

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Robinson, Radtke, Feitlich, Genslinger and Johanningsmeier were present. Trustee Pearson was absent.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Feitlich stated that he would like to amend the agenda to move Public Comment before Committee Reports. Trustee Feitlich then motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the regular Board meeting minutes held on April 8, 2025, as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the FY25 Public Hearing meeting minutes held on April 22, 2025, as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call passed 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the FY26 Public Hearing meeting minutes held on April 22, 2025, as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call passed 4/0.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Special meeting minutes held on April 22, 2025, as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call passed 4/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Feitlich motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the petty cash report as published. Trustee Feitlich 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Feitlich motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Mayor's Report: President Robinson swore in newly elected Village President, Anton Feitlich. President Feitlich swore in elected Trustees, Dr. Sarah Radtke, Taylor Jay, and Corey Wade.

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: President Feitlich read a letter received from the Clinton Township Public Library thanking the Village of Waterman for their \$1,000.00 donation. President Feitlich read a letter submitted by a citizen expressing gratitude to Corporal Bermudez for her efforts assisting in a situation involving her son.

Staff Reports

Chief Swanson – Chief Swanson presented the April stats report to the Board for review. Officers have been responding to increased calls at Chance Light Behavioral Education Center to provide their assistance with deescalating situations for students in crisis and ensuring a safe environment. The Chief successfully completed the Police Executive Training. Corporal Bermudez completed the first phase of supervisor training and will complete the 2nd phase in June. Ordered new computers for the patrol vehicles, which will improve field operations and efficiency. Assisted at the Seeds and Stones Bike Rally Event on May 3rd with no incidents reported. Officers will be providing traffic control for the annual Waterman Summer Rec Parade on May 17th. Continuing to work with Ofc. Vandergrift to update the Department's Policy and Procedure Manual. Plan to present updated rules and regulations at the next Board meeting.

Village Manager Nykaza – Testing for Well #5's feasibility will begin on May 19th. The Village is hosting an open house on May 21st with the Executive Director for the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District to answer questions about joining the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. Upgrades for the Lions Park Shelter have been completed and look wonderful. Willett Hofman & Associates Inc. held a bid opening for the MFT work on Elm Street and provided their recommendation letter to hire Curran to complete the project. Nykaza reapplied for the \$5,000.00 reimbursement grant for the police body

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cameras. The new playset was delivered to Garfield Park. Install will take place at the end of May-beginning of June. Two trees were planted at Muingan Park as part of the Green Grant. Working on revisions to dogs at large nuisance ordinance. Chief Swanson has also provided revisions to the parking ordinances for the Public Safety's Committee to review. Lennar Homes plans to purchase approximately 90 lots in Deerfield Crossing. Brad Fritts will be hosting a town hall meeting on Wednesday June 4th from 6-7pm at the Waterman Community Building.

Attorney Neveu – The Clinton Township Community Center deed transfer to the Village of Waterman is near completion aside from a few remaining signatures and financial transfers. The remaining updates will be provided during closed session.

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Village Manager, Nykaza expressed her gratitude to Trustee Sarah Radtke's for her work to clean up the Butterfly Garden at Muingan Park.

Public Comment: Kallan Welsh asked for more collaboration and involvement from Waterman for Shabbona sponsored events. Also, requested to place a banner up at his property located at 210 W. Lincoln Hwy to advertise for Shabbona's Fourth of July festival. Resident Larry Mason requested that we add an additional streetlight near Garfield Park. Village Manager, Nykaza, stated that all streetlights in the Green Ridge subdivision will be replaced with LEDs, which will make the area brighter.

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Mentioned the possibility of adding a camera at Waterman Lions Park to monitor residents utilizing the dumpsters for their personal trash.

Finance & Personnel – Tony Feitlich: Nothing

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Remote Intern is starting next week from an MBA program who will assist the Village with projects related to Economic Development.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Received a variance application for Deerfield Crossing requesting special use to temporarily farm the empty lots. The lots are currently zoned residential which doesn't allow farming. A public hearing will be held to discuss.

Special Hiring – Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve TechPro Bids for IT updates to Community Building, Village Hall and the Village website for \$23,922.50. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

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Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Aztech Landscaping's proposal to expand the play area at Garfield Park in the amount of \$6,940.00. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Ground Effects proposal to mulch at Lions Park in the amount of \$1,846.00. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve GameTime's proposal for playground installation at Garfield Park in the amount of \$11,397.00. Trustee Wade 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Unanimously decided to strike the adoption of Ordinance 2025-05 – Franchise Agreement with MCC Network Services, LLC. from the agenda.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to enter executive session pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2 of the open meetings act to discuss the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Closed Session – Legal & Personnel

Attorney Neveu provided updates on legal matters. Trustee Radtke motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Genslinger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Trustee Jay 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Pool, Village Clerk

Approved