

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

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

Roll call: Ekle, Andrews, Browder, Lieving, Robinson, and Stanley.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

Approve Agenda: Mayor Ekle requested that Item 14d be tabled until July and that Item 14L be moved to Item 9f. Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Browder stated that on page 1 under Staff Reports, IDOT should be ILEPA. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Minutes of 5/10/16 as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the Petty Cash report as presented. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report: Trustee Browder asked about the General Fund is down about 30K from last month and wondered if it was because of the demolition fees, back taxes, and the sheriff's relay fee. Trustee Browder motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Account Report. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mayor's Report: Loren Monsess from the local American Legion Post 654 requested to register a complaint about the Memorial day Ceremony at Waterman Lions Community Park. He reported that the legion members had barely finished with the memorial proceedings when they were rushed off memorial area by the shelter renters – Village Bible Church in Sugar Grove. He requested that the Legion be allowed until at least noon to have the opportunity to conclude the ceremony and remove their equipment. This was the second year in a row that this had happened. The Legion did receive a letter from the Bible Church apologizing for actions of a few members, which will be discussed at their next meeting. Mr. Monsess also asked that the restrooms be opened earlier next year. Tim Badal, a local member of the Village Bible Church stated that they had 850 people at their annual picnic and stressed that they wanted to be respectful and honorable to the Legion and apologized for the actions of a few members. The church will go along with whatever the Legion would like them to do in the future.

Mr. Monsess then went on to ask, as president of the Clinton Township Cemetery Board, if some of the excess dirt from the newly constructed path at the Garfield park location could be given to the two cemeteries. Mayor Ekle stated there was no problems with this and Clerk Bystry-Busch agreed that there was plenty and would be happy to share.

Mayor Ekle then asked former Trustee Roger Bosworth to come to the front and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the time, hard work, he had given to the Village, and dedication over above what most would have done. He wished him well on behalf of the Board.

Mayor Ekle asked the Board to approve his appointment of Darryl Beach to fill the vacated seat of Roger Bosworth. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the appointment. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Clerk Bystry-Busch then swore in Darryl Beach as trustee to complete the term of the seat vacated by Roger Bosworth.

Mayor Ekle Stated that committee assignments will stay the same and that Trustee Beach will assume the committee positions previously held by Trustee Bosworth. Trustee Beach will be head of the finance committee with Trustee Browder to assist.

Mayor Ekle then recommended that Trustee Beach be appointed mayor pro tem. Trustee Browder did not want the position. Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the appointment of Trustee Beach as mayor pro tem. Trustee Browder stated that there were more senior Trustees that could have been appointed. Mayor Ekle consider all the options and is depending on the committee to back him up. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Staff reports: Engineer Norm Beeh reported as follows:

Well #5 - a month ago he had to resolve what he thought were final issues on ILEPA permit, they were asking for backup generator and he figured that with a 200k gal. water supply and full back up at Well #4. He wrote to the ILDPA stating it was not necessary. He talked with Jim Tuma and he was not happy about maintaining another generator. They dropped that part then came back with issues regarding the filtration system. All issues have just been resolved and he will get bids for Well #5 and move forward.

For the paving of the South Birch and GCW projects he recommended Universal Asphalt at \$19,880. There are a few patching locations as well. Cost wise having Eric Petersen and Village staff do all the excavating and prep work was a good move. Having good rains for has helped pack the gravel. They have to complete the work by 7/15/16. Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the recommendation of Universal Asphalt. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

The crack seal project is half done. With the recent rain, they need a couple of dry days in order to finish. They are using a different material with fiber for the cracks in the pavement and is a much better patch. They still need to use the rubber seal along the curb line.

