

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556
Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

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

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

Approve Agenda: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the May 14, 2024, regular meeting minutes as amended. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as published. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the petty cash report as published. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Mayor's Report: President Robinson attended the Waterman Memorial Day Service and the grand openings for both the Toddler Garden and Dog Park.

Request for Consideration: None

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Swanson provided the May stats report, which showed a decrease in activity. Arrest made for driving while license revoked. Ofc. Vandergrift attended the TI Instructor Training on May 15th-16th. He is now a certified instructor, which allows the WPD access to the simulator for training purposes. Ordinance violations for tall weeds and grass were issued on May 20th and the only property still not in compliance is Deerfield Crossing. On May 23rd responded to an incident involving a child bit in the face by a dog, which has been transferred over to Dekalb County Animal Control for follow-up. An individual driving a black pickup truck was stopped and charged for driving recklessly through town. Chief Swanson and Ofc. Vandergrift attended the Firearms Restraining Order for Law Enforcement Webinar on May 30th. June 26th-27th Chief Swanson and Ofc. Vandergrift will be attending a training on "Identifying Threats & Keeping Schools Safe" and "Profiling Dangerous People, School Shooters, Mass Murders, & Serial Killers."

Village Manager Nykaza – Still waiting on permit from IDOT for the watermain break on Rt. 30 and Birch Street. Met with both Mark Painter and Curtis Cook (Chastain & Associates) to inform them that if the repair is not in progress by July 4th, the work will have to be scheduled after Summerfest. Well #4 Rehabilitation Project is ready and will be presented to the Board in July. On schedule with IDOT to get Rt. 30 resurfaced. Still pushing to obtain the IDEP grant for this project but working to possibly have the ADA sidewalks and ramps installed to push the project forward with IDOT. Plans to put in a pedestrian path to Casey's through to the Dollar General/north of Rt. 30. Nick Bhati (Purchaser of Houlahan's Tavern & Grill) applied for his building permit. Attended the ILCMA conference which was very informative and a good networking opportunity.

Attorney Neveu – Updates will be discussed during closed session.

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Public Works – Matt Conlin: New dump truck and skid steer were delivered. Coordinating with Scott Hunt (Clinton Township Highway Commissioner) regarding install of the leaf box/machine on the new dump truck. Bonnell Industries will work to install the remaining parts on the new dump truck sometime in early September. Working to spray weeds and provide needed maintenance at the parks. Making plans for gravel and sidewalk projects.

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Public Safety – Suzanne Sedlacek: Provided updates from June 3rd meeting. Discussed transferring ownership of the 1991 Caprice (Squad Car) to Frank Beierlotzer who currently has possession of it. Trustee Sedlacek took time to read Frank Beierlotzer's letter to the Board, which requested that any discussion regarding the 1991 Caprice be tabled until he can meet with the committee. Discussed the need for an audit of the WPD's evidence room. It was recommended that Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and first-aid kits be placed in all police vehicles and in the office. Village Manager, Nykaza has started a grant for the AED's. Agreed on officers keeping daily logs of their activities. Discussed updating the auxiliary police officer ordinance. Talked about strategic planning regarding the officers' schedules to ensure the town has proper coverage and to prepare for Ofc. Vandergrift's upcoming time off.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Grand Openings for the Dog Park and Toddler Garden were successful. Working to obtain feedback from Green Ridge residents regarding ideas for Garfield Park expansion. Limestone path at Muingan Park has been repaired and looks wonderful.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: Provided updates from May 29th meeting. Went over the Deerfield Crossing Annexation Agreement and amended the existing agreement as necessary. Discussed budget regarding water and determined that a new well will cost roughly \$900,000.00. Working to verify the expenditures covered by both the builders/tap-on fees and the IPA Loan for this project.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Provided updates from May 15th meeting. Discussed the TIF distribution for AMK Auto Body. After further discussion and new terms were presented, Dave Lave informed the Committee that he is no longer interested in applying for the TIF.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Provided updates from May 30th meeting. Discussed industrial height restriction ordinance, nuisance enforcement in Waterman's business district, and dead tree ordinance. Contacted by interested buyer for the 210 E. Lincoln Highway property. The question was posed if he can maintain the apartments in the rear of the building. After further discussion it was agreed that if the building's tax classification is recorded appropriately with county, then the Board is fine with the buyer leaving part of the building as apartments.

Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: None

Planning Commission – John Ecker: None

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: None

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Public Comment: None**

Old Business: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the Indian Creek School District #425 Memo of Understanding. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

New Business: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the Clinton Township Library Memo of Understanding. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the sewer main clean out project contract not to exceed \$8,500.00. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote 4/0.

Tabled the discussion regarding the Clinton Township Community Building.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to table the approval of transferring the 1991 Caprice Title to Frank Bierlotzer. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the audit of the police evidence room. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Roll call vote 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-02: Amending Title 4, Chp. 1 "Auxiliary Officer" as amended. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-03: Amending Title 6, Chp. 1 "Trees and Shrubs." Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-04: Amending Title 9, Chp. 8 "Height in I-1 & I-2 Districts." Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to table the approval of the amended Deerfield Crossing Tap On Fee Schedule. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Radtke 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 Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Closed Session – Legal

Attorney Neveu provided updates during closed session. Trustee Feitlich motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

New Business - Continued: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Public Safety Committee's recommendations regarding police officer performance. The dismissal and termination of Ofc. Tyler Erickson and the initiation of a Chief search with the subsequent demotion of Chief Jason Swanson. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

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Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Genslinger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool

Approved