

**Village of Waterman
Zoning Committee
Meeting Minutes
Waterman Village Hall
215 W. Adams St.
Waterman, IL 60556
Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 5:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Trustee Radtke at 5:05PM

Roll Call: Trustee Radtke, Trustee Sedlacek, Trustee Genslinger, Village Manager Nykaza

Approved the meeting minutes of March 21, 2024. Trustee Sedlacek made motion, Trustee Genslinger second. Pass 3/0.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Discussed industrial height restriction ordinance. Currently, the ordinance in the Village of Waterman restricts the height of properties to 50 feet. After research and a review of other municipal ordinances, the committee is recommended we amend the ordinance to include “except for grain elevators.”

Discussed dead tree ordinance. Currently, the tree and shrubs ordinance in the Village of Waterman does not address dead trees and shrubs that could potentially cause to property, people, and other trees. The committee reviewed a number of dead tree and shrub ordinances and is recommending we amend the Tree and Shrubs ordinance to include the following: “D. Nuisance Trees: A tree which is determined by the Village of Waterman to be a nuisance tree is one which is dead or declining and has the potential to damage other trees, people, or structures. These trees may be located on public or private property. 1. It shall be the duty of the property owner on any parcel to promptly remove any trees which pose a risk to personal property or human safety. 2. When the Village notifies the property owner, in writing, of a tree which is a potential risk to personal property or human safety, the property owner shall have twenty (20) calendar days to remove the tree. If the property owner has not removed the tree within the 20-day period, then the Village may take action to have the tree removed. If the tree is removed by the Village, a Village invoice shall be sent to the property owner that contains all costs associated with the removal, including but not limited to expended Village staff time, consultant fees and charges, contractor charges and materials, and oversight of said removal. If the property owner fails or refuses to reimburse the Village within thirty (30) calendar days of issuance of a written invoice, the Village shall place a lien on the property until all expenses related to the removal and subsequent lien are paid, and the Village may file a legal action to collect the costs contained in the invoice.”

Discussed nuisance enforcement for route 30 corridor re-beautification. Committee acknowledges we do ordinance enforcement of residences but not businesses. Committee agrees we want to continue to prioritize the re-beautification of the route 30 corridor. The village has already attempted to support these efforts through TIF distributions. We will now begin the

process of approaching selected business owners with the most egregious ordinance violations and work with them to address the nuisances on their property.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM.



Submitted by:

Dr. Sarah Radtke, Village Trustee