

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

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

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

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

Approve Agenda: Mayor Ekle asked that under "Mayor's Report," add "Acknowledgement" as C and move "C" to "D." Trustee Stanley motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Stanley motioned to approve the minutes from the public hearing of 4/11/17. Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Beach Motion to approve the minutes of the 4/11/17 regular board meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Stanley motioned to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of 4/24/17 as amended by changing MBA to BA under "Mayor's Report." Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Stanley motioned to approve the minutes from the public hearing of 4/24/17 as amended to change the word "projects" to "projections." Motion approved unanimously.

Accept Council Approval Report: Trustee Stanley motioned to accept the Council Approval Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Beach motioned to accept the Petty Cash Report. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report: Trustee Stanley motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Account Report. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Mayor's Report:

The south of side of the Monsanto property there is a water main runs out to Deerfield and there is drain tile that runs back and forth across that main. When that main was installed the contractor that put in water main damaged the drainage tile. That contractor is no longer in business. About a week and half ago, Eric Petersen brought the drainage problem to Mayor Ekle's attention. The cost to repair the tile could be \$3-4K. It was also re-routed so it will no longer go over the main. The repairs took care of the pressure and drainage issues. This was an emergency situation so Mayor Ekle gave the go ahead to make the necessary repairs.

A short statement regarding the problems experienced with the All-town Garage sales that directly affected the Village. "When anyone does an event, it reflects on the entire Village. When there are problems, the Village staff end up spending time fielding phone calls and taking abusive complaints. In the long run, this costs the Village in lost time and effort. If there are problems keeping a commitment then someone should be contacting someone else for the Village asking for assistance so citizens are not left irate and short changed." We are all tied together in this small village, you can't have an event to arie without it effecting everyone.

Acknowledgements: Mayor Ekle gave outgoing Trustees Pete Robinson, Don Lieving, and Joan Stanley Certificates of Appreciation for their time they have served on the Board and for their service to the community. Trustee Stanley stated that she was honored to serve on the Board and has lived in Waterman here all her life. Trustee Beach presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor Ekle and thanked him for this time on the Board and service to the community. Mayor Ekle stated that he regrets

not running again but it was time to move on and leave it to somebody else. He appreciated the people he worked with.

The Village Clerk swore in Darryl Beach as the new Village President. Elected trustees Dennis Mitchell and Jed Fenske were then sworn. All took their seats at the Board Table.

Staff Reports:

Village Engineer, Norm Beeh, introduced himself to the new board members. There are several active projects that will be happening this summer. He passed out the crack seal and resurfacing roads map. The ICM School will install 90-degree parking and then the street will be resurfaced in the 200 block of N. Maple. It should be done by end of June. Trustee Mitchell asked if the overlay streets would create an additional run off into lawns. The far north Maple still won't drain right, there will continue to be drainage problems. This was explained to the Board at an earlier meeting and they excepted that issue. The 200 block of Maple has curb & gutter whereas others don't have. There isn't the money to install curb and gutter as well as storm sewer because there is nowhere to tie into.

The county will rebuild Waterman Road over a period of 2-3 years. It will be fractured and seal coat first year then hot mix at the end of the project. Norm wrote to the county engineer and requested that they clean and shape ditch from Duffy Road to the creek but he hasn't heard back.

The next improvement for the summer will be Monsanto constructing a building that will require then to relocate a water main. They will pay the entire cost of replacing approx. 150' of main. They should be the only one effected by the shutdown.

WWTP lift station was replaced a couple of years ago. It generally works but has had some abnormalities in how the pumps alternate. The program specialist from Florida was out today to inspect. He will try to figure out why it isn't working exactly right. The printed and online reports are incorrect. They will get the problem fixed. They promised to get back to Norm in a week or two. They will also provide a total gallons pumped and total KWH report to verify that it is efficient as they we supposed to be.

Well#5 needs to move forward with well agent from Houston, Joe Fareed. Norm has left a number of messages. Joe is aware of the board meeting tonight and may come here in next 10 days to meet with Mayor to move forward. The total cost of \$1.2M will be part of the discussion. Need to move forward with the well.

Correspondence: none- Mayor Beach did receive a phone call from Indian Creek booster club about decorating windows along Rt. 30 for ICMS state track meet.

Request for Consideration: Nicole Pearson resident of Waterman for two years They would like the Board to allow backyard hens and no roosters. She would like the Board to consider up to 6 hens no roosters. She stressed that the pros outweigh the cons. It is a good responsibility for kids, provides nourishment and sustaining nutrition. She has canvased some of the community and only 1 in 20 people said no to the proposal.

Committee Reports: – Mayor Beach explained that because committee assignments had not yet been determined, there would be no reports. He requested the trustees to provide him with a preference list of committees each would like to chair and/or participate in.

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson - nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

There are two vacant seats on the board. Mayor Beach would like to appoint Arnold (Arnie) Johanningsmeier to one of the vacant seats. Arnie is a life-long resident of Waterman. He has worked with the scouts, been on the Waterman Summer Rec board and is currently part of the Waterman Community Chest. He has worked in underground utility installation since 1999 and is currently a supervisor of 14 crews. Trustee Fenske motioned to accept the appointment of Arnie Johanningsmeier to fill one of the vacant seats. Roll call vote passed /0.

Public Safety Report: Chief Breese reported that they participated in a mock accident. The WPD helped with DUI arrest and it was a good learning experience. At the Chief's meeting the Gleowitz case was the topic. They went through several hours of what happened. He commented on the number of community members that were in attendance at the meeting, great to have the room full.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the donation of \$500 to Waterman Summer Rec. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

When the FY18 budget was prepared the real estate taxes for 460 S. Elm St. were omitted. Trustee Andrews motioned to modify the FY18 budget to add the payment of real estate taxes for 460 S. Elm. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Mitchell asked what the plans were for that lot. It was relayed that a offer had been made but was withdrawn. Hopefully another offer will be made soon.

Public Comment: Henry Meier asked about the water quality along E. Garfield, he is having rust issues. Norm Beeh addressed this explained that Well #4 does have a filter that removes both arsenic and iron. If it is a windy day, the wind moves it the iron sludge in the tower into the system. Perhaps extra flushing could help. Henry also asked about the water report and the arsenic level. It was explained that all wells are tested and their combined tests are in this report. Currently 100% of the water comes from Well #4 which is not in violation.

Joan Stanley extended congratulations to all new members on board and thanked Christina, Sandy and Keith too. There was a question about the overlay on N. Maple and not fixing the drainage. Norm stated that fixing the drainage would cost \$200K+ and the overlay will still shed and create puddles. There are no storm sewers in the area to connect into; the closest one is a block away. The road is in rough shape. Mayor Beach stated that the new committee chairs will look into this. A question about when the Duffy Road ditch grass would be cut. East/west Duffy Road is deep and wet and difficult to mow. This ditch has always been an issue.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Bystry

June 13, 2017
Date