

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, August 23, 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 Robinson motioned to approve the Minutes of 7/12/16 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Accept Council Approval Report: Trustee Robinson 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: Mayor Ekle stated that the general fund has a healthy balance. Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Account Report. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Mayor's Report:

Dan Christensen of CD Trash was present for any questions regarding the electronics recycling contract and new Village-wide weekly recycling/trash hauling contract. There will also be a collection on 12/24/16. There is a charge for tvs and in exchange is a voucher toward a roll off. He stated that there will be signs out on the collection day. He provided a 5-year and a 10-year contract. He also explained how notification would be done and approximately when the rolling totes would be delivered and the different sizes available. DC Trash also has rural residential services available.

Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the DC Trash bimonthly contract for electronics recycling. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

After discussion and comparison of the 5-year versus the 10-year contracts, Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the DC Trash weekly Village-wide recycling/trash collection contract for 10 years. Roll call vote passed 6/0. Thursday will most likely remain the collection day.

Linda Swenson and the potential buyers, Andy and Erica Salemi, were present and asked that the offer of \$40K for the two 460 S. Elm lots be accepted. They currently reside in Lake Holliday and would like to build a home on the lots. They had some questions on impact fees, utility tap on fees, and if there was a survey. Trustee Robinson stated that he does not want the expense of a survey. Trustee Stanley stated that the bushes along the sides are within the property, and along the property line. It was believed that the taxes were approximately \$3,800. Linda asked for this information in writing. The offer would most likely cover all or most all of the expenses the Village has had associated with the lots. Trustee Lieving motioned to accept the offer. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Trustee Stanley abstaining. It is anticipated closing will be 9/1/16.

Staff reports:

Trustee Browder stated that the bid request was out and should have the job awarded by the September meeting. Norm Beeh should be back by the end of September.

Trustee Browder stated that there was no update on the WWTP pump warnings – other than they are still not synced.

Trustee Robinson motioned to pay Universal Asphalt \$21,880 for the paving of S. Birch, George Cies Way (between Pine and Birch), various patching, and painting of walkway on S. Birch. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Correspondence: None.

Request for Consideration: None.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: – Trustee Browder reported that on 7/11/16 the pump at Well #4 sounded funny. Jim Tuma had it checked out and voltage readings were done and within normal limits. Two weeks later, 7/31/16, the check valves were not working, there was not enough water in the pipe, they were sucking air. Mayor Ekle stated that he was present the morning the pump was pulled and the coupling was rusted and 2/3 of the weld was gone, and it was not clear if the pipe was still in good condition because it was empty. It was not clear if the lack of water in the pipe contributed to the failure of the check valves. Trustee Browder stated that in most engines, the liquid acts as a coolant, it could not be good. The only way to check for this in the future would be to pull the pump and because of the cost of that action, it would be best to replace the pump at that time. It needs to be on a maintenance schedule. There is daily testing. Mayor Ekle gave authority to have whatever needed fixing/replacing done and done right. This included replacing the pump and welding on a new coupling and replacing the check valves. There were no holes in the pipe.

Trustee Browder reported that Chris from TEST said the WWTP pond was in good condition. Chris would like the algae reports sent to him to compare treatment to testing.

Streets & Alleys – Trustee Lieving reported the sidewalk project started a couple of days ago. Eric Petersen and Public Works work well together. He is working on next year’s potential project/budget It may include replacement of faded street signs and striping. Crack sealing is also very important. There are three streets that need to be replaced. Next year might be the last year to afford sidewalks.

Public Safety: – Trustee Stanley reported that Chief Breese was not at the meeting because he broke his foot. Sergeant Swanson will be taking over some of his hours. School has started, watch out for students. Mayor Ekle stated Chief Breese would be on light duty and come in to do paperwork but was not sure he could drive with one foot. Trustee Lieving stated he would be willing to get him.

Buildings & Grounds: – Trustee Robinson reported there was a failure to communicate with park cleaner and that John and Crystal would be there to clean for rest of year. Trustee Lieving commented that the mowing crew was doing good job. Trustee Robinson confirmed this and stated that they are very contentious of bills and budget. Trustee Stanley mentioned that one of the mowing crew was driving his mower through the car lot at Steve Wessels, blowing grass on the vehicles, and leaving grass on the sidewalks, and it was not appreciated. Trustee Robinson will take care of it.

Trustee Stanley asked that the overgrown bushes be removed at the corner of the alley behind bank and the 6 unit apartment building. Trustee Robinson stated he would let Public Works know and Trustee Lieving stated that the resident should also be notified.

