

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

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

Roll Call: Feitlich, Radtke, Jay, and Pearson were present. Trustees Genslinger and Wade were absent.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the regular Board meeting minutes held on June 10, 2025, as published. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Pearson motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as published. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the petty cash report as published. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0.

Mayor's Report: President Feitlich swore in newly appointed Chief of Police, Tony Jemison.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the appointment of Arnold Johanningsmeier as Village Trustee. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0. President Feitlich proceeded to swear in appointed Trustee, Arnold Johanningsmeier.

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: Nothing

Public Comment: Larry Mason questioned if newly appointed Chief of Police, Tony Jemison plans to relocate to live within 30 miles of Waterman as Village code states. Anthony Garland commented on the damaged slide at Lions Park. Village Manager, Nykaza informed him that she is currently working to schedule the slide for repair but is experiencing issues as the parts needed for the repair have been discontinued. Therefore, the slide may need to be temporarily taken down until the issue can be properly addressed. Joe Siciliano commented on his water smelling like copper prior to the issue at the treatment plant. President Feitlich explained that was most likely due to a separate issue, and that the boil order was put into effect due to a chlorine line issue at the treatment plant that occurred on Friday, July 4th. Sergeant Swanson mentioned the possibility of the Village joining an app to receive updates. President Feitlich explained a mass text messaging system would be more cost efficient than an app.

Staff Reports

Sergeant Swanson – Presented the June Stats Report for the Board's review, which showed an increase in activity compared to this time last year. It is with great sadness to report that former Auxiliary Ofc. Greg Gilbert passed away on June 27th. Ofc. Norris has submitted his letter of resignation, and his last day of service will be July 31st. New patrol vehicle computers have been installed. On track with plans to transition to DeKalb County's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Preparations for Summerfest are progressing as planned. Trustee Radtke brought up the issue of the speed limit signs not working. Sergeant Swanson stated that they would do some troubleshooting to try and resolve the issue.

Village Manager Nykaza – Explained that the chlorine tank at the treatment plant went out on Friday, July 4th. Public Works fixed the issue with the tank but realized on Monday that the pump was still not pulling the proper chlorine levels through the system. Therefore, on Monday a boiling order was issued, and our certified operator, Chris Perra with Test, Inc., came out to address the issue. The Village is required to wait for two clear water tests from the EPA before boil order can be lifted. Expecting EPA clearance by Thursday, July 10th. The Village is going to work on implementing a more efficient notification system to inform residents of any future issues or updates. Well #5 Testing was completed last week. The MFT

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Road Project along Elm Street will begin the week of July 7th and all impacted residents were notified. Retirement settlement letters were mailed to both former Officers Perro and Ford. The playground at Garfield Park was installed. Green Ridge HOA donated \$5,000.00 to Garfield Park. Continuing to work on making changes to the dog at large and parking ordinances. Working on pricing and approval for an automated system to notify Public Works of any updates or issues that occur at the water treatment plant.

Attorney Neveu – Nothing

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Upcoming Committee will be held to review and renew the infrastructure fee for utility billing. Will also plan to discuss the development of a backup Well. Special Meeting will need to be scheduled before the end of July to approve the infrastructure fee renewal ordinance.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Working to decide on how to utilize the remaining funds from the HOA's donation for improvements at Garfield Park.

Finance & Personnel – Alison Genslinger: Nothing

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – (Unassigned): Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the Community Solar Agreement with US Solar for a 20-year term. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Trustee Johanningsmeier abstaining.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the new committee assignments as assigned. Trustee Jay 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

Trustee Pearson motioned to table the approval for a variance request to farm in residential zoning in Deerfield Crossings. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

Trustee Pearson motioned to table the approval for a variance request for oversized garage at 310 S. Hickory Street. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

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Closed Session – Legal & Personnel

No closed session

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Radtke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Penton, Village Clerk

Approved