

## **Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

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

Sergeant Swanson asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Chicago Police Commander Paul Bauer who was shot in the line of duty earlier in the day.

Roll call: Beach, Feitlich, Fenske, Johanningsmeier and Meier. Sarah Radtke was in attendance at approximately 8:30 p.m.

**Approve Agenda:** Trustee Feitlich motioned to remove items 7(b) and 13(c) and add a new 7(b) resignation of trustee. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approve Minutes:** Trustee Meier motioned to approve the 01/09/18 minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

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

**Accept Treasurer's Funds Reports:** Clerk Bystry stated that the WSB loan figure is no longer a payoff figure, but a principal figure. This changed when the bank changed their online software last fall. Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Funds Reports as presented. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

### **Village President's Report:**

Village President Beach requested the Board approve the appointment of Sarah Radtke to fill the remaining term of former Trustee Denny Mitchell. Sarah is a professor at Aurora University as an athletic trainer. She is currently working a regional event in Hinckley-Big Rock and will be in attendance later in the meeting.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the appointment of Sarah Radtke to fill the remaining term of former Trustee Denny Mitchell. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Village President Beach received the resignation of Trustee Andrews effective 2/12/18. Read her letter and thanked her for participating as a trustee and for her concern for the community. He hoped that the situations that caused her to resign are remedied quickly. He will be seeking to appoint a new trustee.

Trustee Fenske stated that at the Public Safety committee meeting it was discussed to promote from auxiliary to fill a potential vacancy as a part-time officer.

Trustee Fenske motioned to approve the appointment of Maria Bermudez as an auxiliary police officer. Roll call vote passed 4/0. Clerk Bystry then swore her in.

**Staff Reports:** There has been no progress on the well. Albrecht will drill the hole and that is all that we expect to happen. Weather has been a setback in the schedule.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Request for Consideration:** Brandon from Applied Arsenal Finishes will be addressed later in the meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Water & Sewer:** Position vacant -

There have been many reports of brown water. Public Works brought in a company Monday and they found and have repaired a leak that was pumping 125k gal per day. A company will be in to check filtration tank and valves at the tower. More leaks will be looked into. The big leak did not surface but was draining into the storm drain that was right next to it making it difficult to detect.

**Streets & Alleys:** Trustee Johanningsmeier – Don Miller would like some grading done on his yard. There is an ample supply salt if there is another storm.

**Public Safety:** – Trustee Fenske – January auxiliary logged 100 hours of service. Most of that time is for future training. Committee meeting met and discussed budget. Radios can be bought from the county at a lower price than buying them individually. Public Works reported that most residents were good about moving vehicles off the street for snow removal; 2-3 in the whole community were in the way.

**Building, Grounds & Equipment:** Trustee Meier- Nothing to report.

**Finance & Personnel:** Trustee Feitlich- at the committee meeting discussed a budget item on public safety. The legal budget will show a shortfall because of the lawsuit. They were unclear about donations received and where it shows where they are being applied. He asked about committee assignments with the resignation with Andrews. He wants to schedule finance meetings before the April meeting to discuss budget. Committees need to submit budget proposals.

**Economic Development:** Trustee Feitlich - Did not reach out to Beth white about economic development. He will follow up.

Village President Beach stated to the board that Committee Chairs need to make sure you are having committee meetings for budgeting.

**Zoning:** – (vacant) Nothing to report. Some issues to be discussed later in the meeting.

**Planning Commission:** Village President Beach stated that the Commission currently has only 4 members still in place but need 7. An Update of zoning map needs to be done this year by the deadline but here might be some further changes. He also reported that he met with the “Chicken Lady” about an ordinance to allow for raising chickens in Village limits.

**Regional Planning Commission:** Linda Swenson no recent meeting – but did receive an invoice that will be paid in the next batch of bills.

