

**Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556
Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

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

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

Approve Agenda: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as published. Trustee Pearson 2nd.
Vote passed unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes of August 9, 2022,
as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Vote passed unanimously with Trustee Radtke abstaining.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as
published. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the petty cash report as
published. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as
published. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mayor's Report: President Robinson updated the Board on the Northern Illinois Mayors Association's
Dinner, which was held at Lions Park on August 18, 2022. He stated that 45 people were in attendance
and Portillo's covered the cost of the dinner.

Request for Consideration: President Robinson requested the Board appoint Alison Genslinger to the
vacant Trustee position. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve Alison Genslinger as a Trustee. Trustee
Calhoun 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Correspondence: Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Provided August 2022 Stats Report to the board. Informed the Board that Former Chief
Joe Cicci passed away on August 18th. Chief Swanson, Corporal Bermudez and Officer Erickson completed
the state required training covering, Use of Force, De-escalation at High-Risk Traffic Stops, and Hands-on
Scenarios. Corporal Bermudez is still working on getting the Explorer Program up and running.

Village Manager Nykaza – Informed the Board that the Village office renovations will begin sometime in
October. Amy applied for the building permit on 9/13/2022. A Hinckley resident donated four basketball
backboards and rims to the Village. Meeting with Augie to discuss plans to winterize the Lions Park Shelter,
also to discuss any improvements that need to be made including possibly heating and cooling systems
for the shelter. Our sidewalk and driveway repairs have been completed. Mentioned the ITEP Grant
(possibilities for a Bike Path). Trying to work this into the Village's comprehensive plan but stated the
importance of going big with the plans – setup plan, hold town hall meetings, obtain community input,
etc. IML has created a site called Grant Finder which can be used to see what grants are available to the
Village. New Village welcome signs have been repainted. Need to find someone to work on the
Community Board at the Post Office.

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Attorney Porter – Will provide an update in closed session.

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Village Manager Nykaza stated there has been some back and forth with Ceroni regarding the WWTP Header Pipe replacement. Some of the work that needs to be completed for the pipe falls outside of original contract. Ceroni quoted \$4,200.00 on the high-end. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the work up to \$4,200.00 for the Header Pipe. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Village Clerk Pool mentioned an issue with ACH utility payments made through the Muni-link customer portal. The bank is having issues processing the payment files created by Muni-link. Therefore, residents are not seeing the funds withdraw from their accounts.

Village Clerk Pool advised there are currently 150 residents signed up for the new customer portal, 60 residents signed up for e-billing, and 150 residents were delinquent paying their water bills.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Public Safety – Sarah Radtke: Trustee Radtke discussed the need to create a Village FMLA policy. Finance & Personnel will hold a meeting to discuss.

Buildings & Grounds – Vacant: Waterman Lion's Club requested the use of the Garage located at Lion's Park for temporary storage and possible long term.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: Trustee Feitlich updated from the August 25, 2022, meeting. Feitlich reported Jim Tuma resigned from his employment with the Village. The committee discussed hiring a temporary (90-day) fulltime employee at \$20.00/hr to fill the immediate need. Additionally, they recommend posting an opening for a Public Works Superintendent to align with Village Code. The Superintendent job description was provided to the Board. They recommend creating a hiring committee consisting of the Public Safety/B&G, Streets, and Water & Sewer committee chairs.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve a temporary full-time employee at \$20.00/hr. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/1.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve creating a Hiring Committee to include Trustees Johanningsmeier, Pearson, and Radtke. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve hiring a Public Works Superintendent between the hourly pay rate of \$32.69-\$34.61. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote 6/0.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Trustee Radtke mentioned her, and Village Manager Nykaza will be heading to a NCICG Summit on Thursday, 9/15/22.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Trustee Radtke updated on the September 6, 2022, meeting. They discussed re-zoning the trailer park on the southside of town. It is currently zoned as R1, which is for single family

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properties, but should be zoned R2, which allows for trailer parks. At the meeting, agreed to implement a grandfather clause, to allow the buyer to proceed with the sale of the property; the bank approved of the grandfather clause. Village will leave the trailer park zoned as R1 since that was the recommendation from the zoning committee.

Planning Commission – John Ecker: John Ecker provided an update on the September 8, 2022, meeting with Chastain & Associates to discuss the Village’s Comprehensive Plan update. Goal date to finalize plans and start this process is set for March 31, 2023. The committee will be stakeholder and focus groups to provide input.

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: July meeting was cancelled. No updates currently.

Public Comment: Norm Gaston with the Waterman Lions Club shared they will be holding Candy Day on October 7th and 8th, with rain days set for the 14th and 15th. The Annual Gobbler Gallop 5k Event will be held on November 19th at 9:00 a.m. He also advised the Lions Club has liability insurance to cover the storage use of the Village’s garage.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the Lions Club’s Annual Gobbler Gallop Event. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

Executive Session: Trustee Genslinger motioned to enter executive session pursuant to Section 2c subsection 11 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss open legal matters. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

New Business Continued: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the settlement offer from Mr. Brett Jackson in the amount of \$2,500.00. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

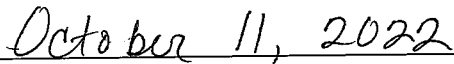
Adjournment: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday October 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Abigail Pool



Approved