

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

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

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

Trustee Beach as absent.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

Approve Agenda: Mayor Ekle made the following agenda changes, under Mayor's Report add C – "Appoint Sewer and Water Committee Chair," under New Business B "Discuss installing water at Muingan Park." Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Andrews motioned to approve the Minutes of 12/13/16 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Accept Council Approval Report: Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the Council Approval Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report: Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Account Report. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Lieving motioned to accept the Petty Cash Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Mayor's report:

Mayor Ekle reported on the ag usage at Deerfield Crossing and that when he returned from Christmas holiday, he discovered that Mr. fox had plowed all the lots and a tractor was still there. Mr. Fox relayed that Mr. Fareed told him he could farm the empty lots. Mr. Fox was told that he was **not** to farm any of the developed property e.g., were there were curbs etc. Sgt. Swanson had the same conversation with him and he was under the impression after speaking with Mr. Fox that the Village had given Mr. Fox permission. It will all need to be graded and reseeded.

Mayor Ekle reported that he had a meeting with Superintendent Willis about new parking plan. Once they have the finalized architects plans they would meet again and invite Norm Beeh to that meeting.

With the resignation of Trustee Browder, a vacancy of Water & Sewer Committee chair needs to be filled. Trustee Robinson agreed to accept the chair of that committee. A consensus was given to approve the appointment. Trustee Browder will provide help with budget process.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from DeKalb Co. Nursing home for the \$500 donation was received.

Trustee Robinson reported that Leona Thompson fell and broke her hip and was in the county nursing home rehabbing. A get well note will be sent.

Staff Reports: Norm Beeh had sent in a report stating that a letter to Mr. Fareed was sent in attempt to get things going again. It was decided that if there was no action, a letter needed to be sent from counsel. The ILEPA permit expires in Sept 2017. Trustee Robinson though there was a bond in place but there is not. Mr. Fareed should be reminded that the Village has already spent more than \$60k already to get this going. Annexation agreement will need to be reviewed to see what leverage is

available. The Village has also agreed to have the electric upgraded which will be an additional \$30K spent.

The WWTP pumps are still not synced and Norm Beeh will reach out to his contacts at Flyght about the inconsistencies.

Norm is working with Trustee Lieving on FY18 budget items

Request for Consideration: None.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: - Pete Robinson – nothing to report.

Streets & Alleys – Don Lieving- He will start working on things this week for the FY18 Budget.

Public Safety: - Joan Stanley – Sgt. Swanson reported that Chief Breese still not back to work but plans on returning to work Thursday on light duty. Mayor Ekle talked to Chief on Friday and as of that day, he has received the okay from his heart doctor but his diabetic doctor still needs to sign off. Sgt. Swanson mentioned that Candidate Maria Bermudas (sp), community service officer, is willing to pay for her own academy training and that it would be good to have an additional part-time officer. The reports were distributed and showed that it was a slow month with the Chief out for the month of December and Officer Ford on vacation for 2 weeks. With the December/January holidays the part-time officers were not much help.

Buildings & Grounds: – Pete Robinson – nothing much to report. He is working on a few things. Jim & Matt (Public Works) got the water shut off in the park earliest ever this year and they installed heat tape the above ground pipes.

Finance & Personnel and Economic Development: Darryl Beach – absent no report given.

Zoning: Christy Andrews- no report. Mayor Ekle stated that the annexation of FS needs to get going, a recommendation from the Zoning Committee for annexation and if approved to change the zoning from Ag to Industrial. A Planning Commission public hearing needs to be held and then a Public Hearing before the Board for the annexation.

Planning Commission and Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson – not in attendance – no report.

Old Business:

Annexation of FS: Hopefully all will be ready to go for the February meeting.

Status of Real Estate Listings: Attorney Foster reported that the appraisals for both properties should be done in the next week.

Property maintenance issues at 215 E Lincoln: Trustee Andrews reported that nothing new has happened, the month got away from her. It was stated that there is still too much junk on the property and there still are encroaching items.

Website update: It is running well and Sandy Johnson still needs contact info for some trustees.

New Business:

Trustee Robinson motioned to adopt Ordinance 2017-01 regarding the recently state-law mandated mileage reimbursement, meals and travel expenses. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Clerk Bystry-Busch provided a map that Norm Beeh prepared showing where the water main is and how access for Muingan Park could be made. The Waterman Enhancement Group is completing grant requests and would like to include this project with the Board's approval. Trustee Robinson stated that the pump would need to be one with a lock. It was agreed that that would be a necessity and a consensus was given for the WEG to include this in their grant request.

Public Comment: – None.

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 8:02 p.m.

Adjournment: Having returned from executive session at 8:14 p.m., and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held February 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Bystry-Busch

21 February 2017

Date