

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556  
Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

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 Sedlacek motioned to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Approve Meeting Minutes:** Trustee Pearson motioned to table the approval of the May 9, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Trustee Genslinger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the April 25, 2023, public hearing meeting minutes as published. Trustee Radtke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 2/0 with Trustees Feitlich, Johanningsmeier, Sedlacek and Pearson abstaining.

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

**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 6/0.

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

**Mayor's Report:** Clerk Pool swore in the Village's newly elected official – Trustee Anton Feitlich.

**Request for Consideration: Nothing**

**Correspondence: Nothing**

**Staff Reports**

**Chief Swanson** – Presented May 2023 Stat Report. There was a 30.7% increase in activity over last year. Domestic offenses have risen this month. There have been a few juvenile incidents, which resulted in increased police presence at Chance Light. Meeting on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> with Indian Creek Middle School regarding school safety. Corporal Bermudez is continuing to recover and hasn't advised when she will return to work. Nykaza and Chief Swanson have been working together to monitor and address grass ordinance violations.

**Village Manager Nykaza** – Splash Pad has opened, and dugouts have been completed at Lions Park. Village received a check in the amount of \$6,503.28 from JJJ Communications for the water main break on April 28th. Currently in the process of putting the sidewalk bid together. Received an update from Chastain & Associates the preliminary documents for the street project have been submitted to IDOT. IDOT requested a small change. Should be receiving approval soon. IDOT will be completing some of the work for the Rt. 23 culver replacement, but they will need to coordinate with Chastain & Associates to complete their part of the project. This will most likely occur towards the end of the year. Village is progressing on their plans for the Well #4 Treatment Facility. The goal is to set the preliminary plans and stipulations by the end of the month.

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**Attorney Neveu** – Will provide update in closed session.

**Public Works** – Matt Conlin advised the scale in the well house has been having issues. Chris Perra advised there is a scale system that could automate the calibration system he recommends. He will discuss with Chastain & Associates to include this well house tank upgrade in the Well #4 Treatment Facility Project.

The one-ton truck has an oil pan leak and a few other issues that will need to be addressed before the fall and winter seasons. Conlin received a quote from Sourcewell for a new truck in the amount of 98k but not for the desired model. The preferred model is a 4500 and they won't be available for purchase until August or September. Conlin notified the Board that the leaf pickup machine will need the fan replaced.

**Committee Reports**

**Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson:** Trustee Pearson updated on the May 23, 2023 meeting. They discussed the need to expand the wastewater treatment facility. Previous Engineer, Norm Beeh, informed the Village once Green Ridge development is complete the sewage plant will be at capacity and expansion options are limited. It can continue to run if EPA requirements are met.

Committee discussed the need for an additional well with the growth in town. Well #4 project. No action needs to be taken at this time, but the committee wants to discuss this now to see what options exist and plan accordingly for the future.

The need for water meter upgrades was discussed. The older radio reads have a life expectancy of 15 years and were initially installed in 2012. We also did a study 3 years ago that showed our meters are reading an average of 4.5% under actual usage. The aging process causes the meters to read slower. Clerk Pool will be working with Core & Main to get an inventory of the Village's meters to determine which ones need replacing.

**Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier:** Trustee Johanningsmeier provided an update on May 23, 2023 meeting. Committee discussed what streets to pave this year but waiting on Chastain & Associates to provide the Village with numbers before moving forward. Village submitted approval request in the amount of \$330k for the project.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2023-05 "Excavating and Construction in Public Ways and Property" as amended. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Public Safety – Sarah Radtke: Nothing**

**Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger:** Trustee Genslinger provided an update from May 25<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting. They discussed preparing a lease agreement for the Waterman Lions Club for the shed they are building at Waterman Lions Park. Nykaza stated a lease agreement should be put in place

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since the shed will be built on Village property and would owe property taxes. The shed would be covered by the Village's insurance policy. Trustee Genslinger motioned to table the approval of the lease agreement. Trustee Sedlacek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote passed unanimously.

Discussed converting the tennis court to accommodate pickle ball. If the tennis court was converted to accommodate pickle ball, it would require the net to be replaced to where it can be adjusted to adapt to both sports. Nykaza is in the process of looking into pricing about having the net adjusted and getting the court resurfaced.

**Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich:** Trustee Feitlich made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook Amendment as published. Trustee Radtke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve Clerk Pool transferring Matt Conlin's Nationwide settlement in the amount of \$16,112.13. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Economic Development – Sarah Radtke:** Trustee Radtke advised there is interest in bringing a grocery store to town.

**Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing**

**Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing**

**Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing**

**Public Comment: Nothing**

**Old Business:** Clerk Pool provided update on the FY20 Audit. She will be meeting with GWA & Associates and the Village's accountant Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss finalizing this audit.

**New Business:** Trustee Genslinger motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-06 "Cancellation of Nationwide Retirement Plan." Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Clerk Pool explained Waterman Bank account "Water Surplus" has not had any activity outside of accruing interest since 2019. Pool spoke to the Accountant Andrus, and she advised the previous Board would have created this account to fund future projects for the town's water system. Andrus recommended that we dissolve this account and move the funds into the Infrastructure Fund account held with Resource Bank. If moved to the infrastructure account, the funds would be used towards the water system. Trustee Genslinger motioned approval to table the approval to dissolve the water surplus account. Trustee Sedlacek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote passed unanimously.

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Trustee Genslinger motioned to enter executive session under subsection numbers 2 & 11 of Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss open legal and personnel matters. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Closed Session – Legal**

Attorney Neveu provided an update on open legal matters. Trustee Feitlich motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Adjournment:**

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the open meeting. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool

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July 11, 2023

Approved