

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, January 12, 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.

Trustees Bosworth was absent.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

Approve Agenda: There was a last minute change to the agenda the Board received but the posted agenda is correct. It was the addition of 14B Shelter house rates. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Browder stated that a name was missing from the bottom of page 5 as to which trustee made the motion. It was Trustee Browder. Trustee Browder motioned to approve the 12/08/15 minutes as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Accept Council Approval Report: Trustee Browder asked about Independent Inspections being over budget--the revenue for permit fees balances this this figure out. Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the Council Approval Report. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Petty Cash: Trustee Browder motioned to accept the Petty Cash report. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report: Mayor Ekle commented that the state passed a bill the MFT revenue has been paid. Clerk Bystry-Busch stated that three different revenue funds had been on hold. Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Report. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mayor's Report: Trustee Robinson talked with the state inspector's office and they are getting caught up. They are still planning on sending letter that will come to the Village.

The Village has officially been included in the DeKalb Enterprise Zone. A letter from the state with certification was received 12/18/15. It is in effect until 2030. The Mendota Enterprise Zone will soon expire.

Mayor Ekle explained that he has had trouble finding a person to fill the vacant seat on the planning commission. Mike Heiderscheidt has experience in zoning and planning and he would agree to be appointed to the vacant seat. Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the appointment of Mike Heiderscheidt to the Planning Commission. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Trustee Andrews abstaining.

There was to be a presentation from Dan Christensen from DC Trash but he was not present. Trustee Robinson stated he knows of several people using DC Trash and they very happy Mayor Ekle stated that he had met Dan and found him to be intent on serving local communities. His company has a choice of bin sizes and other services. Perhaps he will be able to attend the February meeting. NID has been purchased by another company and our contract with them expired this year.

Staff Reports: Well #5 – Trustee Browder stated the project was progressing slowly. He stated that it really need progress--the well drill and house. If we can get this well finished we can cap off Wells 2 & 3.

Trustee Browder stated the WWTP issues- they functioning better but are still trying to tweak Pump #2.

Trustee Browder stated that the Well #4 communication board has been installed and working well.

Correspondence: – Denny Sands sent a letter regarding the Pottawatomie/Indian affairs – there will be a public scoping session/hearing at Kishwaukee College 1/26/16, 6:30 p.m. The Village has already sent a letter and passed a resolution in support and it will read in the official record at that meeting. They are wishing to establish a Class 2 bingo casino. Anybody who wants copies, see Mayor Ekle.

Request for Consideration: - Linda Swenson – there is a junk pile on property on corner of Grant and Birch Streets, she filed a complaint early in December, what has happened? Trustee Andrews stated it has been addressed and the owners have 7 days to clean it up as of 1/11/16. Mrs. Swenson also expressed concerns about having crossing signs in the crosswalks on Rt 30 similar to what Shabbona and Hinckley have. The community should be more concerned. It was referred public safety to have a look at it.

Water & Sewer: –Trustee Browder – ILEPA requires testing Wells 2 & 3. The results should not be a problem. Clerk Bystry-Busch asked again if the results will be part of our consumer confidence water reports? He stated that we need to see progress on Well #5.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Lieving reported on the committee meeting of earlier tonight. They discussed the Birch Street expansion and improvements to George Cies Way. There will be more information and figures to vote on next month. The plan is to beef up where township trucks and Superior Diesel trucks travel. It is estimated that it will cost \$25k for each project. They voted to retain Norm Beeh for engineer on the project. They talked about repairs for next year and Birch St. going north for patching.

Public Safety: Chief Breese provided the monthly reports. Dillon Ford was sworn in as the new full-time officer. He has begun his 12weeks of training and another 8 weeks after that. He scored a 98 on his first test. The Board welcomed Dillon.

Chief Breese stated that he and Sergeant Swanson recently received their taser certification. At the County Training Board meeting it was discussed that the state funding for training still in limbo. The board has reserves that will help for this year but that is all. The County Board meeting for radio contract situation on 1/25/16. It will be determined to or not to include Fire Departments in costs for relay. He will have a plan to present to the board next month. Trustee Robinson stated that Chief has made great efforts to get this agreement in place. There is \$3.1M for radio room budget. The sheriff divided this into responsibility groups (9) and the group Waterman is in is responsible for \$188K. Of that portion his group is trying to get the fire departments to contribute. It will go from \$188k and the next increase will be \$195k and the following year could be \$201k. There is no guarantee that after the next two years what the increase will be. The board will need to weigh in on what happens next. Chief Breese has not heard anything from Sandwich.

Trustee Stanley stated that she has been asked by several people why the new squad is always sitting out in the weather and why aren't in the garage. Chief stated that is was his squad that sits out because he is too tired or has ready put in all his hours. He figures that it will be daylight within 3-4 hours and what difference would it make. Trustee Stanley stated that the new cars should not be sitting outside in the weather and elements and that the cars should be washed more often and that could be done at the VH garage. Appearance does make a difference to the community. He needs to make a decision on what to do, check doors, go on patrol, or go wash the car.

Mayor Ekle inquired about uniforms and other equipment when officers leave the employment of the Village. Chief Breese stated he gets all the uniforms back. Tony Pero had his own gun and belt. That they try to reuse the uniforms as much as possible. Has a list of all equipment provided to Dillon Ford.

