

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556
Tuesday, September 10, 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 amended to add item B. "Discuss Almanar Trading settlement offer" to Closed Session. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the August 13, 2024, 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 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 Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Mayor's Report: President Robinson attended a ComEd Seminar and the Kishwaukee Water & Sewer Reclamation Meeting.

Request for Consideration: None

Correspondence: None

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Swanson provided the August stats report, which showed activity was up due to an increase in dog at large and domestic issue calls. Attended the Midwest Police and Security Expo on August 22nd- 23rd. Networked with several Public Safety Agencies and attended training sessions sponsored by the Illinois Association of Chief's of Police. On September 5th, met with Ken Pahlke (Wolter) and planned to coordinate with him on implementing best practices for evidence storage. Will be attending the High-Risk Traffic Stop Instructor Training on September 18th-19th. Registered for Police Mid-Management Role in the 21st Century training.

Village Manager Nykaza – Applied for the DCCF Community Needs Grant to obtain funding for the feasibility study regarding the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. Spoke with the Mayor Goncher of Shabbona who requested to be included in the study. Nick Bhati (Purchaser of Houlahan's Pub & Grill) picked up his demolition permit. Received IDOT permit for water main repair located near Rt. 30 & South Birch Street but were recently informed that the Village must also obtain a permit from BNSF, which can take up to 8 weeks. Reached out to the Executive Director of State Government Affairs at BNSF to help us fast track the permitting process. Received the valves for the Well #4 Rehabilitation Project but are still waiting for the delivery of the control panel. Working to revise the Annexation Agreements for both Deerfield Crossings and Green Ridge subdivisions. Call scheduled with Superintendent Chad Willis to discuss impact fees for the school.

Attorney Neveu – Updates will be provided during closed session.

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Public Works – Matt Conlin: Purchased parts for the Salt Spreader. Splash Pad will operate just on the weekends (weather permitting) and will close at the end of September for it to be winterized. Leaf pickup will begin once the leaves start steadily falling but there may be a delay due to Bonnell Industries working to equip the new truck.

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Provided updates from August 20th meeting. Discussed ideas to increase capacity of the Wastewater Treatment Plant due to the growing community. Village Manager, Nykaza applied for a grant to fund a Feasibility Study to be performed, which will show Waterman’s capability to be added to the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. Matt Conlin (Public Works) informed the committee of a tree root issue causing a waterline to backup. To help resolve the issue temporarily, the impacted pipe was flushed with root killer. The pipe will be checked with a camera in 3-4 months to see if there is any more progression. Test, Inc. are working to address some level discrepancies at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Public Safety – Suzanne Sedlacek: Provided updates from September 9th meeting. Waterman joined the Illinois Association of Property Evidence Managers in August. Working to potentially have railings installed near the yard waste dumpster at Village Hall to assist residents with dumping heavier loads. Continuing to troubleshoot the broken speed sign located on South Elm Street. Officers’ daily activity logs were further automated with assistance from the Leland Chief of Police. Training was approved for Chief Swanson. Clerk Pool advised we are preparing goodie bags for Trunk or Treat event.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Village Manger, Nykaza is working to apply for OSLAD Grant to fund Garfield Park expansion.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: Provided updates from August 27th meeting. Discussed police budget and revised Annexation Agreements for Deerfield Crossings and Green Ridge to ensure that all taxing bodies are included. Village Clerk Pool will be attending a weeklong training opportunity in October. Discussed grant funding feasibility study for Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Nick Bhati (Purchaser of Houlahan’s Pub & Grill) is moving forward with the permitting process with plans to open his restaurant in early 2025. 210 E. Lincoln Highway recently sold and the TIF funds disbursed to the previous owner have been returned to the Village. The new owner of 210 E. Lincoln Highway intends to maintain the apartments and open a restaurant.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: Village Manager, Nykaza is continuing to set up interviews for the Waterman Police Department.

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

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Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Public Comment: President Robinson informed the public that moving forward no questions will be addressed by the Board during public comment and each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes. Joseph Baczek asked for an update regarding the progress of installing a pathway from the Green Ridge subdivision to Casey's General Store. Nicole Begne questioned what will happen to the Clinton Township Community Building if purchased by the Village. Theodore Ferlias asked about the situation regarding Chief Swanson due to the signs posted in town. Larry Mason asked the Board to clarify who is responsible for shoveling the crosswalks during heavy snowfall. David Hale expressed his support for Chief Swanson as he appreciates how welcoming and professional he is. Tammy Johnson expressed her support for Chief Swanson and acknowledged everything he has done for the community over his 22 years of service. Darryl Beach asked if the monthly Board meetings can be moved to another location due to capacity issues. Joe Siciliano stated his disagreement of how Public Comment is being handled during the meetings. Theodore Ferlias continued to express his gratitude for Chief Swanson's service to the community. Tracy Mason asked what phase two of Green Ridge is. Alexandra Bee expressed her opinion on the letter sent out in August by the Board of Trustees.

Old Business: Attorney Neveu provided update regarding the purchase of the Clinton Township Community Building. An agreement will be drafted for the two parties to review and sign. The Village will honor the existing tenant agreements currently in place through 2024. Depending on the future needs of the Village that is subject to change.

New Business: Trustee Sedlacek motioned to approve the Trick or Treat hours of 3:30pm-7:00pm on October 31, 2024. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Tabled bid approval for Salt Spreader.

Trustee Sedlacek motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-07 "Amending Ordinance 2020-09 - Annexing Certain Real Property into Village Limits," as amended. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Resolution 2024-04 "Acknowledging Terms of OSLAD Grant Application." Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Sedlacek motioned to approve Resolution 2024-05 "Amending Rules for Public Comments at Meetings." Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Radtke motioned to enter executive session under subsection number 2 & 11 of Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel issues, pending, and actual legal matters. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Closed Session – Legal & Personnel

Attorney Neveu provided updates on open legal matters. Trustee Feitlich motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

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New Business – Continued: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the settlement offer from Almanar Trading to pay \$14,600.00 to settle the pending lawsuit. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Feitlich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Trustee Sedlacek 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool

Approved