

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman Special Meeting held Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Mayor Ekle was absent.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Lieving motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report: None.

Request for Consideration: None.

Old Business:

Trustee Robinson motioned to accept the proposal submitted by Rob Kyler Demolition in the amount of \$11,825. There was discussion as to where the fill would come from, possibly from the new Dollar General site. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Trustee Stanley abstaining. There was discussion about the outstanding estimate of real estate taxes to be redeemed in the approximate amount of \$12,210.83. The lot is large and hopefully we can sell it for \$20K-\$25K. Real estate taxes will continue to be assessed; it will likely not be exempt.

Trustee Andrews presented an amended agreement from the ICSD regarding the WES playground equipment. The monetary paragraphs were removed and replaced with paragraphs that would allow the ICSD to hold any ICSD event in the Village without any monetary obligation to the Village for an unlimited amount of time. There was significant discussion about how to handle the changes. Trustee Robinson, Stanley, and Lieving suggested abandoning the project. Trustee Andrews had a verbal agreement with Dr. Rockwood concerning the waiving of the \$500 parade fee for 8 years that they are not now agreeing to. According to the ICSD, the equipment has a value of \$4,000 and the Village has already contracted with Eric Petersen to remove the concrete and move the equipment to the new location. It was concluded that a letter should be written to the ICDS board and superintendent requesting to either allow the Village to honor the original agreement that was based on a verbal agreement proposed by the superintendent and allow the Village to move the equipment in exchange for a waiver of the parade fees of \$500 for 8 years, the Village purchase the equipment from the ICSD for \$4,000, or state that the Village no longer has an interest in the equipment.

New Business:

After two Committee of the Whole meetings, the proposed FY17 budget figures were reviewed. The mowing will be \$20K and work with a contractor to keep in at or below that figure. There are no building capital improvements anticipated.

The PD proposed budget was reviewed line by line. There was no one in favor of increasing health insurance benefits. There were no hourly figures provided for PD rates, only a lump sum. It was decided to have the new officer figured at \$17 per hour and then after 6 months, if

warranted, increase to \$17.50. There was discussion about wages and it was agreed upon that wage increases should be based on performance not an automatic cost-of-living increase. The Police Dept, health insurance benefit will be \$7,500 per year for both the Chief and Sergeant and \$4,500 for the new officer. There was minimal proposed revenue in relation to expenses. There was discussion about what the reasons were as to why the revenues were so low, possibly county taking an additional \$15 per ticket. There has been no national cost of living increase for some time. There has been a decrease in board member observations in traffic stops; this is also reflected in the monthly reports. There are also blatant ordinance violations that are not addressed.

In the Streets & Alleys budget it was discussed that because there have been more and more trees removed but have not replaced any of them. It was decided that some of the tree maintenance could be used for new trees that would be on the approved ComEd list. The ash borer cost will be less this year. Trustee Lieving agreed that he does have an extensive sidewalk list.

There was discussion on what projects would be planned for the year including budgeting for the S. Birch Street Expansion, modifying George Cies Way between Pine and Birch Streets, fixing the holes on N. Birch Street from George Cies Way going north, and crack sealing, along with engineering fees for these projects. There may be storm sewer work to be done on GSW and it will come from Utility Surplus.

The TIF fund is being used to fund projects this year because E. Adams expansion as well as street projects within the district for FY17 reducing the fund to \$18K.

Trustee Lieving relayed a question from Norm Beeh about engineering services at the Dollar General. The Village will pay for services that benefit the Village.

A decrease in MFT funds is expected. We will have to say for at least 3 years' worth of revenue to have a street project funded by MFT.

We do not anticipate having to transfer out of Infrastructure.

When the arsenic treatment bond issue has been paid, the money dedicated for that project will need to seriously be address and figure how it can be used for streets.

There was discussion about cleaning the interior and exterior of the water tower, having the storm and sanitary sewer lines cleaned, and checking the levels of sludge at the WWTP to see the super bugs have made a difference prior to purchasing any more bugs. The price has increased by over \$3k since last year. The arsenic filter may need to be looked at, meters will need to be replaced, and closing the old wells. These projects need to be put on the schedule as soon as possible.

Trustee Browder is concerned about the age of the Public Works Vehicles and their costs to maintain or replace in the coming years.

The Trash fund will not be changed.

There was discussion about having hourly increases be evaluated on hire date rather than fiscal year in order to stagger expenses.

The preliminary deficit is \$31,333.00 less than deficit passed last year. This was all possible because of transfers from other accounts including TIF, Utility Surplus, Road & Bridge, and Infrastructure. The FY18 budget will realize the 1% sales tax increase and a balanced budget might be possible.

It was decided that the April 6th meeting can be eliminated and stack it on to the 12th.

Trustee Robinson motioned to approve the FY16 budget modifications as set forth using option #2 for the E. Adams Street Expansion project. Roll call passed 5/0.

Trustee Robinson relayed that the new president of Waterman Summer Rec, Nick Gaston, has requested to increase the distance from 60' to 80' between the bases at the south ball diamond at WLCP. Waterman Summer Rec will excavate and provide and install the materials necessary. They also would like to move the concession building to that diamond. It would be located where the supply storage box is currently. Trustee Robinson made the motion to allow for the expansion of the base distance, and approval to move the concession building. Roll call vote passed 5/0 with Trustee Robinson abstaining.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Bystry-Busch