

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, December 12, 2017

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

Trustee Andrews motioned to approve Trustee Feitlich as village president mayor pro tem in the absence of Village President Beach. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Village President Beach was absent.

Trustee Johanningsmeier arrived at 7:42 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Feitlich requested that the agenda be amended to remove 14(B) and modify 14(A) to change the ordinance number from 2017-05 to 2017-11. Trustee Andrews motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Andrews motioned to approve the Minutes of 11/14/17 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Accept Council Approval Report: Trustee Andrews motioned to accept the Council Approval Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Treasurer's Fund Account Report: Trustee Andrews motioned to accept the Treasurer's Fund Account Report as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Mayor's Report: Absent, no report.

Staff Reports: None

Correspondence: None.

Request for Consideration:

Trustee Fenske stated that Waterman Summer Rec is looking into revenue streams to put in lights at the large ball diamond at Waterman Lions Community Park. It is a 2-year plan and would include a new concession stand, new dugouts and lights. There may be some memorial money available to help with this. Hopefully it will bring a men's league back to the community.

An audience member asked about the "chicken ordinance" and the process that is necessary to have it passed.

Planning Commission, who needs more members, not a full commission at this time and once it is complete the hearings will be held.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Nothing report.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Johanningsmeier stated that the sidewalks have not been started. Demo did not start as expected.

Public Safety: Jed Fenske – In November the Auxiliary logged 139 hours. A committee meeting was held regarding the computers in the squads because the county has changed their format. It was decided that Sprint Hot spots would be purchased. One is working but one has a software issue that needs to be straightened out. A third hot spot should be arriving shortly. The computers operating system software needs to be updated as well. They are working with the state to get it all worked out. Sergeant Swanson reported that Officer Ford and Auxiliary Officer Scott successfully pursued and apprehended a felony suspect on November 20, 2017 with no injury to anybody involved. He recognized Officer Ford with a pin for a successful felony apprehension.

Buildings & Grounds: – Henry Meier – nothing new.

Finance & Personnel: - Trustee Feitlich stated that a F&P meeting will be scheduled. He has spoken to Kevin Wills from First Midstate regarding lending/borrowing options for the arsenic filtration system. He will have information at the January board meeting.

Economic Development: – Trustee Feitlich nothing to report

Zoning: Christy Andrews – nothing to report but reminded that the sexual harassment ordinance must be passed by 1/16/18. Clerk Bystry stated that it is something that should be coming from legal counsel but no communication has been received.

Regional Planning Commission: – Linda Swenson - regional meeting attended lot of discussion about codes and villages and discussion on wind towers. There is a new director who is making changes and more “public friendly.” For example – businesses on a farm other than farming. A “NO” policy has been the norm. They are trying to make diversification easier on the farmer/business person. They are cleaning up properties on the county level. Other issues discussed were “What draws people to the county??” “What are we doing to promote to the county.”

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Trustee Andrews motioned to adopt Ordinance 2017-11 the tax levy for 2016. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Fenske motioned to donate \$500 to the DeKalb County Nursing Home. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Meier would like to install a hockey rink somewhere on Village property—wither at the park on Garfield or Waterman Lions Community Park. There was discussion about building our own and materials/cost necessary versus purchasing a kit. There was also discussion about location lights versus “eyes on” supervision. It is too late this year but it is favorable to look into for next year. The liner would need to be replaced every other year.

Public Comment:

Linda Swenson asked about policing the ordinance violations in town specifically Whitely’s – pool/fence no permits. The pool is down, but there is a dirt pile still in the yard and is fence all on his property? Consistency is key.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina M. Bystry

January 9, 2018

Date