

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556  
Tuesday, December 10, 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 Genslinger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Approve Meeting Minutes:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the November 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes as amended to correct the header date on pages 2-4. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the December 2, 2024, special meeting minutes. Trustee Pearson 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 Radtke 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 and Village Manager, Nykaza attended the Northern Illinois Mayor's Association Meeting at the Historic Auto Attractions Museum in Roscoe, IL.

**Request for Consideration: Nothing**

**Correspondence: Nothing**

**Staff Reports**

**Chief Swanson** – Swanson provided the November stats report, which showed that monthly activity was up due to an increase in dogs at large, domestic violence, and automobile accident calls. Completed the Police Mid-Management Role in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Training on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Plan to attend the follow-up training, Police Executive Role in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, in February. Gobbler Gallop was held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Police Evidence Room project is progressing on schedule. The construction of the Property Cage in the garage was completed.

**Village Manager Nykaza** – Well #4 Valve Replacement Project started on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Letters were sent to all residents to notify them of the project and what to expect during that time. The water will continue to be treated but not filtered, which will temporarily change the appearance of the water. EPA is aware of the project and the Village is adhering to their standards. The water main repair located at South Birch and Rt. 30 is in progress and should be finished during the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>. Nykaza thanked Public Works for their efforts during leaf pickup. Met with IEPA, Test, Inc., and Chastain and Associates to discuss possible solutions to correct the algae violation at the WWTP. At Clerk Pool's recommendation we joined the Metro West Council of Governments to be more up to date with other municipalities and legislative happenings. Village Manager, Nykaza, joined the Metro West Council of Governments Legislative Committee. Nykaza attended a Leadership Workshop Training on November 13<sup>th</sup> for Metro Managers Group. Draft for the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation feasibility study should be finalized by the end of December. Updated the Board regarding the bank account balance for the Police Explorers Program. The most recent statement listed a balance of \$0.00. The funds raised by the program (\$2,810.16) were transferred back to the Three Fires Council Boy Scouts Troop by Corporal Bermudez

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without her informing Chief Swanson or Nykaza. Learned that due to no paperwork being filed for over a year, the Boy Scouts Troop will hold the funds for up to a year as the Village works to reestablish the program. The Water Meter Replacement Project is going well and roughly 180 meters have been replaced out of 660. Staff Christmas luncheon will be 12/17 at noon.

**Attorney Neveu** – Shared small update regarding the status of finalizing the purchase of the Clinton Township Community Building. FY24 Audit is almost complete. Other updates will be provided during closed session.

**Public Works – Matt Conlin:** Leaf Pickup is complete. Gearing up all the trucks and equipment for the winter season.

**Public Comment:** Resident Larry Mason requested the traffic light located at the intersection of Rt. 30 and Elm Street to be retimed. President Robinson explained that the delay at this light is due to a bad magnetic strip in the ground. IDOT will not replace this component until they resurface Rt. 30 in 2025.

**Committee Reports**

**Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing**

**Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier:** We have contracted Corner Towing for the winter season. Looking to possibly add more streetlights along Garfield Street in the Green Ridge subdivision, particularly on Walnut and Garfield near the curb. Working to repair the streetlight located at Cherry and Garfield.

**Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing**

**Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger:** Meeting will be scheduled in January.

**Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich:** Clerk, Pool received an email from Nationwide regarding management of funds in the accounts.

**Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Nothing**

**Zoning – Sarah Radtke:** Provided updates from November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Annexation Agreement for Deerfield Crossing. Talked specifically about the Well in Deerfield, the retention pond, and the park. Made recommendations at the Special Meeting held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, which has since been revised.

**Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier:** Chief Swanson provided an update that the background check for the recent candidate recommended by the Committee will be finished by Christmas with hopes to have the new officer sworn in by New Years.

**Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing**

**Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker:** Village Manager, Nykaza spoke with John Ecker regarding an email notifying the Village to renew our nominee in March 2025. Would like to hold a meeting to

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approve putting in place a back-up for this Committee in the event John is no longer interested in holding the position.

**Old Business:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> amended Annexation Agreement for Deerfield Crossing as amended to correct typos on page 4 paragraph 1(a) and in paragraph 5(2). Trustee Radtke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**New Business:** Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-09 “An Ordinance Amending Order of Business.” Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Water IQ’s proposal to rectify the algae issue at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$6,550.00. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger 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 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 Feitlich 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 8:00 p.m. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Abigail Pool

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Approved