

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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

Roll Call: Feitlich, Radtke, Jay, Pearson, Wade and Johanningsmeier were present. Genslinger arrived at 6:35.

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

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the regular Board meeting minutes held on **July 8, 2025**, as published. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the amended minutes of the Special Meeting held on **July 29, 2025**, Johanningsmeier 2nd, Rollcall vote passed 5/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as published. Trustee Adam 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the petty cash report as published. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Mayor's Report: Nothing

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: Nothing

Public Comment: Anthony Garland commented on an issue with Metro Comm and their work on the fiber optics project in town. Garland complained they are leaving their garbage behind and leaving holes open as they work. Village Manager, Nykaza informed him that she would like to be notified by email or call as any resident sees any problems and she will come out to take pictures and report it to the company. Nykaza stated the village is doing its best to monitor their work.

Staff Reports

Chief Jemison – Presented the July Stats Report for the Board's review. Jemison reported on July 19, officers attended the Lion's Club Summerfest. The PD has responded to 4 abandoned vehicle calls. Jemison has completed 130 hours of mandatory training to obtain his waiver. The speed signs malfunction has been identified and are in the process of ordering parts. The old evidence room has been turned into a locker room for officers. Swanson and Vandergrift are completing the Evidence Vault Project. It is with sadness that Jemison reported the passing of retired Hinkley Police Chief David Walker.

Village Manager Nykaza –The MFT Road Project along Elm Street was completed early. Curran did a great job on the project. Metro Comm. is boring for fiber optics throughout the town, as mentioned earlier, any issues with project should be reported to the village. Anticipated completion date is September 12, 2025. The Village was awarded the AED grant Nykaza applied for. There is a new crosswalk at Garfield and Ginko for Garfield Park. We hope residents use the crosswalk as a safe route to the park. The picnic tables have been installed at Garfield Park, thanks to donation from the HOA. Willett Hofmann is working on updating and correcting our zoning map. We have had 2 engineer meetings with Lennar. We should have a draft of an agreement soon. Nykaza and Feitlich attended a meeting at Kish WRD with the Potawatomi Prairie Band Nation and Shabbona. Shabbona is still iffy regarding the project and will discuss it at their next board meeting. Nykaza has still not heard back from Ford or Perro regarding their retirement settlement letters. Feitlich and Nykaza met with Dan

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Templin from DDCF. Waterman will be receiving an Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$12,500. We are one of four rural communities that are receiving part of a \$50,000 grant from Compeer Financial, a local agricultural lender.

Attorney Porter – Nothing

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Committee held a meeting on July 15, 2025, to review and renew the infrastructure fee for utility billing. Fee increase was approved at the Special Meeting on July 29, 2025.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Committee meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2025.

Finance & Personnel – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Will be scheduling a meeting soon to review zoning map changes.

Special Hiring – (Unassigned): Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Ecker provided the board with ZBA recommendations for variance requests for Deerfield Crossing to farm in residential zoning and a variance request for an oversize garage at 310 S. Hickory.

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the recommendation from Zoning Board regarding variance request to farm in Deerfield Crossing; Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote failed 5/1.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the recommendation from the Zoning Board to approve variance request for oversize garage at 310 S. Hickory; Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/1.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve updates from personnel manual which included Police Department overtime calculated hours per 820 ILCS 105/4(a)(4), PD has been aware of this statute since April 2023 and revision of Paid Leave for All Workers to max out at 40 hours per year; Trustee Jay 2nd. Vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve IGA with Kishwaukee WRD and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Radtke 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

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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 6/0.

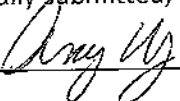
Closed Session – Legal & Personnel

Attorney Neveu provided updates on open legal matters. Trustee Genslinger motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

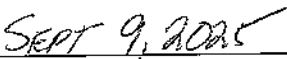
Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Genslinger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Nykaza, Village Manager



Approved