

## **Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, December 13, 2016.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll call: Ekle, Andrews, Beach, Browder, Lieving, Stanley, and Robinson.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

**Approve Agenda:** Mayor Ekle made the following agenda changes, under Mayor's Report - add "Request from Girl Scouts" and "Trustee Resignation" and under New Business change Ordinance Number "2016-05" to "2016-06." Trustee Andrews requested to remove the "210 W. Cleveland" from Old Business, Status of Property Maintenance. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approve Minutes:** Trustee Robinson corrected on page 2 that "227" should be "220." Trustee Browder motioned to approve the Minutes of 11/8/16 as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

**Accept Council Approval Report:** Trustee Browder asked about the amount the HDSupply charge for the water meter for the new middle school. Trustee Beach motioned to accept the Council Approval Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Accept Petty Cash Report:** Trustee Browder motioned to accept the Petty Cash Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report:** Trustee Browder stated in reviewing some historic records of these reports, that the dedicated accounts are down but the loans are way down. Trustee Browder motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Account Report. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Mayor's Report:** Girl scouts to have their annual 2017 cookie sale January through March in Waterman. Consensus to allow the door-to-door sales.

Resignation of Trustee Slade Browder – effective 12/13/16 following the board meeting. Because of personal business demands he believes he no longer has the time necessary for the Trustee position. Mayor Ekle extended appreciation for his efforts and the work that he has already done. Trustee Browder did state that he would help with the budget meetings.

**Correspondence:** A thank you from the Waterman Lions Club Gobble Gallop 5K committee to the Police Department and Public Works. Waterman Community Chest thank you letter for the \$500 contribution.

**Staff Reports:** Well #5 – Norm Beeh e-mailed and said that Almanar has not signed any contracts to complete the well because his uncle is still ill. The Village has fulfilled all their obligations and Norm was wondering if the Village can apply some pressure. It has been two months since meeting with no results. Norm no electric upgrade should take place until the well is buttoned up. WWTP pump warnings. Pumps are still not synced but no warnings

**Request for Consideration** – ICMS student council requested that the Village reconsider a crossing guard at Elm Street and Route 30 intersection for the safety of the students crossing to the middle school. They feel it would be better for the police to be at the intersection rather than in the front of the school. They also suggested orange cones in the road during school hours. Trustee Andrews thanked them for putting together a nice presentation. Trustee Browder asked how many students would be crossing from south side next year. Trustee Stanley stated for years this has come up before the Board. She believes it is not up to the Village to pay for but up to district. Her children walked and new how to cross safely – parents did not take them. It is not always the students' fault but drivers are responsible too.

Parents need to teach their children how to responsibly cross the street. Trustee Browder asked about how does Hinckley 20 mph—it is because the school on the highway. Waterman school not on highway. All buttons work but the countdown numbers are not on because of the rail road. It is the Board's general feeling when the highway was expanded Waterman went to state for the stop light for safety. It took a petition and a directive from the governor to have the stop light installed. The Village already pays for the use and maintenance of the stop signals for the safety of the students. This is one of the main reasons the Village has not gone forward to pay additional funds for a crossing guard. It was pointed out that Shabbona and Hinckley have no stop signs or lights on Rt. 30 light. The Village will continue to consider. Mayor Ekle thanked them for coming and giving a good presentation. Vaughn Boehne asked that it be on the next month's meeting agenda. Mayor Ekle stated that this subject was discussed when he recently met with the new superintendent and he brought it back to the Board. There was a consensus to not have a crossing guard. Trustee Robinson pointed out that the light is functioning 24/7/365, not two hours in the morning and afternoon 5 days a week. The has Board considered this subject many times and do not want the added cost of a crossing guard. Mr. Boehne asked about cost sharing, it is not an option.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Water & Sewer: Slade Browder** – Chris from Test stated that all water systems are going smoothly. He does not believe the algae kill was not as effective last year and has had problems with the solids levels. He suggested doubling up this next year. Trustee Browder asked if it would be best not pass the current contract and find out how much it would cost for double treatment. Apparently when the algae is high, the suspended solids tests do not pass.

