

**Village of Waterman
Building and Grounds Committee
Meeting Minutes
Waterman Village Hall
215 W. Adams Street
Waterman, IL 60556
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
6:00 pm**

Called to Order at 6:05 pm

Roll Call – Trustee Radtke, Trustee Genslinger, Trustee Sedlacek, Guests: Village Manager Amy Nykaza

Approved Minutes from 11/29/23. Motion by Trustee Radtke, Second by Trustee Sedlacek, passed 3-0

Old Business:

Dog Park: The weather has prevented the completion of the fence. The committee previewed the rule signs and verified that the official name will be **‘Waterman Bark Park’**. The grant from the National Association of Realtors is stalled, waiting on responses from the local sponsor organization (Fox Valley Realtor Association). Discussion about the area behind the dog park included previewing bids from Pizzo’s. The first bid covers the cost of 1st year clean up, seeding and sit preparation for a total of \$24,627.80. The 2nd bid covers the cost of 3 years of stewardship of the area for a total of \$49,520.00. Given the cost, this will need to be put out for other bids. It will also need to be considered for the 2025 fiscal year. Trustee Sedlacek will continue to look for grants and other sources of funding. We may need to consider scaling down the project to more affordable options. This project will no longer be considered part of the dog park, but its own item on future agendas.

Toddler Garden: There are no new updates as they are waiting on spring to continue work on the project. There was a report that the large oak tree may be potentially harmed by removing too much dirt around it. Trustee Sedlacek is seeking out the advice of an arborist.

Cycling Event: Our role as a village is minimal. Ms. Nykaza is working closely with the organizer to facilitate and will inquire about potential fundraising as part of the event. The Village Board approved the project at the December meeting.

New Business:

Repairs to 2nd Public Works Building: There is approximately \$10,000 set aside in the 2024 budget for the repairs. The first bid came in between \$23,000 and \$26,000. Additional bids will be requested. This item will need to be placed on the 2025 budget with an increase to be discussed at a later meeting.

Table/Chair Rack at the Shelter: This item is unstable and feels unsafe for citizens to be using. There is a bid to build a permanent rack, however the committee feels that an upgraded rolling, movable rack is a better solution. Manager Nykaza will look into purchasing an industrial grade rack for replacement.

Public Works Part time employee: Discussion surrounding whether there is a need for additional part time employee for Public Works. It could potentially be seasonal for assistance with snow removal and

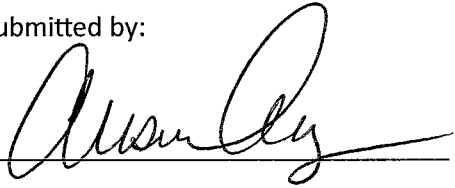
summer maintenance. More information needs to be gathered to determine if there is a need for the additional employee. Manager Nykaza will work with the staff to gather more information. No action taken at this time.

Deerfield Crossing Pond: Manager Nykaza shared that there are beavers in that area that are causing damage and potentially further damage that could impact the Village. She has been in communication with the owner of the property as well as the maintenance company to ensure that they create a solution before the damage impacts the Village.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 7 p.m. Motion by Trustee Sedlacek, Second by Trustee Radtke, passed 3-0

Submitted by:

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Alison Genslinger, Village Trustee