Finance & Personnel: – Trustee Beach stated that everything is on pace. There were some extensive repairs necessary for the 2011 police squad. He reviewed the purchasing policy and thought that it needed some additional clarification. He will let Trustee Andrews know where the problems are.

Economic Development: – Trustee Beach reported that the pharmacy is now open but will not be open Saturdays until the remote location has been approved. Dollar General is open and is a nice store.

Zoning: – Trustee Andrews stated that she contacted the owner of the lot just east of 215 E Lincoln and he will be contacting the owner of 215 E. Lincoln about the excessive number of autos and other junk that are being stored on this property. Trustee Stanley asked if 3/4 wheeler can be ridden in town in a resident's yard or not? Trustee Andrews believed it would be the size of the engine would dictate where they could or could not be operated. Chief Breese might be able to answer this.

Planning Commission: – Linda Swenson is waiting for status of FS annexation to schedule a meeting.

Regional Planning Commission:– Linda Swenson reported that Paul Miller is leaving for WI and farewell open house will be held 8/26. The most recent meeting was cancelled.

Old Business:

Mayor Ekle explained that there was a mix up regarding whether the paperwork was sent to FS, it has since been sent but they have not returned it. He will follow up.

Lind Swenson reported that there has been no action on the Route 30 RE listings. She will expand search loop/net for more exposure and contact business people.

Trustee Andrews reported that according to Ken Jordan of Team Real Inc., the playground equipment has square posts, which are obsolete and have been for 10 years. There safety regulations against them and there are no spare parts and no way to get spare parts. He suggested contacting Kids Around The World and they stated it is too old and they do not want it. She asked if there is somebody willing to take the equipment, would that be alright. The school said they had somebody interested in the equipment. It is not safe to put on public property. The Village insurance said nothing about the square posts, only about the broken parts. Trustee Lieving motioned to have Trustee Andrews dispose of the equipment either by private property or scrap it at no cost to the Village. Roll call vote passed 5/1 with Trustee Robinson voting no.

The specs have finally been provided for the Public Works tablet, and it should be purchased by the next meeting.

No update on the Monsanto/Duffy bridge project.

Trustee Andrews reported on the property maintenance issue at 210 Cleveland: Citation was given, fine was paid but nothing has changed on the property. Attorney Foster stated that the citations should be daily. A neighboring property owner would be interested in buying and will talk with the owner about cleaning up. New citations will be issued.

The parking restrictions can be signed for specific reasons in each section there are restrictions. Trustee Lieving motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-04 parking restrictions. Roll call vote passed 5/1 with Trustee Browder voting no.

Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the HAP Industries for the Christmas lighting for three years. There were problems with the carolers display at the clock and that display has been eliminated. Trustee Stanley stated that some of the pole lights did not work last year. Trustee Robinson stated that Public Works will be testing outlets on Rt. 30 light poles. They have all be numbered and a map will be created. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

There was discussions about commercial landscapers using the brush dumpster for commercial purposes. As long and the waste was generated *in the Village* it is acceptable.

Mayor Ekle explained that during the Well 4 pump failure it was discovered that there was no power backup at the water tower. Trustee Lieving motioned to spend up to \$1K for a battery back up and storage box. Roll call passed 6/0.

Mayor Ekle stated there has been discussion of a website in the past and it has come time to have one prepared. Treasurer, Sandy Johnson, has been doing research with Grace Mott, who that Maple Park uses and has some pricing. Trustee Robinson motioned to spend up to \$1,250 for development and \$300 per year for hosting fee. If there are no other funds available, because this is can be funded by TIF funds. Trustee Browder stated that during the well outage this would have been useful. Mayor Ekle stated that ILEPA required a public notice be published and broadcast spurred the panic about the possibility of arsenic levels. Chris Pera stated that the testing showed no change in contaminate levels. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

The Waterman Enhancement Group would like to have a spooky forest on 10/29/16 at the green space. Trustee Robinson's concern is that it by run by IML. Trustee Robinson motioned approve the event subject to IML approval. Clerk Bystry-Busch will contact IML. Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Robinson motioned to have Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours be from 4-8pm on 10/31/16. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Shawn Blobaum, President of the Waterman Lions Club stated they had a successful tractor show and thanked the Village for the park being in good condition. They are still looking into constructing - new building. Lions Club will be celebrating 100 years of service next year and each club has been asked to have a legacy project. He is open to comments for something like a band shell/gazebo possibly by the memorial or where portable stage usually goes.

Trustee Robinson is in contact with gas co to bring in natural gas to the WLCP and that would eliminate the propane tank.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Bystry-Busch