

**Village of Waterman
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Waterman Village Hall
215 W. Adams St.
Waterman, IL 60556
Friday, March 8, 2024 at 3:30PM**

Meeting called to order by Trustee Sedlacek at 3:31PM

Roll Call: Trustee Radtke, Trustee Johanningsmeier, Trustee Sedlacek

Approved Minutes from February 6, 2024 meeting. Trustee Johanningsmeier made motion to approve. Trustee Radtke second. Pass 3/0.

Approved Minutes from June 30, 2023. Trustee Radtke made motion to approve. Trustee Johanningsmeier second. Pass 3/0.

New Business:

Discussed Gold Shield proposal. Village Manager Nykaza discussed reason for hiring consultants to come in and assist in incorporating the Safety Act and reviewing the practices. Trustee Radtke discussed the desire for the board to be informed of best practices and make sure the budget aligns with police department needs. Trustee Sedlacek discussed the need to know what we don't know and the belief that the Village has never had this type of review before. President Robinson agreed. There was support by all committee members and consensus to recommend the Gold Shield proposal to the full board.

Public Comment:

Chuck Breese - Asked committee questions regarding the timing of when the board began discussing hiring a consultant and if the board consulted with the current chief.

Clidea Lave- Raised the concern of not enough police presence in town. As member of first responders, rely on police for assistance. Also asked questions about the timing, timeframe, and the purpose of the consultant. Asked how the public will stay informed of the process.

Matt Lave- Asked when the police will be returning. Suggested, instead of paying a consultant, to reach out to local law enforcement and inquire about their practices instead. Asked for the current dollars allotted to the police personnel.

Tom Guertler- Asked how many fulltime and partti officers the village currently has.

Darryl Beach - As a business owner and member of the Lion's club, stressed the important of having a local police department. Have had good experiences with the police over the years.

Matt Lave- Stated the rumors start on Facebook because there was an absence of local police presence in town. Suggested we should have communicated this to the community.

Tom Guertler – Raised the concern about Garfield Street. It's not safe. People speed and run stop signs. Suggested speed bumps.

Additional comment regarding stree safety – Agreed that Garfield Street is not safe and added Elm Street to the comment.

Clidea Lave– Stated the speeding is happening in other parts of town as well, such as Pine Street.

Dustin Miller – As trustee of fire department, it would be nice to know when the local police are not on shift. They rely on the police to manage situations that are unsafe, such as domestics.

Kyle London – Asked if the purpose of the consultant was to make sure the police are following the rules. Asked if there was disciplinary action that caused the lack of coverage.

Closed Session – Personnel Matters: Entered into executive sessions under sections 2(c) 1 of the open meetings act to discuss the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Moved by Trustee Johanningsmeier and second by Trustee Radtke. Pass 3-0. Trustee Radtke moved to exit executive session. Trustee Johanningsmeier second. Pass 3-0.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:39PM.



Submitted by:

Dr. Sarah Radtke, Village Trustee