

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

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

Roll call: Ekle, Lieving, Bosworth, Browder, Andrews, and Stanley.

Trustee Robinson was absent.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

Approve Agenda: Mayor Ekle requested that two items be added, first to Mayor's report, add "D" request for donation from Waterman Summer Rec. Second, under Buildings & Grounds, add mowing contract. And under Mayor's Report swap Items "A" and "C." -Trustee Bosworth motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Browder to approve the 3/8/16 minutes as corrected under staff reports change "waring" to "warning." Motion approved unanimously

Trustee Bosworth motioned to approve the 3/20/16 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Accept Council Approval Report: Trustee Bosworth confirmed that the bill for the Crown Victoria was the white squad. Illinois Power Marketing is the electric service for the Village municipal accounts. The legal services were not recovered for the Todd tree issue. The surveyor bill was for the FS annexation. Trustee Browder asked about the testing fees being higher, it is because half way through the year, we had to resume testing of Wells 2 & 3. Trustee Browder motioned to accept the Council Approval Report. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Petty Cash Report: Trustee Lieving asked about the uniform reimbursement expense - \$300 per public works employee per year for replacement of ruined personal items. Trustee Lieving motioned to accept the Council Approval Report. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report: Trustee Bosworth commented that it is nice to see that the state has released some held funds. It has helped the general fund being at a higher level. This is why it is important to have the reserves, for when there might be lapses in regular revenues. There will be a CD maturing the end of the month. The Utility Service Fund has been used to cover some items to help balance the budget. Trustee Bosworth motioned to accept the Council Approval Report. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mayor's Report: Beth White from the DCCF spoke of activities at the foundation and at county level that began with a county-wide survey conducted 2 years ago. There was limited response of 2.1-2.4k. The main response was economic development. NIU center for governmental studies conducted the study. They are working with county on another study/summit that began last November. She listed the results of that meeting. The foundation has set aside up to \$20K for every community in DeKalb Co to apply for grant expected to be available to apply for in September and can be split \$10K in planning \$10K in implementation. A new survey is also being conducted and will be concluded May 24, 2016. On May 4th at Indian Oaks Country Club for a joint Waterman and Shabbona meeting. NIU Governmental Studies will be compiling all of the data. The Villages do not have to be in charge of the grant funds, there can be a subcommittee appointed, possibly the Waterman/Shabbona Business Association. A letter of support will need to be in place and be specific of the project. The results of the 2013 survey the Waterman Planning Commission conducted will be forwarded to DCCF. Possibly the comprehensive plan can be updated with this grant. The application is online and is similar to

most grant requirements. Beth suggested that a “visioning” group of people from both communities (12-15 people) represent each community. Trustee Bosworth reminded that it must not be territorial between the two villages. The NIU governmental studies is a wonderful resource for this county.

Summerfest Activity status – Trustee Robinson has spoken with some Lions Club Members but no meeting planned as far as Mayor Ekle is aware.

Trustee Browder motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-01 for FY17 Village budget. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Letter from Waterman Summer Rec – in search of raffle item for opening day festivities. A consensus was to donate a street sign.

Staff Report:

Trustee Browder reported that the ILEPA reviewed and they want to add 3 items to plans. One is a generator. He is trying to eliminate that because it will add thousands of dollars to the project. The project should be completed this summer. The additional costs of the arsenic filter will be offset with tap-on fees collected.

WWTP pump warnings – the pumps seem to be working better but not equal. The bill is still in dispute. Trustee Browder will check on the status of this.

South Birch - Eric Petersen will do contracting and Public Works will assist. This will save costs. It will be started as soon as weather permits. Mayor Ekle and Norm Beeh met with homeowners and all will be fine with the expansion.

George Cies Way – reconstruction should be done by July 1.

Correspondence: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation thank you note for support of the Bingo Facility.

Request for Consideration: None.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Trustee Browder – talked Jim Tuma and there may be extra money for meters the tower cleaning in the budget by one company. The filter at Well 4 will need to be changed. Wells 2 & 3 will need to be capped. They are looking to have one company to do both inside and outside of the tower cleaning. Trustee Leiving asked about cleaning out if storm sewer catch basins because he noticed couple were full. Public Works checks on these. These will be cleaned out this year by a service.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Leiving is meeting with Norm on crack seal. Oak St. may be beyond the crack seal or fill stage. The majority of the crack seal will be taking place in Green Ridge.

Public Safety – Trustee Stanley – Chief Breese provided reports and Trustee Stanley asked about the 4 traffic citations. He commented that Officer Ford is in the field training stage. The

Suburban Law Enforcement Academy is an outstanding facility, the best in the state. Officer Ford's first days on street have included assisting the county apprehend burglars, a warrant arrest as a result of a traffic stop, and a death. He graduated with a grade 1.5% above the class average of 91.7%. He received marks for driving and finger printing. Chief and Sergeant Swanson went to training on mental health. Chief met with the new county FBI rep. Waterman helped with memorial for Dave Prusa at the funeral home and the fund raiser at fire barn. Proud to be from Waterman. Trustee Stanley suggested that a photo of Officer Ford be added to the wall. Officer Ford's father is a retired officer from Hinckley and participated in the graduation ceremony.

