

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

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

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

Mayor Ekle was absent.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

Trustee Browder was mayor pro tem for the meeting

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

Approve Minutes: Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Minutes of the special meeting of 4/12/16 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Minutes of the public hearing of 4/12/16 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of 4/12/16 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Accept Council Approval Report: Trustee Stanley asked about the bill for Brad Manning for the 2004 PD squad, what work was performed for the amount of the bill. Chief Breese answered new brakes, front and rear rotors, and oil change. Trustee Andrews asked about the legal bill for Dynegy Energy. It was to review the new contract for electric service for the municipal accounts. Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the Council Approval Report. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Petty Cash Report: Trustee Lieving motioned to accept the Petty Cash Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report: The CD that was redeemed in May was deposited into a money market because of low CD interest rates. It will be "General Fund Special Reserve." Trustee Lieving motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Account Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mayor's Report: None.

Staff Report:

Trustee Lieving motioned to accept the recommendation of SKC Construction proposal of \$18,000 for the crack seal projects. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Browder thought that IDOT was wanting an additional generator for Well #5 and this has been a hold up in the approval of the plans.

Trustee Browder thought that although the WWTP pumps are working better, he believes that they are still not working as they should.

Trustee Lieving reported that for the S. Birch Street project Eric Petersen was hired as general contractor and he got the excavation done two days and gravel put in. Now the gravel will settle for the summer before it is paved.

Trustee Lieving reported that Eric Petersen suggested to widen and dig 2.5' for better footings for the GCW project. This was completed and the gravel will settle for the summer and then be paved in the fall.

Request for Consideration: Mike Heiderscheidt suggested that a certificate of appreciation be prepared for Roger Bosworth and presented at the June meeting. He had the certificate ready for the trustees to sign.

Vaugh Boone and Josh Merchant from the ICSD #425 spoke about the playground equipment that was removed from the former Waterman Elementary School. They expressed a stern interest in the contract provided at the last meeting and wanted it signed as is and would reject it if more changes were to be made. There are apparently other buyers interested. If no agreement could be reached at this meeting the offer of the playground equipment to the Village would be off the table. There was significant discussion about oral agreements that were made in the past, that once the Middle School was completed the homecoming parade would not be crossing Rt. 30, and the afternoon soccer game would be played at the new location. They estimated that these changes would significantly reduce the cost the Village would incur for these events. An agreement was reached and Trustee Robinson motioned to waive all Homecoming fees for 10 years in exchange for the remaining WES playground equipment and then revisit the situation at the expiration of that time. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Trustee Stanley. Attorney Foster assured all that a new agreement would be drafted for the ICSD Board meeting to be held at 7:p.m. on Monday, May 16th.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Trustee Browder reported that a sludge depth test was taken but he had not heard back Chris from Test. Hopes were that Jim Tuma would be attending the testing. He also wants our people to take a test.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Lieving reported that there is still repair work on North Hickory to do. The crack seal project will start in two weeks. Clerk Bystry-Busch asked who would be notifying residents to move vehicles off streets. Will there be any prep work. Trustee Lieving had no idea what the process was. Trustee Robinson stated that a 48 hour notice would be necessary with a start and finish date. He would help put notices on windshields. Trustee Lieving will check with Norm Beeh.

Public Safety: Trustee Stanley notice more activity and had some questions on PD reports, why were warnings given and not tickets for speeding? Chief Breese responded that normally the officer has discretion depending on the attitude of driver, location of incident, and any other traffic in the area. The officer has opportunity to have discretion on what is best. Trustee Stanley stated that some of the speeds were way over the posted speed limit. Chief Breese stated that it could be changed if the Board wants him to. Chief also added that for 3 Fridays in row grand jury sessions were held that officers needed to attend for felony charges. He stated that there is much more than just traffic violations going on in the Village. He then explained the necessity for the NIATAB training bill for four part-time officers and that each officer is charged \$85 for a slot to be trained It goes by how many people we have registered in Springfield. The bill handed in had 4 part-time on bill which is different than the three on roster. He reminded the Board that once the new full time officer is trained there will be a 4th part-time officer hired and we will need a slot for that officer to receive training. NITAB annual meeting 3/10/1996 approved to leave the officer assessment charge at their authorized strength. The slots represent the potential

roster of a dept. and that slot for training is available for the officer to receive training regardless if the office want to attend training or not. Officers Wheeler and Bierlotzer do not get training but because they are on the roster a slot needs to be available. Then on Jan 1st of 2016 officers in each slot must complete the following training because of Ferguson—Constitutional and Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Procedural Justice, Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Cultural Complacency. These classes must be done every year. If the two officers do not go to this training there will be issues. He stated that if a 4th part-time officer is not hired we were not going to need the 4th slot. Trustee Browder stated that if a 4th part-time officer is hired, he will have to be worked into the existing budget. This 4th person would be available for absences and other events. Trustee Robison stated that the ex-chief of Genoa and he had 30 officers available but any given time he could get only one or two to work. There was a consensus to wait to pay the \$85 until the time another part-time officer is hired. There will be issues with the current officers taking the training. Possibly a waiver could be secured because of experience but he would prefer not to do that for liability reasons. Trustee Lieving asked about an issue that was in an e-mail the Mayor sent out and Chief has the information and will provide it the next time his is on duty. Trustee Lieving stated that Attorney Foster needs to get with Chief Breese about the snow route signage areas.

Building & Grounds: Trustee Robinson had nothing to report other than the mowing will be caught up soon. Shawn Blobaum asked about the agreement with agreement with the Lions Club regarding Summerfest issues.

Finance & Personnel: - nothing to report.

Economic Development – Trustee Stanley reported that the pharmacy was inspected last Friday and they have the certificate. Rep. Demmer’s office assisted in facilitating the inspection. There were 124 inspections ahead of Waterman. The state has only one person to handle these inspections. They are now waiting for an okay for pharmacist location. Hopefully it will be open in 1-2 weeks.

Zoning – nothing – Trustee Lieving asked about the house on W. Cleveland that belongs to Jim Benson, it is a real mess, grass too tall, junk in the yard, a truck parked for a long time in the front yard. This needs to be addressed.

Planning Commission & Regional Planning Commission: - Linda Swenson not present, no report provided.

Old Business:

Trustee Andrews reported that definition of terms will be added to the agreement and be ready for the June meeting.

Attorney Foster stated that petitions drawn up, there will have to be a planning commission meeting. The petitions should be signed before meeting to change zoning from ag to C-2. The C-2 zoning would be less restrictive.

Trustee Robinson reported that the S. Elm project is finally going forward now that the gas line has been removed. The JULIE locate came in today. There are no EPA problems and the 10-day wait period was not an issued because of the delay in getting the gas line out.

Clerk Bystry-Busch, on behalf of the Waterman Enhancement Group, recommended to accept the proposal from Farm Boy \$9,950 for the excavation/construction of the walking path that is

part of the Green Space Phase I plan. A grant was received from the DeKalb Co. Community Foundation for the project. Some of the excavated dirt may be used to form some berms. The grant applied to ComEd for the plants for the west barrier could be installed in the bermed area. Peggy Rogers also reported that an Eagle Scout would like to have his project be a portion of natural pay area. The Lions donated \$2,000 for benches and \$200 from Casey's was received. The full Phase I should be attainable. After the group has been a 501c(3) group for at least two years a Monsanto Grant can be applied for. There will be volunteer days set up once the path is in to help with projects.

Because some of the holidays are on the weekend this next fiscal year, the "observed" holiday schedule was provided. Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the amended closed holiday schedule. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Bystry-Busch