

Minutes of the Village Board of Waterman held Tuesday, October 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Roll Call: Fenske, Pearson, Johanningsmeier, Radtke, Data Beach, Feitlich was absent

Approve Agenda: Trustee Radtke motioned to add "Discuss changing the scheduled time for board meetings" to New Business. President Beach motioned to add "Discuss IML insurance bill" to Mayor's Report and "Discuss Enterprise Zone Changes" to New Business. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Approve Minutes: Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 regular meeting. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Pearson motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as presented. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Radtke motioned to accept the Petty Cash Report as presented. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as presented. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mayor's Report –

President Beach discussed the ICHS Homecoming recap. Shabbona Fire Department displayed a flag at the school. There was minimal turnout for the parade.

There was discussion of the outstanding audits. Clerk Pool advised there has been no communication from the auditors, GW & Associates, since they visited Village Hall in August. Clerk Pool will follow up with them again.

President Beach discussed the small park location on Garfield in Green Ridge Subdivision. Not many are aware it is a park. We would like to name it and install soccer goals and benches.

Our annual IML Risk Management dues are due 11/22/19 in the amount of \$32,774.00. Trustee Radtke mentioned checking into whether the IML would cover any costs related to employee incompetence. Attorney Neveu will research.

Correspondence –

President Beach received a letter from the Waterman Enhancement Group. They are dissolving the organization and they donated the remaining funds in the amount of \$722.04 for future park improvements/repairs.

Staff Reports –

Village Engineer, Norm Beeh, advised Bayer contacted him regarding the new construction of a shed that will not utilize water & sewer use. He also heard from a company that will be rehabbing Waterman

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Gardens Apartments. DeKalb County is looking to turn over Waterman Rd. to the Village from Duffy Rd north to the creek which includes the bridge. He recommends we ensure County is responsible for any future repairs of the bridge in negotiations.

Beeh advised the street program has been completed just over budget. There was a complaint regarding the gravel placed at the corner of Eisenhower and Pine. The gravel was placed to ensure the excess water drains to the catch basin.

The approved Duffy/Pine ditch repair project is on hold due to the amount of water in the ditch. The proposed new plan would require 2 new manholes to complete the work, but it would add 20k to the cost. Trustee Johanningsmeier requested a hard timeline from Elliot & Wood to complete the work.

Request for Consideration –

Richard Smith with the Lions Club discussed the information he gathered regarding the proposed electronic sign to be placed in town. President Beach requested the project get handled by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The Lions Club would be willing to donate 15k towards the estimated 22k cost.

Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer –Pearson

Clerk Pool provided an update on the utility account audit. All adjustments have been received and applied minus a handful of outstanding issue accounts.

Trustee Pearson spoke to a second company looking for an additional quote on replacing water meters.

Streets & Alleys – Johanningsmeier – Nothing

Public Safety – Fenske –

Chief Cicci advised there are several issues with the new radios. Difficulties with hearing dispatch and static.

Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment – Data

Trustee Data spoke with Peggy Rogers regarding a tree lighting ceremony at Muingan Park. The lights would be on a timer from that day until Christmas Eve. The plan was to use an on-site tree but might need to bring one in to accommodate the electricity. Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the tree lighting ceremony. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed. 5/0.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich – Nothing

Economic Development – Tony Feitlich –

Trustee Radtke advised the Economic Development residential and business surveys have been created. We will be mailing postcards out to all residents soliciting survey participation.

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Additionally, a few students involved in the survey process are interested in interning for the Village during their spring session.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke –

President Beach requested that Chief Cicci speak to AMK regarding the overwhelming piles of recycling accumulating at the shop.

Planning Commission: – Linda Swenson – Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – Linda Swenson – Nothing

Public comment – Nothing

Old Business –

Clerk Pool was approached by a resident regarding financial assistance from the Village. The Village needs to create a payment plan policy to follow. It was suggested that we request payments of \$100.00 a month plus stay current on future billings and if a payment is missed then we resort to the delinquency ordinance.

Discuss the computer policy – tabled

Discuss rental utility billing – tabled

Attorney Neveu discussed the law changes in recreational marijuana use. The Village will need to decide if we will allow dispensaries and/or growth of marijuana in the Village limits. Both could bring large revenues.

Attorney Neveu provided an update regarding the easement of ICMS. The school board has been sitting on the issue and has not voted. President Beach spoke to Mr. Willis regarding it being addressed at the next school board meeting. It is believed their concern is the storm sewer line running under the middle of the track. Our concern is in the event the storm sewer needs repairs the Village won't have the right to complete the repairs.

New Business –

Trustee Radtke provided a quote from Collegiate Landscape for the planting of 10 new trees in the amount of \$6,000.00. The board requested an additional quote be provided.

Trustee Fenske motioned to approve trick or treating hours of 4-8 pm. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

The board would like to discuss changing the start time of the board meeting. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

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There are changes coming from DeKalb County regarding the Enterprise Zone. It addresses sales tax abatement and other topics. President Beach is attending a meeting to get more information.

Executive Session: - Nothing

Adjournment

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool
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November 12, 2019
Approved