

## **Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

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

**Roll Call:** Johanningsmeier, Knopp, Calhoun, Robinson, Radtke, Pearson and Feitlich were present.

**Approve Agenda:** Clerk Pool motioned to add "Approve Additional Aeration Work" under Water & Sewer. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Knopp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Approve Minutes:** Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the October 12, 2021, regular meeting. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the minutes as amended from the October 20, 2021, special meeting. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Calhoun and Johanningsmeier abstaining.

**Accept Council Approval Reports:** Trustee Knopp motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as presented. Trustee Feitlich 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Accept Petty Cash Report:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the petty cash report as presented. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Accept Treasurer's Funds Report:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Knopp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

### **Mayor's Report**

Robinson presented a list of committee assignments for the boards review.

### **Request for Consideration - Nothing**

### **Correspondence**

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois advised they will be selling from January 5 – January 29.

### **Staff Reports**

Chief Swanson – There were some vandalizing incidents in Greenridge and the suspects were identified. The PD is working in collaboration with Toys 4 Tots this Christmas. Officer Bermudez will be attending her 80 hour full-time training class in December.

Amy Nykaza – The Village's Facebook page is up and running. The retirement reimbursement packages have been issued. George Bros. Paving completed the sidewalk repair work. The utility bills were issued without the approved trash fee increase. The guardrails for the downtown beautification project are in good shape.

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**Committee Reports**

**Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson**

Village Engineer, Curtis Cook, advised one of the headers were damaged during the aeration testing process and there is leaking, which will require a change order to the estimate. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve Ceroni Piping Company's bid not to exceed \$25,481.00. Trustee Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote 6/0.

Clerk Pool presented bids for three utility billing software companies. She recommended going with Muni-link as they offer the best package at a competitive price.

**Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier - Nothing**

**Public Safety – Sarah Radtke**

Trustee Radtke advised the PD is hiring a full-time officer.

**Buildings & Grounds – Sarah Radtke**

Waterman Summer Recreation NFP is interested in working with the Village to make improvements and increase the sports offered in town. They would like to put soccer fields and a t-ball field at Garfield Park and lights and field upgrades at Lions Park to allow for hosing tournaments. Radtke will be writing grants to assist in these improvements.

The Lions Club is willing to donate \$10,000 to renovate the bathrooms at Waterman Lions Park Shelter. We received a bid from A & C Plumbing for \$11,295.00. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve paying the difference. Trustee Knopp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich**

Trustee Radtke updated on the October 25, 2021, meeting. The Village's policy is to reimburse full-time employees for health insurance. Currently there is a group insurance plan through BCBS and the committee is recommending to terminate that plan and follow the policy of reimbursing premiums.

The board discussed committee assignment and agreed on the following;

Buildings & Grounds – Knopp (chair), Radtke, Calhoun

Economic Development – Radtke (chair), Knopp, Feitlich

Finance & Personnel – Feitlich (chair), Radtke, Pearson

Public Safety – Radtke (chair), Calhoun, Johanningsmeier

Streets & Alleys – Johanningsmeier (chair), Pearson, Feitlich

Water & Sewer – Pearson (chair), Johanningsmeier, Feitlich

Zoning – Radtke (chair), Calhoun, Knopp

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**Economic Development – Tony Feitlich**

Approving the installation of the Rt. 30 beautification fence was tabled. Attorney Porter advised we should run the BNSF lease agreement through IMLRMA.

**Zoning – Sarah Radtke - Nothing**

**Planning Commission – John Ecker - Nothing**

**Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker**

They are researching Census results and analyzing shifts in relocations.

**Public Comment - Nothing**

**Old Business**

Nykaza updated on the retirement reimbursement. The eight employees receiving reimbursements have been given agreement letters to sign. Two have signed the agreements and have received their funds.

Clerk Pool advised the FY17 audit is almost complete. GWA advised they should have the financial statements available in a few weeks.

**New Business**

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-14 – Amending Title 1; Chapter 6 & 7. Trustee Knopp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the Greenridge Declaration Changes. Trustee Knopp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

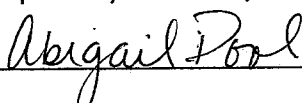
There was discussion of the Village entering an agreement with Waterman Summer Recreation NFP regarding maintenance of fields and sheds.

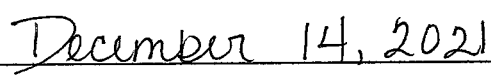
**Executive Session - Nothing**

**Adjournment**

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Abigail Pool

  
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Approved