

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

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

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

Trustee Andrews was 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 stated that the under "Staff Reports" the word "fails" needs to be removed. Trustee Beach motioned to approve the Minutes of 3/14/17 as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

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

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

Mayor Ekle commented that sometimes people look at the number and state that there is a lot of money lying around. These reserves must be on hand for emergencies or if we want to borrow, reserves need to be on hand. All funds are specifically earmarked for each respective account i.e., Road and Bridge, Water and Sewer, MFT--the state dictates what it can be used for.

Mayor's Report:

Shawn Ajazi from Progressive Energy provided Ordinance 2017-02 for renewal of the electric aggregation. The current program expires with the August 2017 meter read. There are 14 other communities in the current aggregation for a total of 250M kWh. Progressive Energy will be looking for a provider that will match the ComEd rate in the event that ComEd's rate would fall below the contracted rate. The supplier will guarantee that. Looking for an approval to move forward for a contract up to 36 months. It includes the rate match, no penalty for withdraw, and billed through ComEd. Trustee Lieving motioned to adopt Ordinance 2017-02 authorizing aggregation of electrical load. . Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Ekle stated that there are current Village contractors that are running for trustee. He made it clear that trustees are not allowed to work the Village as a contractor. Attorney Foster will review the statute and provide specific information. There is specific question as to whether or not Jed Fenske can be a trustee and still be a mowing contractor for the Village. Mayor Ekle stated that trying to get around an ethics rule is wrong. Trustee Beach commented that the ownership showing will be necessary to go forwarded. That there would be no trustee gain from the contract. Attorney Foster requested information from the contractor as to ownership, employees, and each employee's duty.

A letter from the DeKalb Co. Engineer was received regarding the Waterman Road reconstruction. It will be 3-4 year project. Beginning in2017, the driving lanes will be rebuilt. In2018-2019 the shoulders will be widened and regraded. The final phase in the following 1-2 years will include the final paving. The crushed concrete will make gravel base. Phase 1 should start summer of 2017 and be finished by fall.

Correspondence: Received a request from the DeKalb Area Agricultural Heritage Association (DAAHA) for use of the Route 30 parking lot as the starting point for the annual “Barn Tour of DeKalb County” on August 12, 2017. Monsanto will be open for tours and the Waterman Heritage Society will be open 9-4 pm. Setup will be at 8 am. They expect approximately 100 cars. Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the use of the parking lot. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports: Deerfield Well #5 Norm Beeh – the developer is trying to proceed with well construction but has consistently complained that the costs are too high. The letter from Attorney Foster did move things along. Norm received a phone call from Mr. Fareed and a Mr. Hatan and they are getting started on it and moving forward. Norm prepared a new cost estimate if it would be a 100% Village project. If it was privately funded, it would not require prevailing wage, which can make a significant difference in cost. Not sure of what their intentions are but the Village needs to be prepared. It might need to be broken down into pieces and get them to pay for part of it. Mr. Fareed wanted to be able to find other bids and 6 months have lapsed since that time. See what happens and if something cannot be worked out, start the process to apply for a loan for whole project. The tap-on fees would no longer go to the developer. The EPA has sent letters to move ahead with capping of Wells #2 #3. Trustee Robinson stated that we don’t have another board meeting to wait, the ILEPA construction permit expires but it can be renewed for 1 year. We need to move ahead. This expense is a need not a want. The pre-application for the loan is in. Mayor Ekle stated that the developer has been reminded that they are in violation of the annexation agreement.

WWTP pumps reports still show uneven usage. So far no meeting has happened with Xylem. Norm went up his ladder of contacts and they promised to be going through next week all the information and meet at the plant the following week. He will keep on them until it happens.

The FY18 street project will include resurfacing N. Maple. The school is planning an 80-space, 90-degree parking lot on the west side of the building. Norm has reviewed the plans from school engineer. It will be done before school starts. The FY18 will also include 2 blocks of N. Maple, N. Oak, Garfield from Elm to Cedar, and two blocks of Washington. There is also planned patching of trenches on N. Pine and S. Elm for a total MFT project cost of \$120K

Request for Consideration: – None

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Pete Robinson- Nothing to report.

Streets & Alleys: Don Lieving – Nothing to report.

Public Safety: Joan Stanley – Chief Breese reported that Officer Ford has not found other employment, it may be more than 3 months that he will be staying on. There was a Radio and Communication meeting last Thursday, the current system can no longer be fixed and will be used for only one more year then it will need to be replaced. The entire county system will be new and it includes police and fire. DeKalb and NIU have new portable (shoulder) radios that cost \$4k each. There could be a \$75 monthly fee to Motorola to rent the radio that is purchased. There will be no more car radios only shoulder radios. He will attend the bi-monthly chief’s meeting tomorrow and the subject will be the Glenowitz case.

Buildings & Grounds: Pete Robinson – He has in his possession two mowing proposals. One for \$1,180 from Knutson’s Lawn Care and one for \$1,020 from Above All Landscaping per week. Mayor Ekle stated that this will be discussed at April 24th special meeting. Attorney Foster and Jed will work out the issue of contractor/Trustee.

Finance & Personnel –Darryl Beach – The finance meeting did not happen last Friday for a lack of quorum, so the rest of the budget information was not obtained. There are still some committees that need to submit figures. Some of the proposals had a lot of “wish” that will need to be cut. The revenues are being figured conservatively. The extra 1% sales tax passed last year helped with the budgeted deficit and helped just to maintain the current services. Another meeting will be set for 4/14/17 at 10am and he invited all other board members to attend.

Economic Development: – Darryl Beach – He is glad to see the FS annexation moving along. It has not been determined if all the property is in the enterprise zone. The benefits include sales tax relief on building materials and a discount on natural gas taxes.

He will be attending the county economic meeting on 4/20/17 and would like to provide them with an updated zoning map.

Zoning: – Christy Andrews- absent no report.

Planning Commission: – Linda Swenson – The Plan Commission held a public hearing on 3/27/17 and recommends to the Board to move forward with FS property annexation. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Planning Commission’s recommendation to annex the Conserv FS and Northern FS properties into the Village of Waterman. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Regional Planning Commission: – Linda Swenson – she missed first meeting but they are finally having meetings again.

Old Business:

Trustee Lieving stated that 205 N. Birch is looking trashy again.

Attorney Foster stated that the real estate appraiser promised to have the two appraisals done this week.

Trustee Andrews was absent - no report on property maintenance.

Mayor Ekle stated that the budget work is urgent as it needs to be approved by May 1, 2017.

New Business:

Because Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year the Village offices will be officially closed on Saturday, December 23. Employees can take that ½ day holiday either Friday, December 22 or within the next work week. Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the FY18 meeting and holiday closure dates. Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Green Ridge activity dates and park use for summer of 2017. Motion approved unanimously. The last moving night will also be at the Gingko Street Park.

Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the contract with SafeBuilt to continue as our building inspection service. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the Clerk's carryover of 33.5 hours of vacation time after 5/17/17. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Public Comment:

Barn tour – Tom Guertler from the audience asked about broader advertising.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Bystry-Busch

5/9/17

Date