jolene Wilson as alternate Regional Planning Commissioner. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Old Business: Vote passed unanimously to table the adoption of Ordinance 2025-03 "Amending Annual Appropriation FY25 Budget Ordinance."

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the proposal Albrecht Well Drilling for test pump and water sampling at Well #5 for \$22,600.00. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

New Business: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-01 "Proclaiming May 2025 Motorcycle Awareness Month. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-02 "Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code." Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the FY26 Holiday Schedule. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the FY26 Board Meeting Schedule. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Employee Manual updates. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve FY26 Audit Agreement with GW & Associates. Clerk Pool pointed out the incorrect fiscal year was noted as it should have stated FY25. Trustee Feitlich motioned to amend the agenda to state "Approve FY25 Audit Agreement with GW & Associates. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Feitlich then

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amended his motion to approve the FY25 Audit Agreement with GW & Associates not to exceed \$15k. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the cost of the Lions Park improvements up to \$20,396.00. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Village President, Robinson pointed out that this would be a TIF disbursement of funds. Trustee Feitlich amended his motion to approve the TIF disbursement for Lions Park improvements up to \$20,396.00. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Joint Salt Purchasing in DeKalb County. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the proposal from CDW for the purchase of 3 Panasonic Toughbook Computers, with docking stations, for the Police Vehicles for \$14,849.67. Further discussion ensued. Trustee Feitlich amended his motion to approve the proposal from CDW for the purchase of 3 Panasonic Toughbook Computers, with docking stations, not to exceed \$15k. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the streetlight repair at Garfield Street and Cherry Street in the amount \$7,500.00. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the proposal to upgrade the street light bulbs in Green Ridge to LED in the amount of \$7,680.00. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Closed Session – Legal & Personnel: Nothing

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool, Village Clerk

Approved