

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, December 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Approve Agenda: Robinson requested to add "Discuss Jackson Issue" to the Mayors Report as item C. Trustee Knopp requested to strike "Discuss Rentals at Lions Park." Trustee Knopp motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the November 9, 2021, meeting. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

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

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

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

Mayor's Report

Robinson discussed appointing Trustee Calhoun as chair of the Public Safety Committee. Trustee Knopp advised the committee assignments had been discussed previously at the November meeting which kept Trustee Radtke as Public Safety Chair and were referenced in the approved meeting minutes. Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the committee assignments as approved in the November meeting minutes. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/1.

Waterman is going to host The Northern Illinois Mayors Association Meeting in August at the Waterman Lions Park. Robinson is working to book the Portillo's beef bus for the event.

Robinson advised Mr. Jackson accepted our settlement offer of \$800.00 in addition to complete permit compliance and the withdrawal of his FOIA requests.

Request for Consideration

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve an annual donation of \$500.00 to the DeKalb County Nursing Home Foundation. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Correspondence - Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Ofc. Bermudez completed her full-time certification training. New Tahoe squad was delivered. Robinson will be handling the decals.

Amy Nykaza – It looks like we have been approved for \$62, 126 in Local Cures funds. Chastain is working on creating the new addresses for Ryan Homes lots in Green Ridge.

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Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson

WWTP sludge removal project is complete, and we have held 10% of the payment. We are now in compliance with the EPA.

Village Engineer, Curtis Cook, is working with Ceroni Piping Company to confirm if the piping is leaking and the status of the new blowers.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier

Historically, Eric Peterson has handled the downtown sidewalk snow removal, but he advised he will not be handling it any longer. Per the Village's snow removal ordinance 2021-01 all property owners are required to maintain their own snow removal. Amy will be mailing all downtown business owners advisory letters.

Public Safety – Sarah Radtke

Trustee Radtke update on the November 29, 2021, meeting. We have been trying to hire a full-time officer, but after some research the committee agreed to increase the hiring salary and removing the full-time certification status to bring in more candidates.

The committee is recommending moving the stop sign currently facing southbound on Walnut to the northwest corner of Kennedy. Trustee Pearson motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-16: Traffic Schedules. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Buildings & Grounds – Sarah Radtke

The approval of the additional Waterman Lions Park renovations was tabled.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich

Trustee Feitlich updated on the December 13, 2021 meeting. They discussed increasing the full-time officer hiring salary to 45-55k. They created an employee Covid Policy. The committee is recommending purchasing new utility billing software.

Economic Development – Tony Feitlich - Nothing

Zoning – Sarah Radtke

Still waiting for Conserv FS to provide the new plat for the new road configuration to complete the updated zoning map.

Planning Commission – John Ecker

Ecker advised they haven't had a meeting but will be scheduling one soon to start working on the comprehensive plan.

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Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker - Nothing

Public Comment - Nothing

Old Business

Nykaza updated on the retirement reimbursement. There are six employees that have outstanding agreement letters to sign.

Clerk Pool advised the FY17 audit is complete.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve hiring Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C. accounting firm to handle month end reconciliations and other consulting needs. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve purchasing Muni-link as the new utility billing software. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

New Business

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-15 – 2021 Property Tax Levy. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Eligo Energy IL, LLC has terminated the Municipal Aggregation Agreement causing all participants to be transferred back to ComEd.

Executive Session

Trustee Pearson motioned to enter executive session. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Robinson was asked to exit the meeting at this time. Trustee Radtke provided an update on the Special Fire Cleanup Committee Meeting held on December 7, 2021.

New Business cont.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the recommendations made by the Special Fire Cleanup Committee which included, a 10-day resolution cutoff of December 30, 2021 or we will move forward with filing a complaint.

Adjournment

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday January 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool
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January 11, 2022
Approved