

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, January 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m.

Roll Call: Radtke, Pearson, Beach, Fenske, Data Feitlich, Johanningsmeier

Approve Agenda: Clerk Pool requested to add "Approve Resolution 2021-01" to New Business. Trustee Pearson requested to add "Discuss utility bill mailings" to Water & Sewer. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the December 8, 2020 regular meeting. Trustee Fenske 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as presented. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

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

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

Mayor's Report

Beach advised we received a mitigation letter from the DeKalb County Health Department regarding Pub West. This is their 2nd step of mitigation.

We also became aware Conserv FS has started excavating without proper permitting. They were informed they are working at their own risk.

Beach discussed an inappropriate letter that was placed in the drop box and received by Clerk Pool regarding a delinquent utility account.

Beach advised we are not to perform utility shut offs on Fridays.

Plowing of streets and sidewalks seems to be a habitual issue. Our usual assistant plow vendor has decided not to return this year. Trustee Fenske handled the first snow as we were in a pinch. The board unanimously agreed Fenske can continue to perform this service, but not to exceed \$5,000 annually.

Beach advised Chief Cicci has submitted a letter of resignation of retirement as of March 4, 2021.

Correspondence – Nothing

Staff Reports - Nothing

Request for Consideration - Nothing

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Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Pearson

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve bid from Rollins Aquatic Solutions to perform pond maintenance for 2021 and 2022. Trustee Fenske 2nd. Roll call vote passed. 6/0.

We received a certified letter from IEPA regarding the WWTP being in violation. The letter was not delivered by the postal office until after the December 20, 2020 due date. We are still waiting for confirmation from Norm Beeh as to whether the WWTP sludge can be land applied.

There seems to be an issue with the mailing of utility bills as we had several people report they did not receive the 3rd quarter bill. Clerk Pool will speak to the postmaster to try to streamline the mailing process.

Streets & Alleys – Johanningsmeier

Trustee Johanningsmeier advised we need to obtain current certificate of insurance from the companies contracted to perform snow tows.

Public Safety – Sarah Radtke - Nothing

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Data

We obtained a bid for the PD renovation project. Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the bid from Mike Nelson. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Radtke provided an update on the grant for the Splash Pad Project. The state asked if we would be willing to be reimbursed for the expenses rather than provide the payment upfront. Board agrees we should not agree to this.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich

Trustee Feitlich discussed the committee's recommendation to make the clerk's position an exempt position and increase the annual salary to \$54,080. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve these changes. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/1.

Economic Development – Tony Feitlich

The new owner of 120/130 W. Lincoln is interested in opening a coffee shop and could benefit by using TIF funds. There are a few other downtown businesses that have expressed interest as well.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke

DCCF advised there is an \$11,000 grant available to make some type of improvement to the village downtown area. Trustee Radtke presented the idea of installing a privacy fence between Rt. 30 and the

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railroad tracks. Trustee Fenske motioned to approve moving forward with the fence project. Trustee Data 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Planning Commission: – John Ecker - Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – Darryl Beach - Nothing

Public comment – Nothing

New Business

The Village has a village president and 4 trustee vacancies for the April election. We only had two candidates submit petitions for trustee. Trustee Radtke discussed the idea of hiring a Village Manager going into the next fiscal year.

Trustee Radtke also discussed the need of more streamlined filing system. As the trustees and village presidents come and go, we are losing village documents that should be kept in a centralized location.

Trustee Radtke motioned to approve Resolution 2021-01 Adopting the DeKalb County all hazards mitigation plan. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

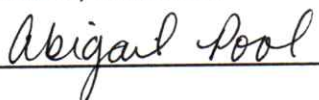
Executive Session

Trustee Radtke motioned to enter executive session. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Adjournment

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Abigail Pool



Approved