Building & Grounds: Trustee Robinson submitted for discussion or approval from Above All Landscaping of \$895 per mow vs Knutson Lawn Care of \$1,120. Knutson did outstanding job last year but had communication problems. Above All has done some work for Village violation mowing. Trustee Stanley asked if parts downtown clippings will be bagged. The contract specifies, keep off streets to avoid washing down storm sewers. Trustee Browder suggested Above All Landscaping a consensus was given. Trustee Stanley stated that he is local and that should result in better communication. Trustee Robinson is in charge and held responsible for the contract being fulfilled. A good contractor should ask about mowing--to do or not to do and call to confirm. Trustee Stanley suggested to do a couple of mowings to see the quality of work. He is in town wants to keep his reputation and stay busy locally.

Finance & Personnel: - Trustee Bosworth recommended that in the Spring newsletter a thanks to the village residents for approving 1% referendum by a 2-1 margin. The residents realized it is a use not a punitive tax. It should be realized in the 3rd to 4th quarter. There is \$35k in new budget to account for that. Board is aware of what is happening with the pharmacy. He has spoken with Rep. Demmer to help move inspection along. Waterman is not alone in the problems the state is having with licensing.

It takes time to accomplish economic develop. There are already emotions about the casino. Hopefully future development will be handled correctly and not repeat history. The revenue received in 1995 revenue is about the same but expenses are much higher. It is Easier to manage growth and opportunity than it is to manage having nothing. The new economic development will open opportunities for Waterman. If these opportunities do not become a realization, the towns will have to combine to survive.

Update on current budget: there was a \$35K to \$70K deficit at any given time. In February the deficit was at \$111K. Considerable transfers from reserve funds, along with more than expected revenue from certain state sources, have brought the current budget close to even. It is a month-by-month battle. The General Fund is in good shape because of creativity and budging revenue conservatively. Trustee Stanley suggested moving the "Welcome" sign further east. There has been lots of misinformation. He is grateful for people who saw through negativity.

Economic Development: Trustee Bosworth – nothing more to report

Zoning: Trustee Andrews - nothing new to report.

Planning Commission: Linda Swenson - absent no report. Mike Heiderscheidt reported that the on B & B issue, they suggested using the county code. It will need to be put the code in and need a public hearing will be necessary. The Comprehensive Plan will be updated after the new study results are in. The change of zoning for FS annexation will require a public hearing.

Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson - absent no report.

Old business:

Trustee Andrews provide a draft of the Purchasing Policy. It is not much different to what is currently being done. Trustee Bosworth believes that a definition of terms would be helpful to avoid confusion as to who is allowed to do what and questioned some of the dollar amounts. He also got wind of a project in park that was going to be done without approval. Authorization should be given for all projects regardless of the dollar amount.

Trustee Lieving stated that the stump remediation is in process and Public Works have a couple done. They don't want the Dollar General dirt, too much gravel in it. It will be possibly used for fill at 460 S. Elm.

The FS annexation papers are drawn but there has been no communication from FS, Keith needs help.

South Elm demotion - Approved contractor Kyler Excavating but there is a 10 day EPA wait but letters have been sent to get around and they can start any day now. It has been condemned by county health dept. and the Village is responsible to take care of health hazards in the Village responsibility. It was deeded to the Village. There is a double lot. The criteria of government is the health and welfare of the public. It may be put on the market.

The playground equipment was moved because contractor needed it moved. An agreement has not been finalized.

Trustee Lieving provided information from the five tree services surveyed. Busted Knuckles was the only company to have a complete response. Trustee Lieving motioned to approve Busted Knuckles. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

New Business:

Trustee Bosworth motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-02 Non-Home Rule sales tax. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the FY17 meeting dates and holidays. Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the closing part of Cedar Street from Rt 30 to George Cies Way and use the grass lot for a Waterman/Shabbona Bushiness association flea market event on 9/24/16. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Norm Gaston asked about cd funds being invested to by oil, Trustee Bosworth stated it is against the investment policy. He reminded that Larson Davis does have a bucket truck that reaches as high at Turner's does. He asked about the mowing bids. Mayor Ekle stated that the mowing was for less than \$20K and a public bidding process was not necessary. Summerfest meetings – question and concern about liability umbrella policy as has Waterman as an additional insured. The wagon and barrel train would be included in the umbrella policy that should cover the concerns. Mayor Ekle suggested that IML be consulted.

Trustee Bosworth stated that his was his last board meeting. He has been involved since 1999 and has been through a got a lot accomplished. He has enjoyed watching the Village grow and each year is a challenge. New blood needed. The new person should be able to bring a lot to the table and it is not advisable just to show up for meetings. The pay is great. He expressed appreciation to Mayor Ekle for asking him back to the board in '09 and the opportunity to continue his service to the community. Mayor Ekle expressed his appreciation for all the hours and hours of time Trustee Bosworth has committed for the good of the Village. Trustee Stanley also expressed appreciation, and the Board members realize what he has done and the knowledge he has provided to the community.

Mayor Ekle stated that his father-in-law passed away and thank you for plant from Village and from Foster & Buick.

The owner of 423 N. Pine – lived there the first 7 years there has been a sewer backup into house. There seems to be a repetitive problem. Mayor Ekle stated that Public Works will be putting a camera in to figure out what the problem is.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Bystry-Busch