

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Trustees Bosworth and Browder were absent.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

Approve Agenda: Mayor Ekle requested that the agenda be amended to remove Items 6 and 16, there is no Petty Cash report this month and there is no need for a closed session. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the 2/9/16 minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report: Mayor Ekle stated that the General Fund is down some because of unbudgeted expenses such as the Telepharm investment. Apparently the state does not have enough inspectors to inspect the facility before a license can be issued. Trustee Lieving motioned to accept the Council Approval Report. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Mayor's Report: Trustee Robinson has received the letter response from the state regarding the concerns over Summerfest and has been trying to set up a meeting with the Lions Club, but has had no response. Hopefully a meeting can be scheduled soon.

Shawn Ajazi from Progressive energy provided a proposal from Dynegy Energy Services, LLC for a 36 month agreement at the rate of \$.05538 per kWh for the municipal facilities. It will be effective June 2016 through June 2019. The bills will be coming from ComEd. Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the proposal. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Staff Report: Just waiting for ILEPA approval for plans for Well #5. Mayor Ekle received a call on Monday about Well #2 and an adjacent property that is contaminated and they are working on getting it cleaned up. We plan to seal #2 off as soon as Well #5 is online.

Mayor Ekle talked to Jim Tuma and we are still getting a warning on the WWTP pumps. They are still working on balancing the pumps. Currently there is a bill from Xylem for work on this matter but it will not be paid until the situation has been completely resolved.

Mayor Ekle will be setting up appointment with Mrs. Ziegler about the S. Birch Street expansion project. Norm Beeh will also attend.

Norm Beeh will be sending out for bids on the S. Birch and GSW projects.

Correspondence: None.

Request for Consideration: None.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Trustee Browder – absent no report.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Lieving – nothing to report.

Public safety – Trustee Stanley – Chief Breese has been work on the FY17 budget figures. Because of the recent article in the *Daily Chronicle* regarding the upcoming sales tax referendum, he has prepared two drafts; one with additional personnel and an addition vehicle and one without additions in the event there was a FIOA request. He provided these drafts to Trustee Stanley. Mayor Ekle clarified that the article was paraphrased and not accurately stated. The *Chronicle* also interviewed Trustee Bosworth.

Building & Grounds: Trustee Robinson is working on securing a mowing contractor for FY17.

Finance & Personnel: Mayor Ekle stated that because there have been no committees meetings to prepare a draft FY17 budget, as mentioned at many prior meetings, he has set Committee of the Whole meetings for Wednesday, March 16, Tuesday, March 22, and a Special Meeting for Wednesday, March 30 for a review of the FY17budget. All have been set for 6:30 p.m. It is necessary to have the budget approved prior to May 1 because no checks can be written without an approved budget. Careful review of what needs need to be met for the coming year and how to pay for them. There were quite a few projects that came up this past year that were not budgeted for.

Economic Development: Trustee Bosworth - absent no report. Mayor Ekle reported that the Dollar General project is moving forward, the plat has been signed.

Zoning: Trustee Andrews - nothing new to report.

Planning Commission: Linda Swenson - absent no report.

Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson - absent no report. Mayor Ekle requested that the board approve his appointment of Linda Swenson as designee to RPC. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the appointment. Motion approved unanimously.

Old business:

No progress on the purchasing policy.

No progress on the stump remediation.

No progress on the crack seal project for FY16 – it will likely not happen in FY16.

Trustee Robinson reminded that there is a 1% sales tax meeting will be March 14th.

Mayor Ekle reported that the FS survey has been completed and is now correct. Dave at FS has been presented with the survey and steps are taking place to get it all finished. Notices have to go out to the library and fire district notifying them. The rezoning will need to go through the Planning Commission and possibly a public hearing will need to be scheduled. There can be an agreement for 10 years to make up the difference in real estate tax -- county to Village. FS currently has a special use from the county for agriculture. It was cumbersome. It will come in as Ag and we will need to rezone or grant a special use as ag. It would be better to be zoned C-1.

Mayor Ekle reported that 460 S. Elm St. now belongs to Village. Requests for demolition proposals have been made and it will be on the agenda for the March 30th Special Meeting. All personal items that were to be retrieved have been retrieved.

Trustee Andrews stated that Eric Peterson had the go ahead to move the playground equip. School Dist. board president told Eric not to move. The school board has not communicated anything about the agreement that was presented to them. Knutson Lawn care has the brackets.

Attorney Foster reported that Norm Beeh provided language for snow route changes i.e., after 2" snowfall no parking on a hard-surface streets. This is a problem because there are paved shoulders where there are no driveways. It was decided to change to it to "driving surface." Chief Breese will check how the IL vehicle code defines driving surface. Signs will still be necessary but not as many.

Attorney Foster advised to return the Todd \$25 check. They have been sent a letter providing a 1 year payment plan at 4%. If this is not agreeable, small claims will be pursued.

New Business:

Budget modification need to be made in order to show where the funds were actually spent in particular on Phase II of the shop insulation, on the Telepharm investment that was not budgeted, and the E. Adams Street Project budget the Monsanto Grant to the budgeted column although the funds were received in FY15. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the proposed budget modifications. Roll call passed 4/0. All budget modifications need to be voted on by the Board and part of the minutes.

Mayor Ekle asked if the businesses have been notified along Rt. 30 of the parking restrictions for the three spaces in the 100 block of W. Lincoln. Trustees Robinson and Lieving were to take care of this. Trustee Robinson made a list of who to notify.

Public Comment: Dan Christensen from DC Trash was present and asked if there were any questions regarding the proposal from the last meeting. Clerk Bystry-Busch did review the proposal and had several questions, which were answered. All passable alleys will be used. The current contract expires in November but notification needs to be made 120 in advance.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Bystry-Busch