

## **Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

**Approve Agenda:** Trustee Pearson requested to add “Discuss Water Hydrant Repair Proposal” under Water and Sewer. Trustee Radtke requested to move “Discuss the February 4<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing” to item A. under Mayor’s Report. President Beach requested to add item B. “Discuss GIS Memorandum of Understanding”, item C. “Discuss Deerfield Crossing” and item D. “Discuss Intern.” Beach also requested to table “Discuss Computer Policy” under Old Business. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Approve Minutes:** Trustee Fenske motioned to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting and the January 27, 2020 Special Meeting. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Trustee Feitlich abstaining.

**Accept Council Approval Reports:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as presented. Trustee Radtke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Accept Petty Cash Report:** Trustee Radtke motioned to accept the Petty Cash Report as presented. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Accept Treasurer’s Funds Report:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Fund Report as presented. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

### **Mayor’s Report**

John Ecker discussed the variance application received from Woda Group, the owners of Waterman Gardens Apartment. They are requesting to add additional parking and living square footage. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 4, 2020. They are recommending approving the variance. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the variance. Trustee Fenske 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

President Beach advised he received an inquiry from a developer interested in Deerfield Crossing.

President Beach discussed the DeKalb County GIS mapping system is due to be released soon. They will be offering to municipalities for an annual fee. The data would not be accessible to the general public.

Drake Reidy, an intern, will start working with the village starting early March to gain city management knowledge.

### **Correspondence – Nothing**

### **Staff Reports –**

Norm Beeh updated on the Duffy/Pine project. Beeh recommends giving the bid to Wagner Excavating. Road will need to be closed from Leland Rd to Waterman Rd. on Duffy. Chief Cicci will post notice on

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social media of closure. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the bid with Wagner Excavating. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Beeh completed his prep of the middle school easement project. Currently waiting on the School District to move forward.

Public Works is recommending we hire a sewer cleaning company to clean the catch basins and sewer drainage. Estimated an 8-hour shift at \$250 an hour.

Fire chief Lave would like the FD hydrant to be replaced. It is located inside the departments building and therefore their responsibility to handle the repairs.

Jim Tuma is requesting funds to purchase gravel for Duffy and Preserve roads. Also, would like to do some striping of the streets. Trustee Radtke recommended expanding the width of the parking spaces along the business downtown. Streets & Alleys committee will schedule a meeting to discuss.

Battery backups at the treatment plants need to be replaced.

**Request for Consideration – Nothing**

**Committee Reports:**

**Water & Sewer –Pearson**

Chris Perra with Test discussed the need of cleaning the lagoon at the treatment plant. They have tested the water several times and he is recommending we perform the sludge removal sooner than later. Also advised the process takes months of planning. Typically, it is done every 20 years, but recent data suggests performing every 10 years. IEPA is currently reviewing our permit renewal.

Trustee Pearson discussed the bids received for repairing the hydrant at the middle school. Petersen Construction submitted a bid which would require public works to assist. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve an emergency expenditure of bid for hydrant repair by Niles Excavating. Trustee Fenske 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Streets & Alleys – Johanningsmeier – Nothing**

**Public Safety – Fenske – Nothing**

**Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Data - Nothing**

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

**Economic Development – Tony Feitlich – Nothing**

**Zoning – Sarah Radtke – Nothing**

**Planning Commission: –**

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John Ecker has been elected as the Planning Commission Chair. Jolene Willis was appointed to the commission. President Beach advised the commission will begin working on the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

**Regional Planning Commission – Linda Swenson**

Swenson discussed the 2020 Census and how they will be hiring workers and posting advertisement in town to push participation.

**Public comment – Nothing**

**Old Business –**

Discussing the computer policy was tabled.

Discuss growing/selling of cannabis was tabled.

Our contract with LRS/DC Trash has an annual increase and historically we have increased the trash fees to offset the cost. This should be discussed for FY21 budget purposes.

It is suspected that the village employees pension contribution was revised erroneously from 10% to 4%. Attorney Neveu advised after reviewing the village's records the pension was reduced without proper procedures. At the time the board approved the fiscal budget with the lower rate but did not amend the ordinance. Neveu recommended suspending the lower rate and reinstating the 10%.

Our auditors have completed the FY13 audit. They have received all FY14 documents and will start early April.

Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the renewal of Test Inc. contract. Trustee Fenske 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Radtke motioned to approve a \$500.00 donation to Waterman Community Chest. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**New Business –**

Employee pension corrections will be discussed in executive session.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:08 pm. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Executive Session: -**

**Adjournment**

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Abigail Pool

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Approved