1803 Candles on E. Lincoln has requested rezoning. Currently the main property is zone C-2 with variance making it I-1. Last year there was some residential rezoning based upon use. Proper zoning would be I-1, light industrial. They have since purchased the adjacent property and the question is whether it should stay C-2 with a variance or change it to I-1. Mike Heiderscheidt stated that when he was chair of the Zoning Committee and the zoning map changes were to be made, this should have been updated with the other zoning map changes. Mayor Ekle explained that after meeting with the architect for 1803 and a building out is in the plan, it would be best to join the properties and this would eliminate setback issues. They are going to ask to have it joined to one lot all zoned as I-1. Trustee Robinson pointed out that the former owner, Paul Dolder, sold a portion of the lot to Casey's and it should be returned to one lot. The Board can tell 1803 Candles that it can be returned to one lot and all this can be accomplished with the next zoning map amendment.

Trustee Browder reported that the WWTP pumps had no warnings with extra rain. During low flow pump 2 has still been working more after some adjustments. Clerk Bystry-Busch asked what needs to be done with the disputed bill. Mayor Ekle stated that it would have be resolved.

Correspondence: A thank you for the plant sent to the Dolder family when Paul Dolder died. A thank you from Christina Eddy, former owner of 460 S. Elm properties, to the Village for removing the burden of her house, etc.

Request for Consideration: None.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Trustee Browder stated that sludge tests had been done at the WWTP Chris and Jim believe the bugs did not work well and recommend not to use new bugs. He recommended to dredge in

a few years. Mayor Ekle asked if the ILEPA was good with the current levels. Trustee Browder stated that for now, it is in good shape. There will need to be metals testing done. There is 5-6' of sludge that needs to be removed by licensed operator. He will get an estimate in January and work on that for the next budget year. Chris Perra of TEST has contacted the contractor for water tower, Putnam, who will be here in 4-6 weeks to clean inside and out of the water tower.

Streets & Alleys Trustee Lieving asked Trustee Browder if the ash borer treatment will be in the fall and if he would take care of contacting the company who does the treating. Trustee Lieving said the signs for around school restricting parking during school functions could be 26 to 32 signs as the ordinance currently states. Attorney Foster stated that the ordinance could be reworded to reduce the number of signs necessary. This is part of the snow route parking restrictions ordinance. He knows that the Public Works has been working on stump remediation but not sure where, he will check the status.

Public Safety: Trustee Stanley stated that the committee met 5/8/16 and Chief Breese and Sergeant Swanson were present. One the matters discussed was the "no parking" by post office. It is painted on the pavement but there are no signs. Chief Breese told them that signs are necessary to ticket. Other things talked about were cars without valid stickers, dog waste, burning yard waste, etc. Also discussed was giving tickets rather than warnings, not much money is generated by traffic tickets. Some towns have their own processing of tickets. They went over these items to see what needs to be done. Trustee Lieving also asked about ticketing trucks – Chief Breese stated that there is an allowance of 1 mile off the truck route to make deliveries. With the new laws the 5 ton weight limit signs are no longer valid. In the old days enforcement was up to 73,280 but it has been changed to 80K. Trucking industry and lobbying makes the 5 ton limit useless. Mayor Ekle stated it was due to the school construction traffic. Trustee Lieving asked what street signs that need to be replaced.

Chief provided the May reports. What is currently being worked on: a \$2,009 fraudulent check made by computer and then withdrew \$\$ from account in another bank. They are spending a lot of time on tis trying to find the suspect along with his girlfriends who are benefitting. Mayor Ekle relayed a verbal communication about drugs on Wilson St. and he also asked if the gang markings had been removed. He was aware of one home on Wilson but apparently there is a second. Public Works was supposed to remove the gang markings. Chief stated that Waterman is a different town from 1 year ago. Signage will be looked into for the no parking area by the post office.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Robinson reported that Jed Fesnky called with extra mulch and asked to put around monument at the park. He has also mulched 3 trees at WLCP, photos of before and after were provided.

Finance & Personnel: – Trustee Browder asked Trustee Browder about the budgets for the Birch Street expansion and the George Cies Way project – it appears that it will come in under budget.

Economic Development: Nothing to report.

Zoning: Trustee Andrews received a written complaint and she has communication with Chief Breese about this. At this time about half has been fixed and a letter was written giving two weeks to comply. Mayor Ekle stated that we have been after all other mowing violations but Deerfield has not been mowed all year. This needs to be followed up on.

