

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

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

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

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

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

Approve Minutes: Trustee Browder stated that on page 3 under Finance & Personnel, the second Trustee mentioned should be Lieving, not Browder. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the minutes of 6/14/16 as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the Petty Cash report as presented. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

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

Mayor's Report: Representative from DC Trash, Northern Illinois Disposal, and Waste Management were present in the audience. The Board reviews proposals from each company and reviewed the summary the Clerk prepared. There was discussion about the monthly price and what has been paid for brush dumpster fees to date. Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the proposal of DC Trash. Roll call vote passed 5/1 with Trustee Browder voting no.

Jim Savio from Sikich was present and briefly explained the audit reports to the Board.

Staff reports:

Trustee Browder reported that Well #5 is out for bid with no deadline for submission with the hopes of better pricing.

The WWTP Pump warnings have stopped but the pumps are still not coordinated correctly.

Trustee Lieving reported that the Birch Street expansion project is almost completed. The pedestrian lane striping will be done Thursday.

Trustee Lieving reported that the George Cies Way reconstruction just needs the gravel shoulder installed and it will be finished.

Trustee Lieving motioned to pay the bill of SKC Construction for crack sealing in the amount of \$19,900. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Norm Beeh sent photos and explanations for the FS culvert. They showed the FS culvert, debris that were blocking the entrance to the Village storm drain, a steel fence post lodged in the manhole on S. Birch St., and stone riprap carried through the Village 48" line and restricting the outlet. Eric Petersen cleaned out the east end of the drain on the corner of S. Elm and Washington at no charge. The solution is for FS to replace the culvert, FS has been made aware of these problems. We are going to continue

the annexation within month or two. FS has called in a Julie request to “remove culvert.” There is concern about the annexation and then have the bill for \$30k of pipe repair. Trustee Robinson suggested that the Village may help with culvert in order to keep the annexation progressing. The road would be shut down for two days for replacement. Mayor Ekle talked with a local excavator to get numbers and compared with the county timeframe. There is no reason it cannot be worked out.

Request for Consideration: None.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Trustee Browder stated that the water tower cleaning is still on the to-do list. Putnam will call 2-3 days before they come.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Lieving stated that Eric Petersen cannot find a finisher to help with the sidewalks. He will talk with Eric one more time. Trustee Lieving stated that Universal Asphalt has sidewalk crew. Mayor Ekle stated that any good concrete person should finish the area (back fill and seed). Trustee Lieving also stated that he and Norm were questioned by Martenson’s about plowing snow around their building. Mayor Ekle addressed this matter with Martenson 3 times and talked with Public Works last year before the last snow. They are not willing to accept the answer. The Village property goes right up to the building and Public works plows as close to the building as possible. Too much history is behind this. We have added the gravel they requested and the plow crew is doing the best they can.

Public Safety: Trustee Stanley stated there is nothing urgent. Chief Breese stated that Officer Ford’s training over Saturday and he will be going on his own Sunday. Trustee Lieving stated that he has heard good comments about him. Chief stated he is doing an excellent job. Sergeant Swanson is still working on the fraud case and secured three felony arrests and it is just the tip of the iceberg. There is another victim with a higher loss and is a local resident.

Trustee Lieving stated he drove by Village Hall and observed two squads running at 10:30 pm with nobody in. Trustee Robinson explained that each time the car is turned off, a complete reset of the computers is necessary. Mayor Ekle stated the guideline given was that if it is longer then 15-20 min. they should be shut down.

Chief Breese stated that some signs from the local Daisy Troop were put out outside the building supporting the police dept., he has contacted Chronicle and sent in a photo of the signs. Vicki Cauldron is the troop leader and Chief.

Chief stated that the property maintenance issued has been mowing only, none of the other issues have been addressed.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Robinson had nothing to report. Summerfest is this weekend and all will be ready at the park. Leonard Johnson called today about replacing lightbulbs. The Lions called Julie prior to installing the beer garden fence, but they will only mark from the pole to the meter. Trustee Robinson marked the ground. Mayor Ekle stated that last Saturday afternoon the park bathrooms were locked. Trustee Robinson locks at night and he will make sure they are unlocked on the weekends. Hate to lock them at all but because of past vandalism it is necessary.

Finance & Personnel: – Trustee Beach had nothing to report at this time.

Zoning: Trustee Andrews reported that there was a meeting 7/12/16 and discussed were zoning classifications and amendments to the zoning map. There are properties that need to be rezoned and a public hearing will be necessary. There is a cut-off date to have zoning map amendments each year to the county.

Also discussed was the property maintenance issue at 210 W. Cleveland. On May 12 Chief Breese went over and spoke with the owner about the junk, refuse, and abandoned vehicle. Since that time only the lawn was mowed. On June 8, a certified letter was sent but nothing has been done about the violations. The Police Dept. was asked to issue a citation and give to Aug 1 to comply and if no compliance, call the county health dept. The property at 205 E. Lincoln. Trustee Andrews will contact the property owner about all the trash on his land. Mayor Ekle has photos of the area.

Planning Commission & Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson was not present no reports were given.

Old Business:

Trustee Andrews motioned to approve the Purchasing policy. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

The annexation of FS was delayed because they had not been forwarded the paperwork. Attorney Foster assured it would be taken care of within the month.

Linda Swenson has listed the Village lots for \$65 K each. Trustee Stanley mentioned that the bushes need trimming at 460 S. Elm. Trustee Robinson will speak with Jed Fensky about this. He also stated that the downtown mowed Friday this week.

Trustee Andrews stated that she has asked Mr. Simpson from the middle school for any information the school has on the equipment.

Clerk Bystry-Busch reported that the limestone path at the green space has been completed and is being used.

Attorney Foster supplied a revised draft of the parking ordinance; hopefully it will be ready by the August meeting.

There has been no progress on the purchase of a tablet for Public Works. There will be before school sales soon and hopefully it will be purchased at that time.

No update of status on the Duffy Road bridge. It has been measured for materials but no figures have been provided. Trustee Browder stated that there is an Eagle Scout that might be interested in taking this on as his project.

Clerk Bystry-Busch reported that the grant request to ComEd Openlands was denied because of the number of requests to funds available.

Clerk Bystry-Busch reported that at a meeting at the County Health Dept. earlier in the week, DC Trash stepped up and will be assuming the current county-wide electronics recycling schedule with no gap in service.

Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the contract with Hicksgas in the amount of \$563 for 425 gal of propane at \$1.329. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

New Business:

Trustee Robinson motioned to allow E. Garfield Street from Ginko to Fir to be closed on a date to be determined in September for a block party. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Bystry-Busch