

**Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, March 14, 2017.**

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

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

Mayor Ekle was absent and Trustee Beach acted as mayor pro-tem.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

**Approve Agenda:** Norm Bee said that he would be added to his report but it would be nothing that would need a vote, no changes to agenda. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approve Minutes:** Trustee \_ asked that under "Staff Reports" that "Houston" be changed to "Almanar Trading" for clarification. Trustee Stanley motioned to approve the Minutes of 2/21/17 as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

**Accept Council Approval Report:** Trustee Andrews motioned to accept the Council Approval Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report:** Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Account Report. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Ekle was absent no report.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Staff Reports:** Norm Beeh reported on the status of Well #5 that 6 months ago plans were completed to build the well, permits were granted, bids were received and sent to land owner, Joe Fareed of Almanar Trading. Mr. Fareed has communicated occasionally and has been looking at trying to get the price down but nothing is happening. It seems like there will be no action without pressure. The village has done their part to date. Attorney Foster took action and prepared and recorded a notice for no further development, he e-mailed a copy to Mr. Fareed on 3/14/17. The well house cost is the problem with Mr. Fareed. Norm recommends completing a pre-application for a 20-year, low-interest loan from the ILEPA. Trustee Robinson stated that there has been plenty of time for Mr. Fareed to respond, no more waiting, send in the application. Norm has prepared the application for Mayor Ekle's signature. If the Village takes this route, they will be required to pay prevailing wage and it will need to be re-bid and advertised in Rockford papers. Another requirement will be that all steel used in the project must be made in the USA. Norm will send in as soon as signed. The ILEAP is applying pressure to have Well #2 capped. There is no penalty to withdraw the application if Mr. Fareed comes through.

The proposal to abandon Well #2 is \$11,550. Both Wells #3 and #2 are non-complaint because of arsenic. Well #2 has been on the ILEPA list for a number of years primarily because of the height of the pipe not being at least 18" above the floor. The Bowman oil clean up contractor will pay entire cost if we abandon Well #2. It will fall under their ILEPA water pollution control and reduce their overall cost of the project. Trustee Robinson asked about capping Well# 2 now, it can be done, Wells #3 and #4 are on the automatic system Well #2 is not. Last summer Well #2 was used when the pump at Well #4 went down but Well #3 could also be used in an emergency. Trustee Robinson agreed to proceed with having the Bowman clean be included with their project.

On other water issues – Trustee Robinson met with Monsanto about the new building they are proposing that will be over about 50’ of old water main, this main will be relocated at their costs. Norm will assist, bill the Village, and Monsanto will pay the Village back. Robert Reed is the Monsanto contact for this project.

WWTP pumps – lift station state-of-the-art smart pumps are not so smart. Norm will get with their engineer and sales person within next two weeks to review – pumps are running too much and energy costs are too high.

FY18 MFT street-maintenance program includes an overlay on 2 blocks of N. Maple, N. Oak Garfield between Cedar and Elm, and E. Washington. Repairing some trench bumps on N. Pine there are about and 5-6 need to be done, there are also some on Duffy and S. Elm. There are some “reverse speed bump” sewer dips that need to be repaired. The School Dist. will remove the east curb on N. Maple and install parking facing east. The Village will coordinate with them on this project and overlay that part of Maple. It would have to be done by late June.

The Crack seal program this summer: Green Ridge is in good shape. West side of Elm and Duffy road to east and west are in need. A touch up in Deerfield is also needed. If the cracks are sealed, it will help the streets last longer, it’s a good investment.

Trustee Lieving stated that street striping will also be done.

**Request for Consideration:** – None

**Committee Reports:**

**Water & Sewer:** Nothing to report.

**Streets & Alleys:** Don Lieving – nothing more to report

**Public Safety:** Joan Stanley – There was a meeting to go over budget on 2/28/17. At that meeting they were informed that Officer Dillon Ford will be most likely be leaving the Village PD. They will need to look at the other applications to review for his replacement. It expected that he will be around for another 3 months. The committee will get with Finance & Personnel for another meeting. Trustee Stanley asked Chief Breese about a semi-tractor that has been parked on N. Hickory where that type of vehicle is not allowed. Trustees Robinson and Lieving have also seen it parked on N. Hickory, they asked Chief to follow up.

