

## **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

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

Roll call: Beach, Andrews, Feitlich, Fenske, Johanningsmeier, and Meier.

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

**Approve Minutes:** The date of the September meeting was incorrect and was changed to September 12, 2017. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the Minutes of 9/12/17 as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

**Accept Council Approval Report:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Account Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Beach stated that the Board was saddened with the passing of Trustee Dennis (Denny) Mitchell who passed over the weekend after a short illness. He was an asset to the Mayor and the Board and he will be missed. His family is in thoughts and prayers.

Well #5 – Norm Beeh received a voice mail from Joe Fareed that he would be in Waterman this week and is planning on signing the contract. Norm has not been able to reach him to confirm. The Village attorney has been notified.

Mayor Beach, after a meeting with Keith Foster about current/future needs and review of all officers of the Village, received a letter from Foster Buick dated 10/6/17 resigning as counsel for the Village. Mayor Beach reviewed several other municipal/trial attorneys, and has secured new Village counsel with Chilton Yambert & Porter from Geneva – Bill Porter will be the Village attorney. An associate Mr. Vickory, specialized in municipal law. Mr. Porter came highly recommended. This firm is more expensive (\$250 per hour with court time being higher). Trustee Meier motioned to approve the appointment of Chilton, Yambert & Porter as Village counsel with Bill Porter being the Village Attorney. Mr. Porter will not be attending monthly meetings. Mayor Beach is to be contacted prior to any contact with Mr. Porter or his firm. Trustee Feitlich stated that without monthly meeting attendance it might save some money. Roll call vote passed 4/1 with trustee Andrews voting no.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the hiring of part-time Waterman Police Officer, Charles Norris. Roll call passed 5/0. Clerk Bystry swore in Officer Norris. Officer Norris has had military experience and is currently working in a supervisory position at the Melrose Park/Hillside USPS. He is a certified full-time police officer. Officer Norris values teamwork and small-town living and looks forward to working with the leadership and community of Waterman. Officer Norris was thanked for his military service and welcomed by the Board.

Mayor Beach reminded Trustees that there needs to be compliance with the OMA and contact information to the Village office.

**Staff Reports:** None

**Correspondence:** None.

**Request for Consideration:** Trustee Fenske asked about putting a bike rack on E. Garfield by the Linden stub street because of the change of the bus stop location. The school is trying to shorten the routes because of student time on the busses. Public Works will be asked to move the bike rack.

**Committee Reports:**

**Water & Sewer** – Mayor Beach reported a cracked tile on the west end of Duffy that needed repairing. The exact location could not be located. It will need to dry out and the farmer will need to remove the crops from the field. There is a history of excess water in that area. It will be an expensive repair.

**Streets & Alleys** – Arnie Johanningsmeier – No parking signs are up on north side of Garfield. He needs to follow up with Myles regarding the complaint at 380 Cedar. It will involve soil and seed. Proposals for 6 sidewalk repairs – Eric Petersen Construction \$3,100 and J & J Construction & Fence for \$4,300. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the Eric Petersen proposal knowing that he will also use some Village Public Work labor. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

**Public Safety** – Jed Fenske – The tool box was installed today in the Tahoe. Auxiliary officers have put in 118 hours this last month. Power cord in alley has been removed. Chief Breese asked if there were any questions on the reports. None. The state of IL has mandated ever three years cultural diversity and mentally ill handling. All officers went to part of the training. Mileage is up some for this class. Received an e-mail that Jan 1, 2018 the state will be starting the new training programs both full and part-time. Costs have not been determined. The classes are 560 hours full time 200 part time. Sycamore has requested Waterman’s auxiliary to help with the Pumpkin Fest. All officers will soon be receiving CPR training, including auxiliary. There are no officers that currently need training. There will need to be some budget amendments.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Henry Meier – Nothing to report. Mayor Beach reported that the new Bobcat has been delivered and has been in use.

**Finance & Personnel/Economic Development** – Tony Feitlich – Start working on budgeting early this year to avoid late season meetings. Monies will need to be moved around in the police budget. He has spoken with a contact from Sugar Grove’s economic development about the farmers’ market. This will also be discussed at the committee meeting. He will also connect Resource regarding the survey.

Mayor Beach reported that the senate is considering refunding 1% the 2% admin fee they are currently collecting on the additional 1% sales tax collected for Waterman.

**Zoning**- Christy Andrews – Nothing new to report but reminded that the zoning map amendments must be completed by December 1 to be included in this year’s update. Mayor Beach stated that he was working on reorganizing the Planning Commission and that he would follow up.

There was discussion about the backyard chicken issue. Chickens cannot be kept until the ordinance is actually in place. It is part of the public hearing because it is a zoning change. Mayor Beach is working on reorganizing the Planning Commission and will have some changes made by the November meeting.

**Planning Commission** – Linda Swenson – Absent, no report.

**Regional Planning Commission** – Linda Swenson – Absent, no report.

**Old Business:**

Trustee Meier confirmed that the water source at Muingan Park has been installed and the grant check the Waterman Enhancement Group received has been forwarded to the Village.

All the no parking signs have been installed as earlier stated.

No other information other than what was discussed at the September meeting regarding the de-annexation of Deerfield Crossing. The Village can de-annex only Village property, the property owner has to request to be removed from the Village.

Trustee Andrews motioned to donate \$10,000 of the park memorial fund up to the balance to the Lions Club for the construction of the pavilion. The total cost is approximately \$40,000 and a grant has been requested from the county foundation. Roll call passed 5/0.

No progress on the park rules and regulations. There was discussion about changing the closing times.

**New Business:**

The sidewalk project was discussed earlier.

Trustee Fenske motioned to allow the Lions Club to use the vacant lot on Route 30 for Christmas tree sales. Roll call voted passed 5/0.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to have Trick-or-Treat time be 4-8 pm on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Meier motioned to have the two shed roofs replaced at the water tower for a cost up to \$2,000. Roll call passed 5/0.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Christina M. Bystry

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