Planning Commission: Linda Swenson stated that a public hearing would be held for the FS rezoning and other zoning matters as soon as all the information is received. They could all be on one date, one right after the other.

Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson reported the group has not met this summer. There is a meeting on zoning ag/ag related businesses on the farm.

Old Business:

On the Purchasing Policy - Trustee Andrews added definitions and changed the amounts for purchase authority. Review for approval next month.

The FS Annexation- the petition for annexation and rezoning information has been sent to FS but no response has been received. Mayor Ekle will follow up.

Trustee Robinson stated that 460 S. Elm has been seeded and graded – all done.

Playground equipment status – Trustee Andrews reported that the Agreement was signed. The insurance company looked over. She will get specs from the manufacturers for proper installation. She requested documentation from Mr. Simpson.

Waterman Green Space pathway is under construction. Clerk Bystry-Busch provided photos of a zip line that is in Geneva that a local Eagle Scout would like to install. The information was also provided to insurance company. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Eagle Scout to go ahead with the zip line project as long as specific requests and requirements are met and the insurance approves. Motion approved unanimously.

Attorney Foster stated part of the problem is the language. After looking at other cities ordinances, he suggests to prohibit the parking and then put in a catch all that would prohibit parking unless otherwise stated and then strategically place signs. Some signs can be put up. It will be ready for the July meeting.

Mayor Ekle WLCP, there have been a lot of complaints about cleaning and he looked and was not satisfied. Trustee Robinson stated that he received a call and they quit. Mayor Ekle stated that there is interested party in the job, residing locally and has transportation. If there are any other suggestions, please inform Village Hall, or Trustee Robinson.

Clerk Bystry-Busch reported that electronics recycling will not be available until further notice. The county health dept. is working on getting a replacement company. This is not just an Illinois problem, other stated are in a similar situation.

Clerk Bystry-Busch provided information regarding the community electricity aggregation. ComEd rates are lower than the aggregation rates and residents have the option of returning to ComEd for their electricity. Letters will be going out to all participants explaining this. If they go back to ComEd they may not return to the aggregation for a period of 6 months.

Clerk Bystry-Busch reported that NiCor has increased the yearly franchise allocation to the Village.

Trustee Robinson motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-03 Prevailing Wage. Roll call passed 6/0.

Clerk Bystry-Busch presented the successful MFT audit report.

Clerk Bystry-Busch reported that Pubic Works would like a tablet to modernize their lists and information they keep track of. The laptop they currently have is significantly outdated and is no longer supported or linked to the system. The complete price range is \$800 to \$1,200. Trustee Robinson motion to spend up to \$1,000 for a tablet for Public Works. Trustee Stanley stated Public Works were asked for budget information before and it was not requested at that time so it is not in the budget. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Because of absences Trustee Robinson motioned to change August meeting date to 8/23/16.

Mayor Ekle asked permission to have Linda Swenson list lots on Lincoln Highway and 460 S. Elm Street. There can be stipulations for use. A listing price needs to be determined. Trustee Lieving motioned to

have Mayor Ekle sign a listing contract with Linda Swenson list the two properties. The downtown lot is in the TIF district. Trustee Robinson stated they needed to be appraised and agrees they need to be listed. There are no local comparable properties. The Economic Development Committee will follow through on this. Mayor Ekle stated to put signs in the ground. The S. Elm lot could start at \$60K. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Trustee Stanley abstaining.

Clerk Bystry-Busch stated that Monsanto Corn Production has taken an interest in replacing the wood on the foot bridge at the northwest corner of N. Elm and E. Duffy. They would like permission to put numbers together for board approval. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve this project. Motion approved unanimously.

The Hicksgas contract arrived in the mail after the agenda was posted. A consensus was given to approve at \$563.00 for \$1.329 per gal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Bosworth stated the if the lot downtown is developed, parking will be an issue. He suggested that TIF money be used to pave the lot owned by the Monteiros and leased to Larry Gibson. Other concessions could be used for the lot development. He has talked with Larry Gibson about this. Brent has copy of old EPA study and a parking lot is the best fit for this land.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Bystry-Busch