Chief stated that the monthly reports were incomplete (missing a week) because he was not able to get the memory stick from Sergeant Swanson, who called in sick. These will be updated next month. Trustee Stanley asked if there was any updated information on Officer Ford’s leaving-nothing to report. All applications on file will be given to Chair of Finance and Personnel, Trustee Beach, who will review for a potential candidate. Officer Ford has told the Public Safety committee he would probably be going. Trustee Stanley stated it was too bad he is leaving so soon after the Village put him through his police academy schooling. When he was hired, he was asked and he thought he would be staying quite a while.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Pete Robinson - Nothing to report. He is working with Jim Tuma on budget. He has found an 84 capacity chair rack for \$230.00 on the internet that will work. Clerk Bystry-Busch stated

there was a repeat renter that needed more tables, Trustee Robinson stated that there was no place to put more tables. There are two that need to be repaired.

**Finance & Personnel** – Darryl Beach –a meeting was held to discussed budget, budgets were due tonight but nothing has been submitted for review. The next board meeting, 4/11/17, the budget will up for a first read, about two weeks later on Monday 4/24 at 6:30, a special meeting will be held to approve the budget.

**Economic Development:** – Darryl Beach –will be attending a meeting for the enterprise zone advisory board. They will be looking at expanding Jovick Auto Plaza and looking at expanding the enterprise zone because the expansion will be in Kendal County. It will require an approval of all the municipal parties. They are trying to fast track it but it has slowed down. There are a couple of other small ones in their expansion – Waterman was mentioned regarding the Conserv FS property, we may have to go to the committee to be expanded.

**Zoning:** – Christy Andrews – nothing to report but will have budget ready soon. She is planning on another zoning meeting for the bed and breakfast issue.

**Planning Commission:** – Linda Swenson - absent no report.

**Regional Planning Commission:** – Linda Swenson - absent no report.

#### **Old Business:**

There is a Planning Commission Public Hearing scheduled for March 27 at 6:30pm for the annexation of the Conserv FS property.

Attorney Foster reported that no appraisals have been done on the 416 S. Elm or W. Lincoln properties. The appraiser keeps promising. These are needed to complete the resolutions.

Trustee Andrews reported that nothing has happening about the property maintenance at 215 E. Lincoln, it has slipped her mind.

#### **New Business:**

Trustee Beach asked for all departments to submit their FY18 budgets. There will need to be some for meetings. Slade Browder prepared the ones for water/sewer. Trustee Robinson needs to make some calls to Chris Perra of TEST for some information and will provide that in a couple of days. TEST has provided the testing fees for FY18. Trustee Robinson stated that because the algae are not under control, he will check with Chris to see what he recommends. Trustee Robinson is also working on the Buildings and Grounds budget.

Trustee Robinson talked to Norm because Rooter Ag is selling top soil for a project from E Duffy that Bob Kyler will be hauling. They plan on turning west on Duffy then south on Elm. Duffy is not a designated truck route. Norm does not think it will be a problem as long as it is the right time and temperature. They will build the drive and angle it for a west approach. They will also block driveway to limit assess. Trustee Robinson motioned to allow Bob Kyler Excavating to haul dirt out as long as all criteria are met per Norm Beeh's specifications. Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Robinson reported there is a dead tree in Waterman Lions Community Park and the Lions Club would like to plant a tree in honor of Steve Bock. An oak will be located by the name plate. He met with the Lions members regarding the location. There are TIF funds left over from the S. Birch Street project that can be used. Trustee Robinson motioned to spend \$500 of TIF funds to Myles Tree Service to remove the tree and grind the stump. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Another party is interested in hauling away the wood. It will happen the week after Easter.

**Public Comment:**

Trustee Stanley asked Trustee Robinson about the mowing proposals which are usually submitted in March. Trustee Robinson stated that the job done last year and it was under budget. The current mower, Jed Fensky, who is running for trustee, would create a conflict of interest if he continues to mow after the election. Mr. Fensky stated he appropriately completed his economic interest statement. Attorney Foster agreed there is an issue and will look into this and provide further explanation.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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Christina M. Bystry-Busch

April 11, 2017

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