

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556
Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

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

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

Approve Agenda: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the April 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the April 23, 2024, public hearing meeting minutes. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the April 23, 2024, special board meeting minutes. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

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

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

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

Mayor's Report: President Robinson and Village Manager, Nykaza attended the Northern Illinois Mayor's Meeting on May 9, 2024, in Oregon.

Request for Consideration: Susan Kauffman (Clinton Township Community Board Trustee) presented transferring ownership of the Clinton Township Community Building to the Village and what that transition would entail. Nykaza will work with Kauffman to work out the details.

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Swanson provided the April stats report, which showed a decrease in activity. Handled two minor domestic disturbance cases. Assisted the DeKalb County Sherriff's office with a traffic crash on Rt. 30. Issued three warning letters for ordinance violations. A Dog at Large incident took place, and the case has been transferred over to DeKalb County Animal Control for follow-up. Had a revoked license and insurance arrest. Assisted Village Manager, Nykaza with the Seeds and Stones Cycling Event on May 11th. Attended the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Training Conference held from April 24th – April 26th. May 15th-16th Ofc. Vandergrift has an upcoming training for the TI Firearms Training Simulator Program. On June 26th-27th WPD personnel will be attending training focused on identifying threats to keep schools safe. Providing escort for the Waterman Summer Recreation Parade that will take place on Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Village Manager Nykaza – Developer is still interested in purchasing the Deerfield Crossing subdivision. Met with property manager for Deerfield Crossing. It was determined in that meeting that a Finance & Personnel meeting will need to be held to review any changes to the Annexation Agreement, to go over details pertaining to the potential sale and to determine how to handle the impact and tap-on fees. Spoke with Nick Bhati (New owner of Houlahan's Tavern & Grill) to touch base on his permit submittal. He still

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plans to open the café this summer. The Seeds and Stones Cycling Event went very well with 125 racers participants. The new truck has been purchased and is currently at Bonnell Industries getting equipped. Expecting the truck to be done and delivered by May 15th. Salt box and plow will be installed on the truck by early fall. Applied for a \$5,000.00 Body Camera Reimbursement Grant through NCICG.

Attorney Neveu – Updates will be discussed during closed session.

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Provided updates from May 7th meeting. Discussed options to repair the water main break located near Birch Street and Rt. 30 under the railroad tracks. Discussed Well #4 Rehabilitation Project and the need to install a back-up well. Revisited discussion for transitioning to a sanitary district. Discussed the impact of sump pumps on the Waste Water Treatment Plan.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Working to schedule crack sealant and sidewalk repairs.

Public Safety – Suzanne Sedlacek: Provided updates from April 30th meeting. Made a recommendation to the Board to discontinue paying Chief Swanson to work any additional hours effective immediately. They discussed adjusting the PD's schedule to better meet the community's needs. Ofc. Tyler Erickson has begun full-time employment with another town. Ofc. Paul Wheeler will be available to work one shift per month. Trustee Feitlich the committee discusses updating the auxiliary officer ordinance at their next meeting.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Provided updates from May 14th meeting. Discussed potential expansion of Garfield Park. The Grand Openings of both the Dog Park and Toddler Garden at Lions Park will be held on June 2nd. Discussed need for clean-up projects at the parks including stump removal, limestone path repair at Muingan Park, and replace playground mulch at Lions Park.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve Aztech Landscaping's proposal to repair the limestone path at Muingan Park for \$6,322.00. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: Upcoming meeting is scheduled for May 29th.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Provided updates from April 10th meeting. Committee reviewed two TIF applications. Trustee Feitlich motioned to table the approval of Jason Hutchison's TIF application for Hutch's Hungry House due to the property going up for sale. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0. A meeting for AMK Auto Body's TIF application will be held on May 15th with the owner, Dave Lave, to address the Committee's pending questions.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: None

Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: None

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Provided updates from the April 6th meeting and the Public Hearings held on April 19th and May 8th. April 19th Public Hearing was held to finalize the details of The Delong Company's variance application, which was recommended by the Committee for Board approval. Board

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approved the variance application and DeLong is proceeding with the new grain bin build. The May 8th Public Hearing was held to announce that the 2024 Comprehensive Plan has been finalized and is ready for Board approval.

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Working with Derrick Highland (Reg. Planning Organizer) to plan the next meeting for Waterman to host on May 23rd at 6 p.m.

Public Comment: Evan Shive spoke to the Board about his company, Teleric, that provides internet services. The company has developed a patented fiber optic network solution to better assist underserved and rural communities' internet services. Teleric is currently in the process of applying for grants as part of the Connect All Illinois Program and if awarded would like to be considered as an alternative internet provider to Waterman residents.

Old Business: Trustee Pearson motioned to table the approval of the Indian Creek Middle School (ICSD #425) Memo of Understanding. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Sedlacek motioned to approve discontinuing Chief Swanson working additional hours. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

New Business: Trustee Radtke motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-02 Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the emergency water main repair on Rt. 30 and Birch Street for \$186,153.00. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Discussed the details involved with the Village potentially taking over ownership of the Clinton Township Community Building. Further discussion will take place at the next Buildings and Grounds meeting.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to enter executive session under subsection number 2 & 11 of Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120-2c1. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Closed Session – Legal

Attorney Neveu had no updates to provide for closed session. Trustee Feitlich motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Feitlich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool

Approved