The chlorination pump in Well #4 making funny noises, Jim Tuma asked for permission to buy a new one for \$500 to have on hand. They will research something else. The new well chlorination pump should both be the same, Norm and Jim will talk about this. Trustee Browder stated that the water budget in good shape and could handle the \$500 expense. Trustee Robinson stated it would be a good idea to have a spare.

**Streets & Alleys: Don Lieving** - had a meeting and talked about striping the crossings, crack seal Duffy and most of Pine--grass growing in cracks. Possibly put only a surface coat on Oak Street. Norm thought there could possibly be more paving if there is money. Repairs need to be made on Pine and Garfield. Get a wish list together. IDOT project costs money and the done at the once, the better

**Public Safety: Joan Stanley** – Sergeant Swanson relayed that Chief Breese is scheduled is scheduled return home on 12/13/16 and expects to return to work on Monday. He has doctor appointments every day the rest of this week. Mayor Ekle asked why the squad has been sitting out in the weather when nobody is using it. Sergeant Swanson stated that he could probably fit in the garage.

**Buildings & Grounds: Pete Robinson** –is working on things for next month. The mom and dad caroler and street light were up by the clock. Trustee Andrews stated that they look nice.

**Finance & Personnel: Darryl Beach** - had a meeting 11/30/16 to get an idea where things are and how the budget sits. It was a deficit budget but hopefully that will be made up in the additional sale tax. Personnel wise they talked about staring annual/quarterly personnel reviews. They discussed the role of the committee and how it may helping manage issues and how involved they should be.

**Economic Development – Darryl Beach** - will be going to the annual meeting Thursday at the farm bureau and will provide a report.

**Zoning: Christy Andrews** – Trustee Andrews – nothing to report.

**Planning Commission/ Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson** –was not present so there were no reports on the Planning Commission or the regional planning commission.

**Old Business:**

The FS annexation matter is waiting for a public hearing hopefully first part of January. The lots have not been appraised.

The 460 S. Elm property has been surveyed.

Trustee Andrews reported that the playground equip has been disposed of.

Property maintenance – Trustee Andrews stated that the 215 E Lincoln - property has been cleaned up and is no longer encroaching. The vehicles appear to be within the correct boundaries. Mayor Ekle disagreed and stated that there is still encroachment as well as a large stack of pallets and a box of junk. Mayor Ekle had e-mailed Trustee Andrews regarding the continued encroachments. The property is not classified as a junk yard. There was a question on how to deal with all the cars, cars on property and spilling off the property. He needs to prove the cars are going somewhere or being viably used for his business. It is realized that some of the cars may be in impound. There is a question on how to regulate the amount of cars on the property. This is something for Attorney Foster to look into. Get with PD to see how to proceed. He has made an effort but there is a difference as to what “complete” is.

Status of the Website – Sandy Johnson reported that it is going well but that it was down for 10 days to get some issues worked out.

Board contact information needs to be provided for the website.

No progress on the rules for Muingan Park.

The Snow restriction signs are up. The parking restriction signs were put on hold on the instruction of Trustee Robinson. There is not enough parking in the school plan. The issue was put on hold until the school figures it out.

**New Business:**

Trustee Browder motioned to adopt Tax levy 2016-06. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Browder motioned to approve the two contracts for water and sewer with TEST which includes a 3% increase the second and third years. Trustee Browder commented that Chris is always taking calls and helps keep the ILEPA off our backs. The total amount is \$4120 for the first year. Lab testing is billed separately. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Aquatic Solutions contract is up for renewal for algae control. Trustee Browder is fine with approving the current contract and then visit with them about increasing the treatment. He stated it would help to have pond 1 dredged, it has been more than 24 years since it was dredged. It could cost approx. \$60k and metals testing would need to be performed. Norm thought it could be less than the \$60K. Trustee Browder motioned to approve the current contract with Aquatic Solutions. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Stanley motioned to approve a donation of \$500 to the DeKalb County Nursing Home. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

**Public Comment:** – Chad Willis, Superintendent of Indian Creek School District was in the audience and extended an invitation to tour the new school and would like to continue to work with the Board.

**Executive Session:** Trustee Robinson motioned to enter into executive session under subsection number 1 of Section 2(c) of the Open Meeting Act. Motion approved unanimously. The Board moved to executive session at 8:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Having returned from executive session at 9:02 p.m., and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held January 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Christina M. Bystry-Busch

January 10, 2017

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