

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll call: Beach, Andrews, Feitlich, Johanningsmeier, and Mitchell.

Trustee Fenske arrived late at 7:58 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Mayor Beach asked that under “Mayor’s Report,” add “Discuss trustee paperwork” as E and move. Under “Staff Reports” Norm Beeh added “Water main flushing” and “Crack seal update” as E and F. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the minutes of the 5/9/17 regular board meeting as presented. Motion approved unanimously

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

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Petty Cash Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Treasurer’s Funds Account Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Fund Account Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Mayor’s Report:

There is still one trustee vacancy. Mayor Beach wished to appoint Henry Meier III to fill that vacant seat. Mr. Meier has attended a number of meetings is interested in help out and working with the Board and is available. He has lived in Waterman on Garfield St. almost 6 years and is involved in 10 and 13 year old children’s sports and organizations. He and his wife have started new business. Trustee Andrews motioned to accept the appointment of Henry Meier to the vacant seat. Roll call vote passed 4/0. Trustee Meyer was then sworn in.

Mayor Beach stated that the Duffy road ditch boundaries were in question when it came mowing. It has been difficult to get the mowing accomplished. He has received/made a phone call a day since taking office. He met with the mowers on Thursday and talked about would be done and he would relay any changes from the board meeting. All the tall grass needs to be removed. The actual property lines are 2-3 feet from bottom of the ditch. Some residents cut, some don’t. The Village has set precedence by mowing for the last 20 years and hopefully it will be for the same price. When houses sold property markers were established to the top of the ditch. It is safer to have a professional mow. Wording on the current contract will need to be changed. Residents get impatient when it’s too wet.

Colonial life rep. not here, item tabled.

Deerfield lots – On Sunday Mayor Beach observed disking empty lots. The farmer is allowed to cultivate only southern lots and plant hay or wheat which would look better than the weeds. Norm Beeh stated that along 23 there are no utilities in the commercial lots and asked the Board how they felt about this. Mayor Beach wanted it to be only the south lots that are cultivated. It is the responsibility of the lot owner to keep the weeds under control. Norm will relay to Joe Fareed who leases rather than pay to mow, it is currently in the middle of Ramadan and they are difficult to reach. Trustee Mitchell continued to ask about how many times over the years he has tried to contact and if any legal action has been

taken. In fairness to the farmer the board needs to decide what is allowable and not, there was a large area south and east that have been planted for a few years. It looks better than weeds. Any residential lots that have curb and gutter and improvements need to be avoided. The farmer will need to be responsible for damage. Trustee Mitchell wanted an agreement with the farmer in writing and to provide a map.

Mayor Beach stated that all new Trustees paperwork needs to be provided to the Clerk including contact information and OMA training needs to be completed 90 days within taking office. There is newly elected official workshop in Rochelle on June 30 that Mayor Beach will be attending.

Staff Reports:

Well #5 provided the cost projections with the assumption it will be a publically funded well by the Village. The annexation agreement states the developer is to put in the well and eventually be reimbursed with tap-on fees. If it were privately funded, contract requirements would be less. For drilling and constructing the well \$70K could be saved as well as \$100K savings on the electrical portion of the project. Since the annexation agreement was in place the EPA changed the arsenic allowable PPB from 40 to 10. All the area communities have a 10-15 PPM level. The filtration system more than doubles the cost of well, which is part of the hesitation from the developer. Well #4 along the alley which has a filtration system and in good shape. Well #3 at the townner which has arsenic at about 13 and Well #2 on West Adams is above 10 and is not built to the current standard of 24" above the floor. Once the new well is online, Well #2 will be abandoned and the Bowman ground pollution remediation will be less, simplifying their work. The Bowman contractor would pay to have it closed, saving the Village \$13K. The EPA is also applying pressure to the Village to have a 2nd reliable water source that is in complete compliance. Norm stated that if we could be the developer to the table, the costs could be reduced by a half million. Trustee Mitchell asked if the requirement transfers with the sale of the property and Trustee Fenske asked why the property owner hasn't been pressured to complete the project. Trustee Johanningsmeier asked about a timeline and at best estimate it would be the next time the EPA comes in for an inspection, which is done every 3 years. There is a Federal low interest loan 1.9% for 20 years and potentially a 30-year loan. Trustee Mitchell agrees to move forward but not a taxpayers expense. Trustee Feitlich asked about upgrading Well #3. It would be completely at tax payers expense of \$500K. Mayor Beach directed Attorney Foster to send another letter demanding a meeting investigate what other legal options do we have if there is no cooperation. The owner's representative lives in Houston and the owners are in Joran or Saudi. The majority of the delay is that Joe's uncle, who is the owner, has been ill and not able to travel and Joe has hesitated talking to him about this project. Attorney Foster stated that one remedy is that the land is on the hook for the expense. The land could be used to generate the funds necessary to fund the project, similar to a foreclosure. It would be a similar concept as a lien. There is already have an obligation, record a declaration of default and turn the heat up. A letter to have him come to Waterman needs to be sent right away. Linda Swenson stated that the real estate agent relisted and houses on market, Remax Catherine Gannon. A timeline to respond needs to be established. There is the possibility they will walk away and no well will be built by them. Test wells have already been drilled and paid for by developer. The Village has designed and permitted the well. The permits are good for 1 year and can be extended 1 year.

