

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, April 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m.

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

Approve Agenda: President Beach motioned to move "Request for Consideration" to before Mayor's Report and add "Approve Survey of WWTP" under New Business. Trustee Radtke motioned to add "Approve tennis court resurfacing" to Buildings & Grounds and "Approve printer purchase" to New Business. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the March 9, 2021 regular meeting. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as presented. Trustee Data 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.

Request for Consideration

Shawn Blobaum reported the Lions Club will be throwing their annual Summerfest on July 17, 2021. He also advised Give DeKalb County is May 6th.

Mr. & Mrs. Baczek requested the enforcement of animal waste cleanup and political signage regulations.

Mayor's Report

Beach advised Pete Robinson was elected as Village President and Ray Calhoun was elected as trustee of the 2-year term.

Beach mentioned the fire at the Lions park on April 3rd. Clerk Pool filed a claim with IMLRMA, but we are awaiting a response. It is a safety hazard and needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Correspondence – Nothing

Staff Reports –

Interim Chief Swanson advised an arrestee damaged a squad by kicking out the window. The PD renovations are complete, and they are in the process of moving back in.

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Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Pearson

Trustee Pearson updated on the IEPA regarding the sludge removal project. The radium test results confirmed the sludge can be land applied. We will be collecting bids for the project.

Clerk Pool advised the 1st quarter utility bills are going to be mailed in statement form vs. the post cards.

Streets & Alleys – Johanningsmeier - Nothing

Public Safety – Sarah Radtke

Interim Chief submitted a proposed FY22 budget that included a new squad, video cameras for the office and an additional full-time officer.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Data

Trustee Radtke is still working on the downtown fence project. The property owners are not interested in installing the fence on their property, so we would need to enter into a lease agreement with BNSF.

There was discussion regarding the maintenance of the baseball fields at Lions Park. The Village will be covering the cost of the maintenance of the fields located at the park and Waterman Summer Recreation will cover the maintenance of the fields located on the school's property.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich

Feitlich advised the committees to submit their FY22 budgets as soon as possible. He would like to start separate fund accounts to save for reoccurring projects, so it is not a lump sum payment all the time.

Public hearing to discuss FY22 budget is set for Friday, April 30th 6:30 p.m.

The committee interviewed a few applicants for the Village Manager position, and they would like to recommend hiring Amy Piet-Nykaza to start with the next fiscal period with a salary of \$70,000 with an increase to \$72,000 after 6 months. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the hiring of Nykaza. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Economic Development – Tony Feitlich

Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the TIF disbursement in the amount of \$32,370 to pave the parking lot and replace new awnings with the stipulation of repaying the funds if the property sells in the next 5 years. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke

Ryan Homes is under contract to purchase the empty lots in Green Ridge Subdivision. There is a meeting set for Monday, April 19th to discuss.

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Planning Commission: – John Ecker

Beach would like the committee to look into annexing in all properties into the village that are not currently in the boundary.

Regional Planning Commission – Darryl Beach - Nothing

Public comment –

Lions Club wanted to thank the village for all of their support in many projects and providing police assistance at events.

Lions Club announced this year's Summerfest will be held July 17th and it will be like the tractor shows done in the past.

Lions Club also expressed interest in donating the funds to re-mulch the playground area at Lions Park.

Old Business

The FY15 audit is just about completed. Clerk Pool has been forwarding many documents to GWA to assist in finalizing this year and starting FY16's audit.

New Business

Clerk Pool presented the meeting dates and holiday closings for FY22. Trustee Radtke motioned to approve these dates. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

There was discussion of complaints that are getting posted on social media regarding Village employees or policies. We would like to limit these as much as possible. President Beach advised he would speak to the administrators of the "Waterman Happenings" Facebook page to request that they stop/delete village related posts. President Beach advised he would speak to the administrator, Sandy Johnson.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-03 Annexation of the WWTP into the Village. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the purchase of 3 new copier/scanner/fax machines from Marco Technologies. Trustee Fenske 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Feitlich abstaining.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve performing a survey of the WWTP up to the amount of \$1,300. Trustee Data 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Executive Session

Trustee Data motioned to enter executive session at 8:41 p.m. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

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Adjournment

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool
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May 11, 2021
Approved