

**Village of Waterman
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Waterman Village Hall
215 W. Adams St.
Waterman, IL 60556
Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 5:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Trustee Radtke at 5:01PM.

Roll Call: Trustee Radtke, Trustee Johanningsmeier, Trustee Pearson

Approved Minutes from September 9, 2024 meeting. Trustee Johanningsmeier made motion to approve. Trustee Radtke second. Pass 2/0. 1 abstention.

Appoint Chair of Public Safety Committee. Trustee Pearson made motion to appoint Trustee Johanningsmeier, Trustee Radtke second. Pass 3/0.

Old Business:

Discussed update on Evidence Room refresh. Received second bid that came in higher than first bid. First bid will be on the board agenda for approval.

Discussed gold shield items still outstanding. Manual has not been updated. Committee is recommending Chief Swanson needs to update the manual and present a draft of the updated manual to the Village Manager by January 1, 2025. Logging evidence has not been done. Committee is recommending all evidence be logged before moving it from the evidence room to ensure nothing is misplaced by December 13, 2024. Process for disposal of documents has not been started. Committee is recommending Chief Swanson begin the process of disposing documents by November 15, 2024. The committee would like to see daily logs turned into Village Manager at the end of each shift and meet regularly with the Village Manager.

Received update on police chief search. The Special Hiring Committee interviewed three candidates and have identified their top candidate. Everyone, including the mayor, was complementary of the top candidate. They would come with a lot of knowledge, experience, and expertise. We are now going through the vetting process. Timeline is to be determined.

New Business:

Discussed Bayer stop sign. Trustee Johanningsmeier reached out to Bayer management and discussed the issue. Bayer management and their safety team were supportive of addressing the issue. Trustee Johanningsmeier observed employees stopping after shifts. Village Manager Nykaza will follow up with the concerned neighbor to determine if it is still an issue. Village Manager Nykaza will ask if neighbors are interested in a four-way stop one block from the Bayer entrance.

Received an update on hiring part time officers. We did hire one part time officer that has been sworn in. We have another candidate going through the vetting process. There are two additional candidates that have applied and need to be screened as well.

Public Comment:

None.

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 Radtke, second by Trustee Pearson. Pass 3-0. Trustee Radtke moved to exit executive session. Trustee Pearson second. Pass 3-0.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:11PM.



Submitted by:

Dr. Sarah Radtke, Village Trustee