

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman Special Meeting held Tuesday, April 24, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Trustee Andrews was absent.

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ekle presented Anton (Tony) Feitlich for appointment to fill the open seat that Slade Brower vacated in December. It will be for a 2-year term. Tony is working toward his BA in technical management and analytics and has been with Chase Bank since 2010. He possesses sufficient background to be a trustee and would be an asset to the Village. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the appointment. Roll call vote passed 4/0

Trustee Robinson stated that the impending trustee seat has nothing to do with the current mowing contract. He stated that if the contract is awarded prior to Jed being seated it is not an issue.

Mayor Ekle stated according to Attorney Foster's research into the matter and according to state statute, that having Jed Fenske on the board and working for the mowing company for the Village presents an ethical conflict. No trustee can receive a benefit from the Village as a board member. Becky Prusa stated that she owns the company, that Jed works for the brick laying branch of the business and that the legal advice she received indicated there was no conflict. Mayor Ekle stated it was his believe the states' attorney has been given different information that what is currently at hand. He was not willing to be embroiled in a suit with the Attorney General and is confident that the AGs office will not agree with this proposed program. Having Jed Fenske on the board and working for a Village contractor would put the Village in a questionable place. Attorney Foster provided advice that it is a class-4 felony to gain benefit from a municipality and being on its board.

Trustee Robinson failed to provide a written proposal from Above All Landscaping but did have the figures for the two proposals he received. Knutsen's Lawn Care was \$1,280 per mow Above All Landscaping was \$1,020 a \$160 difference. Trustee Beach motioned to accept the proposal of Knutsen's Lawn Care for \$1,180 per mow. Trustee Stanley stated it was not personal thing but the two parties should avoid the matter. Roll call vote passed 3/1 with Trustee Robinson voting no.

Correspondence: None.

Request for Consideration: None.

Old Business:

Budget – Trustee Stanley questioned raises and insurance increases to the Police Dept. when they the budgeted revenues are not met, but the Board has always found ways to meet their unexpected needs. She didn't think it was right to have both increases. Trustee Beach stated that it had been a couple years since the PD received a raise. The 3% is a minimal pay raise. There is a danger of comparing revenues to pay increases, need to avoid pay-for-play issues. There are reasons revenues have declined. Insurance premiums have been going up. It is inherent upon the employees to submit premium notices for payment. He feels comfortable giving the cost of living and insurance raises. He has discussed with

chief why the revenues are down and it is somewhat beyond their control problem. Mayor Ekle stated that the quota system law restricts what we do. Trustee Stanley stated that the monthly reports don't show much activity and there are many warning that could/should have been a ticket. Stanley would like the Clerk to have more than a 3% raise. Trustee Lieving asked if the tree treatment was budgeted. Trustee Robinson said it was more cost effective to treat the trees than replace them. There is \$5K budgeted for new trees.

At this point, Tony Feitlich was in attendance and Clerk Bystry-Busch swore him in and he took a seat at the board table.

Trustee Robinson motioned to approve SKC Construction to perform the crack seal project for FY18 in the amount of \$19,000. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Lieving asked for a map of the streets involved.

Veteran's Day was originally omitted from the holiday/closure schedule. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the updated meeting and holiday and schedule. Motion approved unanimously.

Well #5 – There may yet be a meeting this week with Mr. Fareed, not sure when this will happen. They are expecting bids to be in as of this meeting date.

New Business:

Mayor Ekle explained that the Village was new the end of process of annexing the FS property. Trustee Lieving motioned to adopt Ordinance 2017-03 approving the Annexation Agreement with Conserv FS and Northern FS. Roll vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Beach motioned to adopt Ordinance 2017-04 Annexing 450 W. Adams into the Village of Waterman. Roll vote passed 5/0.

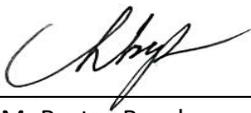
Trustee Feitlich motioned to adopt Ordinance 2017-05 Rezoning 450 W. Adams into the Village of Waterman. There was a question as to whether the house at the end of W. Adams was included in the annexation. It was not. There was also discussion about establishing a right-of-way to access that property as well as the land behind it. Roll vote passed 5/0. The current zoning is Ag and it will now be C-1.

Trustee Beach motioned to adopt Ordinance 2017-06 the FY18 budget. The line item for mowing will be updated to allow for 22 mowings at \$1,180 per mow. Roll call vote passed 4/1 with Trustee Robinson voting no.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Bystry-Busch

5/9/17

As corrected Date