

**Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, January 9, 2018.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

Trustees Johanningsmeier was absent.

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

**Approve Minutes:** Trustee Andrews motioned to approve the 12/12/18 minutes 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 Funds Reports:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Funds Reports as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

**Village President's Report/Correspondence:**

Village President Beach extended thanks for kind words and thoughts for his father-in-law's passing. Appreciated all Board members going forward with the December meeting.

On December 7 he attended DCCF gathering at Indian Oaks Country Club where they talked about work they have done including grants given since 1993 to the south county areas. Beth White is Waterman's representative. He was not able to attend the meeting where the Shabbona survey results were revealed. Economic Development should follow through. Of interest is the old middle school building and what the school district is going to do with it. A recent conversation with the superintendent revealed that they have no immediate plans for the building and they have no idea what they are doing with it going forward. It is in the Village and the Board needs to work with them so it doesn't become a white elephant.

The Waterman/Shabbona Business Assoc. annual meeting is tomorrow night 6 pm at the winery all are invited to attend.

He has received a request for proclamation from the National School Choice Week to raise awareness of public and non-public education. Not in favor of doing a block proclamation.

Received correspondence regarding Waterman All-Town-Garage Sale event chair Sara Ryan Swedrock, that they may not be able to go forward because of a lack of funds for advertising. She asked about the Village providing financial assistance for the \$300-\$400 advertising cost. This is not something the Village should be financially attached to. Linda Swenson provided a short history of the organization. She could talk with Sara on how to fundraise for this event.

Stacen Ludwig, of Rooster Ag, is looking at developing the duplex lots in Green Ridge and is questioning the current zoning map classifications – all duplex lots should be R2 but some are shown as R1. Trustee Andrews will also look into this.

The Lions Club has asked for a priority list of projects for park maintenance and tree planting. The request was passed on to Trustee Meier.

Correspondence from Mike Heiderscheidt about water bill dispute.

Salting the streets and snow removal. Trustee Feitlich asked if it would be advantage to post information about how the salting works and doesn't work. Direct questions to Village President Beach.

Students in Middle School – Middle school has lead contamination in their water and they are taking steps to remediate the issue by replacing some fountains, cleaning aerators. It is not a Village issue, it is internal to the building.

Village President Beach is looking actively for village clerk applicants for the anticipated position opening, have received two applications to date. Looking to fill the openings on the Planning Commission. He has spoken to a couple of people about the trustee vacancy.

A request for reimbursement for Albrecht Well Drilling for drilling the sample holes at Deerfield Crossing was received from Almanar Trading. The Village never committee to pay for this. Village President Beach clearly stated that the Village will not consider spending another dime until the well is in place. The Village has spent a considerable amount more in engineering fees because of all the stalling and delays of Mr. Fareed. Joe Fareed is no more cooperative now than he has been in the past.

A thank you was received from the Waterman Community Chest for the Village's \$500 donation.

**Staff Reports:** No updates other than already stated.

**Request for Consideration:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Water & Sewer:** Position vacant – Village President Beach stated that there was a small water leak on North hickory and Public Works brought in assistance to fix the issue. It will not be completely fixed until spring. Public Works also assisted Shabbona with a major main leak that required a boil order.

**Streets & Alleys:** Trustee Johanningsmeier – Absent. Village President Beach relayed that in speaking with Public Works about snow plowing, they can get it done but it might be less costly to bring in somebody else rather than pay overtime. Clerk Bystry stated that there might be a person to fill that position. The information was passed on to Public Works.

**Public Safety:** – Trustee Fenske – the Auxiliary officers put in 73 hours in December. Sergeant Swanson has update the computers in all 3 squads and all are up and running with the state using the hot spots. Parking issues need to be worked out for better results of snow removal next time it snows.

**Building, Grounds & Equipment:** Trustee Meier- nothing new to report. Village President Beach asked about the skating rink and where would the water come from and who will be in charge of maintenance. The old basketball court at WLCP has lights and is fenced in and could be locked. There are bathrooms there as well.

**Finance & Personnel:** Trustee Feitlich – a meeting was held 01/08/18 and First Midstate provided information on possible financing for the arsenic filtration system. The current bond issue that expires in June of 2019 could be tied on to end through 2022. First, a firm price would be necessary and then decide on how much the bond issue would end up being. The current debt service rate would continue as is to pay for the continued bond issue. The ILEPA loan at 2.1% is still available, but has many restrictions. The bond issue will take a few months to be put in place and information gathered. A consensus to go forward to look further into extending the bond issue was given.

**Economic Development:** Trustee Feitlich – he has work to do on correspondence received. He still wants to do the farmer’s market and will continue to work on that project, hopefully at the February meeting.

**Zoning:** –Trustee Andrews – received an e-mail message from the ATF regarding 250 E Lincoln Unit B Applied Arsenal Finishes – they are applying for a federal license for manufacturing of firearms. Under the current zoning classification C-1, manufacturing is not allowed. The business owner stated that he will not manufacturing firearms, manufacturing is an ATF term. They want to fabricate parts to fix individual firearms. She will follow up on this request. Nothing can be done with the chicken ordinance until there is a public hearing.

**Planning Commission:** Linda Swenson- explained how the directive works. She has some names of possible people for the open positions. Village President hopes to appoint new members at the February meeting.

**Regional Planning Commission:** Linda Swenson – No meeting since the last report. There is a OMA training session in Sycamore later this week. All are welcome to attend.

**Old Business:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the spending of \$75 for the membership fee to the Waterman/Shabbona Business Association. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

**New Business:** Ordinance 2018-01 Amending Title 1, Chapter 9, adding policy prohibiting sexual harassment. The state is mandating something that should be common sense. Trustee Meier motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-01. No discussion opposing. Roll call note passed 4/0.

It has been mentioned that an open gym time at old middle would be good for the community. The school superintendent has no plans, but they will start in spring in their committee system. Possibly good use of the economic development grant money. Trustee Fenske stated that Summer Rec is hoping to be using the building for baseball and basketball clinics. One problem of use in the winter is heating and maintenance level. Hinckley charges \$15 per family for 1 hour of use. Sugar Grove has an open gym at their elementary school \$5 each for 1.5 hours. Insurance was an issue in the past. They want to use it to prevent deterioration of the building. Ultimately, the Village has no control but will continue to keep on top of the situation.

**Public Comments:** Audience member Jim Duck asked what was necessary to submit to apply for the clerk’s position. Village President stated a resume and letter of interest

Linda Swenson stated that the South Elm empty lot has shown interest. She spoke with Beth White and she stressed the need to move forward with the DCCF grant application before the money dries up. It will expire some time in 2018. It is up to \$20 K with a 10% contribution. It doesn’t have to be a survey, there are other options to use the grant money.

Village President stated that focusing on the old school would be a good idea.

Linda Swenson mentioned that the demolition of the old pizza building downtown was a good thing to do because it would be a falling down mess by now. She suggested that the community building be returned to the tax rolls and used for other purposes such as a restaurant and have rooms at the old school for the community building. It is important to be pro-active. Regardless of what happens, it will be expensive to demolish as well as maintain.

At 8:35 p.m. Trustee Feitlich motioned to enter into executive session under subsection numbers 1 and 11 of section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:48 p.m. Trustee Andrews asked about the Heiderscheidt quarter water bill that is in dispute. Village President stated that it was obvious that the water was left running if 41k water was used in that quarter. Mr. Heiderscheidt provided figures that proved the meter was working in the prior quarter as well for as the partial final reading in the quarter following. If there was a malfunction, it will register less rather than more.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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Christina M. Bystry

January 9, 2018

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