

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, August 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll call: Beach, Andrews, Fenske, Johanningsmeier, and Mitchell.

Attorney Keith Foster was present as Village council.

Absent were Trustees Meier and Feitlich.

Trustee Andrews left at 8:23 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Andrews asked the 12G be moved to the beginning of Committee Reports because she needed to leave early. Trustee Johanningsmeier added under 12D (i) discuss signs for Muingan Park. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Andrews motioned to approve the Minutes of 7/18/17 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Accept Council Approval Report: Trustee Mitchell asked about the fees for Zoning consultant and Trustee Andrews explained. Trustee Andrews motioned to accept the Council Approval Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report: Trustee Mitchell asked about the balances on the Road and Bridge fund, if money will be coming out of the balance that is listed. Trustee Andrews motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Account Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Beach, reported that there is no update on the Well #5 project. There has been no contact with Joe Fareed. Norm Beeh and Keith Foster have not heard from Mr. Fareed either. A letter was sent to him informing that no crops can be planted on the lots that contain improvements.

MC² will be the new aggregate electricity provider for the residents beginning with the October readings at \$.0695 kWh compared to ComEd's \$.0715 rate and this will continue until May of 2018. Residents will be sent notification and how to opt out if they choose. There is a price guarantee.

Mayor Beach reminded trustees that there are still missing contact info and OMA training certificates.

This Saturday is the Barn Tour 9 to 4 starting at the municipal parking lot. It is \$25 per car load, the book is really neat. Stops along the way at Honey Hill and Waterman Winery, which will be serving pork chops and hot dogs.

Staff reports:

Mayor Beach reported that the street program is started with graded and oiled. Trustee Johanningsmeier commented that the safety cones are black and very hard to see and confusing. The contractor needs to be contacted about this. There were no signs about construction ahead, or fresh oil. Barricades will be put out after the meeting to help with the traffic pattern. By adding our barricades it will not add to the Village's liability.

Correspondence: None.

Request for Consideration: None.

Committee Reports:

Zoning - Christy Andrews – There are Zoning map amendments, three that have been approved by the board and two additional to be approved by the board in order to go ahead with the Planning Commission hearing. The first is the FS property recently annexed. The second is correcting an error at the Route 23 & 30 north east intersection the color that is on the map is wrong – Fehr Graham mismarked this. It needs to be changed from green (park/open space) to pink (C-1). The mayor now needs direct the planning commission to schedule a public hearing.

Trustee Andrews reported that the committee recommended that backyard chickens be allowed. This would change the zoning code and it will require a public hearing by the Planning Commission. Trustee Andrews motioned to direct the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to modify the zoning code to allow backyard chickens. Motion passed unanimously.

Water & Sewer – Denny Mitchell – would like the Board to consider the de-annexation of Deerfield Crossing. There are a couple of different ways accomplish this. Jim Tuma, Chris Perra (TEST) and Norm Beeh think it is a good idea. Based on the meeting with Joe Fareed, it is believed that he will not be moving on this at all. There is missing from the lift station a generator that will cost \$80-100k. This along with the filtration would increase the Village's obligation from \$1.4M to \$1.5M. This subdivision is continuously costing the Village money, especially in the winter. It was suggested to give him (Mr. Fareed) his paradise back. Taxes collected on two houses and not sure how the approved lots are set up with tax assessor. The Board needs to know what the options are for de-annexation of this property. It can be done by a private citizen. It has been 10 years and we are nowhere. Currently the two developed properties bring in \$8,800 in taxes. The Board gave a consensus to have Attorney Foster to investigate the de-annexation. It is a long process. The lift station is in need of repair.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier – the paving project is started and the school parking lot is finished.

Public Safety – Jed Fenske - Badges have been ordered for auxiliary officers and are in the process of interviewing people. There were computer issues found regarding the operating system in the squad cars. It is XP and no longer supported. The memory sticks are not working to transfer information. Not sure what is happening. Chief Breese will look into this and the cost of upgrading.

There needs to be signs in front of Garfield for children at play. It needs to be looked into so see if this area is in the school zone area.

Chief Breese asked about what is going to be done with the parking around school. Mayor Beach stated it was in Old Business.

Chief Breese asked about a sign for Dogs on leash. Mayor Beech stated it was a part of the Village leash ordinance. There needs to be a sign similar to the one in Waterman Lions Community Park. The rules should be the same for both parks. Jim Tuma can get the sign ordered.

Buildings & Grounds – Henry Meier absent, no report.

Finance & Personnel - Tony Feitlich – absent no report.

Economic Development – Tony Feitlich – absent no report.

Planning Commission/Regional Planning Commission: Linda Swenson – absent no report.

Old Business:

Installation of water source for Muingan Park – Trustee Meier absent no report. Trustee Johanningsmeier asked if a water park was still in the plans - no there is not – too much liability. It needs to be decided where the pavilion will be put before the water is installed.

Mayor Beech forgot to address the glass in the street. Trustee Mitchell stated that their trucks are leaking again. Trustee Fenske stated that it is happening in other communities. With the new blacktop, this will not be good. Mayor Beech will contact DC Trash to address this.

Enforcing no parking/signs within two blocks of school: Signs have not been installed. There is an issue of emergency equipment on the turns when there is parking on both sides of street. There is an ordinance in place – should it be amended and how should it be signed. Trustee Fenske suggested parallel parking be striped on the south side of Garfield between Oak and Walnut and paint the curbs yellow in the no parking areas. Chief Breese stated that tickets on windshield would not take care of the problem. Towing is not in the ordinance. There is less space at the new school that was at the old school. Regardless of the signs people will still park there and homeowners will still complain. The committee will need to rework the ordinance and have 9 signs installed now. The enforcement is a ticket. The north side of Garfield and the 300 blocks of Oak and Maple can currently be posted.

New Business:

Nothing was done to get other LP gas prices. Need to get the gas prices locked in.

The tree trim/removal list has been prepared and will be sent to Myles Tree Service. There is a tree on Cleveland that is on private property but when it falls it will take out two trees and land in the street. A lien can be placed on the property to cover the cost of the removal. The owner needs to be contacted about this.

Mayor Beech has been attending the Lions Club meeting and always on the agenda was the installation of a pavilion. They are discussing getting a through DCCF and using the Olson memorial fund the Village holds for major improvements, not general maintenance. Use either as a matching fund or use all. The estimated cost is \$44K. The proposed model is similar one in Malta. It will have electricity and ADA compliant. There is discussion as to where it would be located, to accommodate a band etc., possibly where the volley ball court is now and relocate the volley ball court. A consensus was given to provide a letter of support to Lions Club for their grant request.

Public Comment: Norm Gaston stated that the FS requires lock in by end of August to secure LP prices for the winter. He also stated that Lions will contribute if the Village workers install the waterline at Muingan Park. He also supported Mike Heiderscheidt is a good consultant for zoning and does background work and is also cheaper than the lawyer.

A young man thanked the Board for considering chicken ordinance.

Trustee Fenske asked about whom to meet with about a restaurant.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, September 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Bystry

9/12/17

Date