Mayor Ekle asked Chief Breese about a qualified individual that has expressed in interest in the part-time position. Chief Breese stated that he had already spoken with Trustee Andrews and she can relay that information the board about the person. Chief Breese will not give him an application.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Robinson had nothing to report.

Finance & Personnel: Trustee Bosworth absent, nothing to report.

Zoning: Trustee Andrews had nothing to report.

Planning Commission: Linda Swenson – will schedule a meeting to get some things finished.

Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson stated that she had received the bill for regional planning commission. It was also received at Village Hall and will be paid. There should be a meeting soon.

Old Business:

Purchasing policy – Trustee Andrews stated that hopefully it will be ready for the next meeting.

Trustee Lieving was provided a list by the clerk and he will be working from that list for the stump removal remediation.

Trustee Lieving stated that Norm Beeh is still trying to secure a company for the crack seal work.

The DeKalb County Health Dept. has updated the e-waste recycling information and a copy of provided to all the Board Members. The flyer has been posted in town.

Mayor Ekle stated that a letter will be going out before the meeting on 2/10/16. The committee has been working on language for the yard signs. There was discussion on how much how little to put on the signs again. Trustee Andrews state because attendance is so low at meeting, the thought was the less that was on the signs would prompt people to attend the meeting.

The Birch Street expansion was already discussed.

Mayor Ekle received an e-mail that FS will agree to be annexed to Waterman. The Village will take care of the annexation. Attorney Foster will let them what is needed. Mayor Ekle will contact Paul Borricks at DCEDC to include them in enterprise zone. Trustee Stanley asked about sales tax for sales of fuel. The fuel is sold from their DeKalb County plant so the county gets all sales tax. It has been questioned if they were legal. We would like this done as quickly as possible. The zoning for their property would be A-1. The Planning Commission will need to have a public hearing for the annexation. There will be an agreement similar to what we have with Mr. Hipple for the difference in real estate tax. The advantage to the Village will be sales tax, and real estate tax. They're advantage – water rates will go down and no further discussion about a road tax, be part of the enterprise zone. There has been no response about the tanks being moved.

Attorney Foster stated that the owner of the S. Elm Street property is willing to sign the deed but would like to retrieve certain personal items. A liability waiver would have to be signed in order to enter the home and a check-in and -out with police.

Trustee Robinson stated that Gray's Tree Service did provide information but he did not bring it to the meeting. It would be \$2k day and \$200 per hour past 8 hours.

Trustee Andrews presented an agreement with the ICSD for the playground equipment. Trustee Browder motioned to approve the agreement. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Robinson stated that Eric Petersen estimated it would cost \$2,100 to move the equipment and jack hammer off the concrete. Trustee Andrews motioned to accept the estimate. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Browder may offer truck and trailer to assist in the move. Trustee Andrews asked if once moved it could be covered with snow fence to keep from a safety standpoint.

The 30 min parking limit signs have been ordered and should be here this week.

The snow removal signage will be extensive and Jim Tuma will get a count and cost for signs. The ordinance may need to be amended.

Trustee Robinson received complaints about snowplowing in Green Ridge. There are quite a few cars parking on street for the plows to go around. He can make courtesy signs to put on cars.

Todds had a tree removed and they asked the Village to help them and split cost. This was an oral agreement. They are now disputing how much of the tree is on their property and how much on Village property. Norm Beeh has re-measured and provided maps and the tree was mostly on their property and less on the Village's property. They have been sent two bills with no response and a lien letter was then sent. Attorney Foster will write to them that unless paid, it will be taken to small claims court.

Trustee Robinson motioned to pay the \$75 Waterman Shabbona Business association dues. Roll call passed 5/0.

New Business:

It was discussed about the new squad being taken to a residence and allow Sergeant Swanson to take the Tahoe squad home as long as it is not parked on street. If it is then the privilege is revoke. Trustee Stanley stated that there was discussion about new vehicles being kept outside and now this vehicle will be outside. Trustee Robinson stated that he spoke with Trustee Bosworth, who would prefer to see all vehicles kept inside when not in use during the months of December through March. Trustee Browder thought the plan was the new one be traded after 3 years so it would always be under warranty. There was discussion as to which car he could take to his residence. Chief Breese stated that each officer is assigned a vehicle and they are responsible for the care and maintenance of that vehicle. Trustee Stanley asked about maintenance inside and outside, and take pride in how it looks. Trustee Lieving motion to allow Sergeant Swanson to take his squad home and keep in drive way not on the street at any time. Mayor Ekle commented being exposed, when constantly outside, to the heat and cold is worse on the equipment inside that the Village has to pay for. Roll call vote passed 4/1 with Trustee Stanley voting no.

Trustee Robinson was approached for two birthday parties. He is willing to pay \$50 each for the shelter for the afternoon. The money would do to buy new lights for shelter. If he cannot run the train, there will be no party. Trustee Lieving motioned to allow public use of the shelter from Jan 1 – April 1 for \$50. Roll call vote passed 4/0, with Trustee Robinson abstaining. Trustee Robinson stated that the shelter would be cleaned.

Public Comment: Norm Gaston stated that if it is April 1 then it needs to be cleaned and ready to roll on April 2 for the regular season rentals. He would be concerning about response time for the police and would like the police there as fast as possible. He also asked to have Summerfest issues resolved as soon as possible.

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, February 9, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Bystry-Busch