

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, October 12, 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: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the September 14, 2021, regular meeting. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Pearson and Feitlich abstaining. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the August 16, 2021, special meeting. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Johanningsmeier and Knopp abstaining.

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

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

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

Mayor's Report

Robinson presented new committee assignments for recommendation. Trustee Radtke questioned why he was recommending removing trustee from their current committees and he advised he preferred not to discuss it at that time. Everyone agreed to discuss this at a later date.

Request for Consideration - Nothing

Correspondence - Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – New squad should be available by end of year.

Amy Nykaza – We will be creating a Village Facebook page. Retirement reimbursement packets have been distributed to the relevant employees. We are waiting on Conserv FS to complete the updated zoning maps. The Regional Planning Commission will be holding a meeting in a couple weeks and John Ecker will then be approved as the official Regional Planning Commissioner. Clerk Pool purchased a late notice stamp to prevent confusion. We are researching a new utility billing system to offer a customer portal. Splash pad is officially closed. Lions Club is donating funds to renovate the Lions Park shelter bathrooms. We are creating a list of broken streetlights for repairs.

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Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson

WWTP sludge removal project is complete.

Village Engineer, Curtis Cook, held a bid opening on Friday October 8, 2021. He recommends approving the bid submittal by Ceroni Piping Company. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve WWTP Aeration Contract with Ceroni Piping Company. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the 2021-22 Towing Contract with Corner Towing for the snow routes. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Public Safety – Sarah Radtke

Trustee Radtke update on the September 23, 2021, meeting. The committee discussed donating the old Caprice squad. The PD would like to keep it for special events. The PD is looking to hire a full-time officer. The committee also verified Ofc. Ford's available vacation time due at his October 2nd departure.

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.

We are looking for a better solution to store the tables and chairs at Lions Park.

Trustee Knopp motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021-09 Amending Title 6 Public Ways & Properties. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich - Nothing

Economic Development – Tony Feitlich

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the TIF application from Wild Carrot Cooking Company to make improvements to their lot. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Radtke updated on the downtown re-beautification project to install a fence along the railway on Rt. 30. BNSF owns the land so we must lease the land to install a fence and guardrail. The lease would cover the parking lot, the fence, and the guardrail.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the North Railroad Tracks bid for the installation of guardrails. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

The approval of the BNSF Railroad lease agreement was tabled.

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Zoning – Sarah Radtke - Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker - Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker - Nothing

Public Comment - Nothing

Old Business

Nykaza updated on the retirement reimbursement. The eight employees receiving reimbursements have been given agreement letters to sign.

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 Johanningsmeier motioned to approve a \$500 donation to DeKalb County EDC. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the IMLRMA insurance renewal payment for 2022. Trustee Knopp 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Knopp motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021-12 Amending Title 1, Chapter 7; Village Board of Trustees. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Executive Session - Nothing

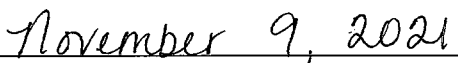
Adjournment

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Abigail Pool



Approved