**Old Business:** VP Beach met with Shawn Blowblum to discuss where to put the pavilion/band shell/shelter. It is 20x44 and might fit where the volleyball court is currently and then relocate that court. Funding is all there and it will be an asset to the park. The community has supported this project through the years. The power lines need to be located. There are several underground power lines. They are talking with a landscaper for aesthetics. It could overlook the skate park playground observation

Applied Arsenal Finished - Brandon & Paige Haas, who share a building with Ekle Heating, do custom gun work and metal refinishing for the auto industry. They have revamped all PD guns and do mostly custom work. Currently zoned C-1 and minor repair business was fine under that classification. Brandon is looking to relicense with the ATF. ATF considers the work to be performed manufacturing,

which is not allowed under C-1 but would need to be I-1. ATF definition and business definition and what do we need to follow. Something for the zoning and planning commission to address. VP Beach Spoke with ATF Agent Florez and this comes up every time in every village and city. Brandon is making custom parts not mass producing, their laws call it mfg. VP Beach will get a legal opinion go by their definition and get suggest a variance if necessary. Brandon has invested in particular equipment to customize weapons in house eliminating the need to order parts. They have already been approved by the ATF, this is the only aspect in question. They hope to grow their business as time goes on but do not anticipate mass producing.

**New Business:** Miller Valentine Group contacted the Village Green Ridge 28 duplex lots, they are wishing to develop them. The map is incorrect as to the zoning. They would like to bring in low income housing as rental properties, not to develop and sell. They were looking for a letter from Village and Mayor stated the zoning was correct. One intrigue was the development of a tot park. In contact with attys and review zoning ordinances, PUD, and there were a number of issues with their plans. They are zoned R-2 and part of a PUD approved by VOW and subject to zoning regulations. The GR HOA does not allow immediate renting, it is only after 2 years of owner occupancy. They are looking for the Village to send a letter to state supporting their project. They are pausing on this project. Keep all apprised of hopefully move forward. The infrastructure is in place. It could take years to accomplish.

Police radios were ordered through the county. Sergeant Swanson reported that a new communication system 155 mhz 8-900 mhz system with fewer towers. County purchased EF Johnson/Kenwood not Motorola with 33% savings. List \$3.3-\$3.5k county level they are \$2K. There are funding options through the county offer repay in 3-year 3% loan no money until next fiscal budget. Six radios are needed. The sheriff's relay will still be necessary at \$12+K. That equipment will be removed from the Village tower. That tiered pricing has also been recalculated. There may be grant opportunities. Enbridge should be contacted.

Village President Beach received an application for liquor license from Sam's Jailhouse Pizza and Gaming to be located at 150 N Cedar, the old jail by the fire department. There are lot of questions, they are or a restaurant. He's not sure about the size requirements. Development is happening and we want to be as cooperative as we can but protect the Village.

**Public Comment:** – Linda Swenson stated that the South Elm lot has had interest but there is a problem with neighbor badmouthing the town and the property. Who wants to live next door to that?

Pete Robinson – stated he oversaw the demolition of the property and it was all done with approval of the EPA.

Sarah Radtke arrived and Clerk Bystry swore her in.

Waterman Summer Rec would like to improve the big baseball diamond at the park. The diamond needs improvements--new dugouts, concession stand, etc. Jen Bock is applying for grants. They would like to install a memorial bench for Michael Gaston. They need to work with Trustee Meier. Long-term goals include a new scoreboard and lights to host tournaments. The field at school is in question. They recently extended the field and did fence work.

Sarah Swedrock-Ryan, coordinator of the all town garage sale committee stated that it was left with very little funds. They need \$400 to advertise but have only \$20. They did receive donations this year to go

forward. They would like to have a vendor event to help build their bank and would like to utilize the park for that event on 5/5/18 and make it more of a town event. Consensus given to look into what would be necessary to make all this happen.

Village President Beach attended the school board meeting and they talked about old middle school. It is full of stuff to get rid of. They are discussing ideas on how to empty building. There may be an opportunity for graduates and residents from the area to go in a purchase items, possibly have an auction. There are legal issues on how to remove the items. There has been no discussion on use. The coaches requested that it be available. The new gym 1964 might be used. They will invite the Waterman historical society it to get items for historic preservation.

Shawn Blowblum – they have been having committee meetings about Summerfest, which is scheduled for 7/21/18. They have their candy sales 5/4 & 5/5 the day of garage sales.

At 8:45 p.m. Trustee Feitlich motioned to enter into executive session under subsection number 11 of section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion approved unanimously.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:55 p.m.

It was discussed that a second well could be drilled at the Well 4 site and use that filtration system – check into that.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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Christina M. Bystry

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