

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll call: Ekle, Beach, Lieving, and Stanley. Because of the absences, Mayor Ekle voted at this meeting.

Trustees Robinson and Andrews were absent.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Beach motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Beach motioned to approve the Minutes of 1/10/17 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Accept Council Approval Report: Trustee Lieving motioned to accept the Council Approval Report as presented. 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.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Ekle and Norm Beeh met with the ICSD superintendent, Mr. Willis, and discussed how the plan did not allow for enough parking when an average event usually has approx. 150 cars needing parking and only 84 slots were available in the new middle school parking lot. A new proposal is to have parking that would create 43 additional off-street spaces on the west side (formerly the front entrance area) of the property. We may pave that street once the new parking is installed. There might be additional space on the east end of the new building but there was concern about drainage in the area, but Norm Beeh assured them it would not be a problem. The district plans on putting chain-link fence with gate around track so the community can use but will provide protection for the track. There is a weight room in the new building that will have a card reader and camera security and police dept. will have access to video at all times. Communication is really good with the new superintendent.

At the January meeting a consensus for to approve Mayor Ekle's appointment of Trustee Robinson to be interim chair for the Sewer & Water Committee was give. Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the appointment. Motion approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

Information for the MS bike ride on Sunday, June 26, 2017 in Waterman was received.

DeKalb Co Bureau of Environmental Program Field Office will be spraying the gypsy moth with Splat GM--a non-harmful, nontoxic pesticide--in the square around Waterman from Rt. 23 to Leland and from Lee Road to South of Preserve Road in late June. It does not kill but rather confuses the male and he cannot breed. no poison will be used.

Staff Reports: There has been no contact with Almanar Trading about signing the contracts for Well #5. There has been too much time passed since the contracts were sent with no action. Attorney Foster will look into what legal actions can be taken. The ILEPA permit expires in September.

There is no update on the WWTP pump issue.

Request for Consideration: – None

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Pete Robinson- absent no report provided.

Streets & Alleys: Don Lieving – on the 28th there will be committee meeting on the FY18 budget meeting.

Public Safety: Joan Stanley – Chief Breese back to work and in attendance. There will be a committee meeting at 11:00 on 2/28/17 and a draft of budget will be reviewed, but the committee still needs to have revenue portion. Chief Breese provided the monthly reports.

Mayor Ekle received communication from Nicor about gas leaks and calling Julie before digging and what to do if a gas line is compromised.

Buildings & Grounds: Pete Robinson, absent no report.

Finance & Personnel –Darryl Beach – there was a committee meeting 2/17/17 budget process was discussed. It was his first time doing it and he has Roger’s notes. Revenues will be flat for this next year and the committees should base budgets on that information. At the March 14th meeting he would like to have all the committee budget meetings completed. The current budget is okay, revenues are down and don’t know about them being made up. Expenses are on track. There was a personnel meeting – Chief and Jason are still interested in hiring another part time PD officer. Trustees Andrews and Lieving have questions about the proposed officer. The health insurance benefit was discussed. In January most saw a large increase and they discussed how to redistribute within the current budget. They plan an annual review for all employees - more than annual review with the supervisor and mayor and committee. Looking for written review forms. This will help hold people accountable and make corrections quicker that in the past.

Economic Development: – Darryl Beach – planning on attending a workshop for 3 hours on 2/22/17 there will be 3 more through the summer.

He attended a meeting with DCEDC where they talked a little about Conserv FS in the enterprise zone, the boundaries may have to be moved. They want to build a new building. Mayor Ekle stated they we need to make sure they are in the boundaries of the current enterprise zone, but there is plenty of space for them to add on throughout county.

Mayor Ekle looked at budget and it seems to be relatively on track.

Mayor Ekle reminded the Board that the two people who running for the board are current contractors for the Village and cannot be on the board and be contractors of the Village. As budget planning is happening, please keep this in mind.

Zoning: – Christy Andrews- absent no report.

Planning Commission: – Linda Swenson - There was not a quorum so the public hearing scheduled was not held, it will need to be rescheduled.

Old business

No public hearing was held for the proposed Conserv FS annexation. Mayor Ekle asked Attorney Foster if it is necessary to have a Planning Commission.

Mayor Ekle renewed Real Estate listing with Century 21 for the 460 S. Elm and Rt. 30 properties. Attorney Foster was not sure if the appraisals has been completed.

No property maintenance update, Trustee Andrews was absent.

Regional plan commission dues were paid in the amount of \$500.

New Business:

Trustee Beach motioned to approve Resolution 2017-01 to request a permit to install a water main across IDOT property and create a permanent easement. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Bystro-Busch

3/14/17

Date