Norm stated that the WWTP pump warnings – the manufacturer was out last week and corrected some of the issues and found other items to work on. The communication within the panel is not right and

will be fixed. The pumps are working correctly but not alternating correctly. Making headway, all under warranty

Update on N. Maple parking, ICSD asked the current contract to include it in his contract, the offer was rejected, so it is out for bids. There will be a slight delay in their project but they will be going forward; 43 spots of 90 degree parking.

The street resurfacing program - last month question about N Maple about doing it right. Cost put in storm sewer inlets and put in manholes, curb and gutter, lower the street and rebuild it would be \$296K. That would be 92.7 months of MFT monies or 7.7 years. To do drainage only for that one block, grade and shape ditches to get the water off road \$160K or 4+ years for MFT. Could do a few things with Village man power but it would be a big job or undertake. An ordinance would be necessary and strictly enforced for no gravel in front of those houses for street parking. Compared \$31K for the resurfacing which is 3 years' worth of savings of \$120K which is enough for 6 blocks and has been approved by IDOT. Trustee Mitchell suggested that the whole project be put on hold until all the new Trustees can look at it and come up with something else. Adding 2" lifts over and over is not a solution. He asked about the infrastructure fee that is on the water bill. It is not for streets, but for water/sewer/storm sewer and it has been used for the installation of the new water main by the old middle school. Mayor Beach suggested that the whole committee look at it and come up with an alternative. There will be costs involved with stopping the current project and those need to be considered. Norm confirmed that the old board and IDOT have approved the entire project. He stated that the 200 block of N. Maple project where the new parking lot will be must be done.

Norm stated that the crack seal contractor is behind because of weather.

Water main flushing – a number of concerns about iron along E. Garfield. Public works flush hydrants every other month and this next time (august) they will try to flush in a one directional method to clean the main out.

Correspondence: Letter from ILEPA right to know notification for the Bowman site, the Village is on the ILEPA's radar for getting Well #2 capped.

Request for Consideration: None.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer – Denny Mitchell – nothing to report.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier – nothing to report.

Public Safety Report – Jed Fenske - planning a meeting for creating a golf cart ordinance, Auxiliary police dept. program, the new radio systems need to be updated and installed. Chief Breese stated that the current radios cannot be fixed. The new system will also include the fire departments and take about a year to develop. The county will spend the money for and users will have to pay a higher fee for them to recover the money. No reports because Dillon on reserve drill and took memory stick so no log information is available. He will have it next month. He explained that the auxiliary officers will be armed, and have legal powers while work with a certified officer. The Village will have to train and send to gun school for weapon carrying. Part-time officers can be hired from the auxiliary. Trustee Mitchell asked about liability, IML would cover the liability. Trustee Fenske stated there would be a uniform allowance. Chief Breese stated that all training for new officers is filled and no openings for 12 months-- schooling will be on a year delay. An officer can work for 6 months with no certification.

Trustee Fenske stated that all complaint forms for all complaints need to be filled out by that person and then turned in, if they are not signed, it cannot be called in via phone/text/verbal, it is not a report.

Buildings & Grounds – Henry Meier – nothing to report.

Finance & Personnel - Tony Feitlich – noting to report.

Economic Development – Tony Feitlich – noting to report.

Zoning - Christy Andrews – noting to report, but will have a meeting soon.

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson - missed the meeting but received a packet. The subject was the DeKalb County Community Foundation monies that are available to the Villages. There are no future meeting scheduled.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Mayor Beach stated that Myles Tree Service did a fast and thorough job of taking care of the downed trees after the las storm. Myles Tree Service has submitted their information to be the designated tree service for the Village. Trustee Fenske motioned to approve Myles Tree Service to be the designated tree served for the Village. Motion approved unanimously.

Because several Trustees are not available to attend a meeting on July 11, Mayor Beach requested that the meeting be held July 18. Trustee Andrews motioned to have change the July meeting date to 7/18/17. Motion approved unanimously.

Because the Waterman Enhancement Group did not receive the grant to install a water source at Muingan Park and they are asking the Village to take over that project. Bids need to be secured. It needs to go to committee to review all the costs involved. Trustee Andrews also mentioned the purchasing policy needs to be followed.

Trustee Mitchell motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-07 prevailing wage. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the donation for \$500 to the DeKalb County Community Foundation. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Public Comment: – Norm Gaston representing the Waterman Lions would like to update the electric at the shelter by using Larson Davis Electric to improve the lines in shelter and old bathroom. The Lions will pay for this. Trustee Fenske asked about running electric to WSR concession stand while this is being done. Norn stated that Julie information is an issue. Norm also said that the Lions would consider helping pay for the water supply at Muingan Park. He asked about the use of the infrastructure based on past meetings.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Bystry

July 18 2017

Date