

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

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

**Roll Call:** Robinson, Radtke, Feitlich, Genslinger, Pearson and Johanningsmeier were present.

**Approve Agenda:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as amended moving Public Comment to be held before Committee Reports. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Approve Meeting Minutes:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve October 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Trustee Genslinger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve October 15, 2024, special meeting minutes. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

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

**Mayor's Report:** President Robinson expressed his gratitude to all those who attended Trustee Suzanne Sedlacek's celebration of life ceremony on October 26<sup>th</sup>. President Robinson and Village Manager, Nykaza had a meeting with Engineer, Norm Beeh and Joe Fareed, owner of Almanar Trading, LLC, regarding the Deerfield Crossings Annexation Agreement.

**Request for Consideration: Nothing**

**Correspondence:** President Robinson read a letter from DCEDC thanking the Village of Waterman for their annual \$500.00 donation.

**Staff Reports**

**Chief Swanson** – Swanson provided the October stats report, which showed activity was up due to an increase in domestic violence calls. Ofc. Muhammad Rehman was sworn in as a Waterman Police Officer on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Ofc. Rehman will be training under both Chief Swanson and Ofc. Vandegrift and is scheduled to work weekends. No incidents were reported on Halloween. The Trunk or Treat event was well attended and went very well. Chief Swanson thanked Village Manager, Nykaza, Clerk Pool and Administrative Assistant King for preparing the treat bags. Attended Phase 1 of Police Management training on October 28<sup>th</sup>-November 1<sup>st</sup>. Will attend Phase 2 November 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. The police garage has been cleaned out with hopes of moving forward with the Evidence Vault renovation and addition of the property cage.

**Village Manager Nykaza** – Waterman was awarded with the DCCF Community Grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the feasibility study, which will determine Waterman's capability to join the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. The Potawatomi Council will cover the additional \$13,000.00 needed for the study. The first draft of the feasibility study will be available in January and the final draft will be available in March. The Lions Park Shelter and Splash Pad have been winterized. Response to the OSLAD grant application is expected back in January, which will help fund the Garfield Park expansion project. Trustee Radtke and I are in the process of scouting for an intern to conduct research for future Economic Development projects. Nick Bhati, owner of Houlahan's Pub and Grill, has completed the demolition project. We received BNSF permit for the water main break project located on Birch Street and RT. 30.

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - continued**

Repair work for the water main should begin in the next 2-3 weeks and should be a 4-day project. Work for the Well #4 Rehabilitation project will be scheduled soon. Meeting scheduled for Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> with the contractor, Test, Inc., Chastain & Associates, and Public Works to discuss the Well #4 Rehabilitation project. Joe Fareed paid the \$14,600.00 fine to the Village for grass ordinance violations. IEPA rejected Waterman's first proposal to address the algae issue at the WWTP. A meeting is scheduled with Test, Inc. next week to discuss the next steps regarding how to address the algae violation.

**Attorney Neveu** – Shared small update regarding the status of the Clinton Township Community Center and presented the Purchase & Sale Agreement for review. Other updates will be provided during closed session.

**Public Works – Matt Conlin:** Leaf Pickup is underway and will run through Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:** Larry Mason questioned what was decided for snowplowing the crosswalks. Village Manager, Nykaza stated that they are still working on this and may need to hire an outside company to clear the crosswalks as Public Works may not have the proper equipment to do so.

### **Committee Reports**

**Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson:** Water Meter Replacement Project is underway. Antenna was installed on the Water Tower. A letter will be sent out to all customers outlining the details of the Water Meter Replacement Project. Utility bills were mailed out on November 7<sup>th</sup> and are due on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Plan to apply for the IEPA Loan Program in March 2025.

**Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier:** Working with Chastain & Associates to develop a pedestrian/cyclist pathway throughout the Village. Rt. 30 will be resurfaced in 2025. Next ITEP Grant cycle will be in 2026. Engineering plans will need to be prepared for the Village to apply for the ITEP Grant.

**Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier:** Provided updates on the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussed the evidence room and received a second bid, which came in higher than the first. Therefore, it was recommended that the first bid be approved. Discussed outstanding items from the Gold Shield Report. The committee is recommending that the new manual be completed by January 1, 2025. Suggested that all evidence be logged prior to the evidence room renovation. Process for records disposal has not been started. The Special Hiring Committee interviewed three potential Police Chief candidates and have identified their top candidate. The top candidate is currently going through the background process. Discussed the Bayer stop sign complaint. After reaching out to Bayer, they involved their safety team and are willing to work with the Village to resolve the speeding issue. Swore in new officer Muhammad Rehman and second candidate is currently undergoing the background check process.

**Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger:** Provided updates on the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Shawn Blobaum with Waterman Lions Club attended the meeting to discuss a tree program for the Lions Park. Discussed making updates to the Lions Park Shelter, replacing picnic tables and benches, and working on potential grants for nonprofits. Suggested that a tree or bench be placed at the dog park in memory of Trustee Suzanne Sedlacek. Seeds and Stone Bike Rally will return in 2025 (May 3<sup>rd</sup> -potential date). Waiting on response to OSLAD grant. Currently looking at bids to install a play area in the Spring as part of the Garfield Park expansion project.

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - continued**

**Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: Nothing**

**Economic Development – Sarah Radtke:** Provided updates on the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussed details regarding the purchase of the Clinton Township Community Building. Reviewed TIF application for Wylde Physical Therapy for electrical upgrades. Village Manager, Nykaza and I met with a promising candidate for intern position.

**Zoning – Sarah Radtke:** Meeting held on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Met with developers who purchased Phase II of the Green Ridge properties. Discussed water and sewer capacity, impact fees, the Green Ridge Annexation Agreement, infrastructure plans, and permitting process.

**Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: Nothing**

**Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing**

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

**Old Business:** Trustee Genslinger motioned to amend Old Business A to say, “Approve the terms of the purchase of the Clinton Township Community Building”. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the terms of purchase of the Clinton Township Community Building. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to amend Old Business B to, “Approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> amended Annexation Agreement for Green Ridge Phase II. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> amended Annexation Agreement for Green Ridge Phase II. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Genslinger changed her motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> amended Annexation Agreement for Green Ridge Phase II as amended in paragraph section 12 on page 7. Trustee Feitlich amended his 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to table the approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amended Annexation Agreement for Deerfield Crossing. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve Wolter’s bid of \$12,491.00 for the police evidence room buildout. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**New Business:**

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve TIF distribution for Wylde Physical Therapy at \$27,730.78 to bring the electrical up to code. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-06 – “A Resolution Repealing Resolution 2016-03.” Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-08 – “An Ordinance Approving the 2025 Tax Levy.” Trustee Genslinger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - continued**

Trustee Feitlich motioned to enter executive session to discuss the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

and to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Closed Session – Legal & Personnel**

Attorney Neveu provided updates on open legal matters. Trustee Feitlich motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Adjournment:**

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Feitlich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Abigail Pool

---

Approved