

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

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

**Roll Call:** Robinson, Radtke, Sedlacek, Feitlich, Genslinger and Johanningsmeier were present. Trustee Pearson was absent.

**Approve Agenda:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Radtke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Approve Meeting Minutes:** Trustee Sedlacek motioned to approve the December 12, 2023; regular meeting minutes as published. Trustee Radtke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Trustee Johanningsmeier abstaining.

**Accept Council Approval Reports:** Trustee Radtke motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as published. Trustee Genslinger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Accept Petty Cash Report:** Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the petty cash report as published. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Accept Treasurer's Funds Report:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Mayor's Report:** President Robinson commented on the great job Public Works has done keeping the village's streets clean this winter season.

**Request for Consideration: Nothing**

**Correspondence: Nothing**

**Staff Reports**

**Chief Swanson** – Swanson provided the December stats report, which showed a decrease in activity of 82.1% from last year. Ofc. Erickson returned to work at the end of December and will temporarily be working one shift per week. Ofc. Vandergrift is acclimating well and will be patrolling on his own by the end of February. WPD made an arrest regarding the vandalism case that occurred at the Indian Creek Middle School's parking lot. Have been coordinating with Matt Conlin on snow removal. Trustee Genslinger questioned Chief Swanson about the car that has been sitting in the Casey's parking lot for two months. Swanson stated that the vehicle belongs to an employee at Casey's and was told that they are working to remove it.

**Village Manager Nykaza** – Will start to finalize details for the Gravel Cycling Event Waterman will be hosting in May 2024 during Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings. Additional updates will be provided during the committee reports.

**Attorney Neveu – Nothing**

**Public Works – Matt Conlin: Nothing**

**Committee Reports**

**Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson:** Village Manager, Nykaza provided an update on the Well #4 Rehabilitation Project bid opening held on January 5<sup>th</sup>. The village budgeted \$135,000 for the project with \$100,000 being awarded to the Village by the Dekalb Co. ARPA Grant. We only received a bid from

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Performance Construction & Engineering at \$268,800. Further discussion on this will take place during the January 16<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting.

**Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing**

**Public Safety – Suzanne Sedlacek: Nothing**

**Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger:** Construction of the dog park at Waterman Lions Park is still underway. Nykaza is working on a grant application with the National Association of Realtors for \$7500, which would help cover expenses for materials and equipment for the dog park. The Fox Valley Association of Realtors will present Waterman’s application at their January 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting to decide if they would like to sponsor us for this grant. The committee named the dog park Waterman Bark Park. Trustee Sedlacek is working on obtaining bids to clean up the berm behind the dog park.

**Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich:** Clerk Pool completed the impact fee calculation project and presented a spreadsheet to the Board. It was determined that 96% of the collected impact fees belong to Indian Creek Middle School and 4% belong to the Clinton Township Library. The Board approved the percentage breakdown Clerk Pool presented.

**Economic Development – Sarah Radtke:** Trustee Radtke provided update on the January 3, 2024, Committee meeting. Clerk Pool presented revisions to the current TIF Policy to change how the TIF funds are distributed to the applicants. Discussed two TIF applications and the extension request from AMK Auto Body’s TIF project. The committee recommended making the TIF Policy revisions, approving a portion of each new application, and to deny AMK Auto Body’s extension request.

Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the TIF Policy amendments. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve AMK Auto Body’s TIF application extension request. Trustee Radtke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote failed 0/5.

Trustee Radtke motioned to approve TIF distribution to Nick Bhati for \$108,500.00 contingent on the property purchase. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the TIF distribution to Jason Hutchinson for \$15,000 to help fund construction of new windows and doors. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing**

**Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: Nothing**

**Planning Commission – John Ecker:** Nykaza informed the Board that the Committee met twice to make additional corrections to the draft Comprehensive Plan. Final revisions are due January 15<sup>th</sup> and will be discussed during the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee meeting. The goal is to have the finalized Comprehensive Plan ready for Board approval in February.

**Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing**

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**Public Comment: Nothing**

**Old Business: Nothing**

**New Business:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the ComEd Energy Efficient Program for a cost of \$2,675.18 to update all Village Hall lights from fluorescent to LED. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve GRNE Solar Contract Termination Agreement. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Closed Session – Legal**

No closed session needed; Attorney Neveu did not have any updates.

**Adjournment:**

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Feitlich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Abigail Pool

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Approved