

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556
Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

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

Roll Call: Robinson, Sedlacek, Genslinger, Johanningsmeier, Pearson and Feitlich were present. Radtke arrived at 6:32 PM.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Sedlacek motioned to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the May 9, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Trustee Feitlich abstaining.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the June 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

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

Mayor's Report: Nothing

Request for Consideration: Clerk Abigail Pool was advised the Hinckley Area Food Pantry is relocating to Waterman. They are seeking permission to place reserved parking signs along the east side of Cedar Street, during hours of operation and to park the volunteers' vehicles in the loading dock area. The Board unanimously approved.

Correspondence: Representative Brad Fritts requested to place a collection box at Village Hall for his School Supply Drive he is running through July 31st.

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Swanson was absent but provided the June stats report to the Board.

Village Manager Nykaza – Seeking pricing to resurface the tennis courts and the skate park. Looking into getting the tennis courts striped for pickle ball. Nykaza found clips that can lower the tennis nets to accommodate pickle ball.

MFT paving project bid opening will be on August 1st. Advertising will occur between July 20th and 27th. Nykaza and Trustee Johanningsmeier are working to obtain bids for the sidewalk project. Rt. 23 culvert replacement was put on hold at Chastain's request to obtain more information from IDOT. Chastain is preparing the final draft for Well #4 project. Chastain is still preparing the work study for the WWTP Project. Working to obtain an update from IDOT regarding re-paving Rt. 30. Continuing to work with interested party about opening a grocery store in Waterman.

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Toys for Tots donation box will be at Village Hall in support of DeKalb County's Christmas in July Drive. We were awarded \$9,034.00 from the ComEd Openlands Green Grant. The funds will be used towards the Butterfly and Toddler Gardens.

Attorney Neveu – Will provide updates in closed session.

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson:

Trustee Feitlich motioned to adopt ordinance 2023-07, "Amend Title 7, Chap 2, Sec 10 "Water Use Rates." Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. There was discussion about increasing the infrastructure fee to better fund upcoming infrastructure projects, but the Board didn't agree. Vote passed 6/0.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier:

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve a performance bond amount for FY24 in the amount of \$10k. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Public Safety – Sarah Radtke:

The Public Safety Committee held a meeting on June 30th. Trustee Radtke discussed concerns of public perception of the WPD, negative comments posted on social media, and complaints received by board members. WPD is still searching for a part-time officer. Several residents attended to discuss various concerns including streamlining the golf cart permitting process, speed limit on Duffy Rd., and the increase in traffic tickets being issued.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger:

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the Waterman Lions Club Lease Agreement for the shed at Waterman Lions Park pending the signature from the Lions Club. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Trustee Sedlacek abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the quote from Fence Sales of Sycamore to repair the fences surrounding the tennis courts and skate park at Waterman Lions Park. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich:

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the transfer of the Waterman Bank account, "Motor Fuel Tax" to high yield savings. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the transfer of the Waterman Bank account, "Retirement Reimbursement" to high yield savings. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the transfer of the Waterman Bank account, "Green Ridge Escrow" to high yield savings. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

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Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the transfer of the Waterman Bank account, "Road & Bridge" to high yield savings. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the transfer of the Waterman Bank account, "Utility Deposit" to a high yield savings. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the transfer of the Waterman Bank account, "Deerfield Crossing" to high yield savings. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the transfer of the Waterman Bank account, "Water Debt Service" to high yield savings. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the transfer of the Waterman Bank account, "General Fund" to business checking. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the transfer of Resource Bank account, "Infrastructure Fund" to Waterman Bank account, "Utility Operating Surplus" and renaming the account "Infrastructure Fund."

Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: The building located at 410 W. Adams Street was recently painted and owners are looking for reimbursement by filing a TIF application through the Village. Awaiting the completion of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Trustee Radtke has been contacting BNSF Railroad to address the dead trees along the tracks near AMK Auto Body but is still waiting for a response.

Special Hiring Committee: Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Public Comment: Residents Raymond Calhoun and Faith Harris spoke in response to the negative public perception of the WPD discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting. Concern was mentioned about drivers failing to stop properly at the stop sign located near the school (corner of Maple and Garfield). Both community members praised Officer Tyler Erickson's efforts to keep the community safe and feel he has been properly fulfilling their duties.

Old Business: Approval of renewed request for settlement from Brett Jackson has been moved to "New Business continued" item 17B.

New Business:

Trustee Feitlich motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-04, "Authorizing Participation in ComEd Green Region Program." Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Discussion of Public Safety Committee recommendations regarding Police Officer performance has been moved to closed session.

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Attorney Neveu discussed a settlement offer received from Christopher McNelis regarding the judgement against him in the amount of \$1,098.00. He is asking for a settlement of \$433.00. Further discussion was moved to closed session and the vote was moved to "New Business continued" item 17C.

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 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

Closed Session – Legal

Attorney Neveu provided an update on open legal matters. Trustee Sedlacek motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

New Business continued:

Trustee Radtke motioned to terminate Officer Erickson. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Vote failed 3/4 with President Robinson breaking the tie vote.

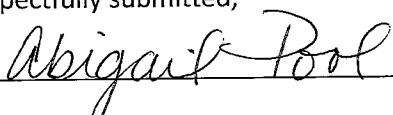
Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve settlement request from Brett Jackson. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/6.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve settlement request from Christopher McNelis. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/6.

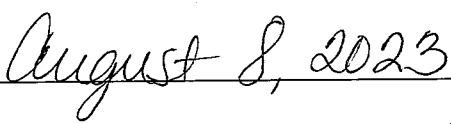
Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Trustee Genslinger motioned to adjourn the open meeting. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Abigail Pool



Approved