

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, December 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

Roll Call: Radtke, Pearson, Beach, Fenske, Data Feitlich, Johanningsmeier

Approve Agenda: Trustee Data requested to move “Discuss update of November 23, 2020 meeting” from Buildings & Grounds to Finance & Personnel. Trustee Pearson requested to add “Old Business” to the agenda and “Discuss Committee assignments” to Old Business. Trustee Johanningsmeier requested to add “Complaint at Pine & Duffy and Discuss GC Johnson invoice” to Streets & Alleys. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the minutes as amended from the November 10, 2020 regular meeting. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Trustee Data and Johanningsmeier abstaining.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as presented. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

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

Accept Treasurer’s Funds Report: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Mayor’s Report

Beach advised the delinquent FY15 audit should be complete in a few weeks.

The Village has four trustee openings, and the village president positions open in the next election. Petitions are due by 5:00 p.m. December 21st.

Correspondence – Nothing

Staff Reports - Nothing

Request for Consideration

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer –Pearson

We are still waiting for confirmation from Norm Beeh whether the WWTP sludge can be land applied. We will need to request bids to move forward with the sludge removal next fiscal period potentially in the spring. It is estimated 450-500k to remove the sludge.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the Rush Power quote in the amount of \$3, 063.05 for repairs to the WWTP. Trustee Fenske 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

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Streets & Alleys – Johanningsmeier

Johanningsmeier advised we should be receiving an invoice from GC Johnson that needs to be paid when received.

Public Safety –

Trustee Johanningsmeier was assigned to the public safety committee and Trustee Radtke will be chair.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Data - Nothing

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-14 – Tax Levy. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve Resolution 2020-03 – Amending Employee Retirement Plan as amended. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Update of the November 23, 2020 meeting. Trustee Feitlich received job descriptions for the clerk and treasurer from Clerk Pool.

After much research it has been determined the clerk position is underpaid compared to surrounding municipalities. The committee is recommending the clerk receives a pay increase to \$26.00/hr. and making the position exempt. Being an exempt position will help compensate all duties being performed outside of normal business hours.

The committee also would like to investigate hiring a Super-intendent of Public Works. Clerk Pool will submit FOIA requests at surrounding municipalities to obtain wage data.

Economic Development – Tony Feitlich

Trustee Radtke is working on an application for an \$11,000 grant from DCEDC to build a privacy fence along the tracks on Rt. 30.

Trustee Radtke also advise our application for the Splash Pad is now under review with the state.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke

There have been some inquiries regarding accessory buildings and our code does not have clear definitions of what is allowed. We could possibly revise our permit applications to address it or amend our code.

Planning Commission: – John Ecker - Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – Linda Swenson - Nothing

Public comment – Nothing

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Old Business

Trustee Pearson has been assigned to the Finance & Personnel committee.

New Business

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the annual donation of \$500.00 to DCCF. Trustee Fenske 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Executive Session - Nothing

Adjournment

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool

Approved