

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, August 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call: Genslinger, Johanningsmeier, Wade, Radtke, and Pearson were present. Trustee Jay and Feitlich were absent.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve minutes from Regular Meeting July 14, 2026. Trustee Wade 2nd. Vote passed 4/0.

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

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the Petty Cash Report as published. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

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

Mayor's Report: Nothing

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: Nothing

Public Comment: Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Wig – Wig advised the new squad car is almost ready for pick up. He traded in several extra firearms at Ray O'Herron. Jason Swanson has officially resigned from his position with the Village, so he is looking to hire a FT Commander. He will be posting on the Blueline.

Village Manager Nykaza – ESDA/SBA: DeKalb and Kane Co's were approved for SBA declaration. We will have an in-person in Hinckley starting August 24th for 2 weeks. People can apply on-line or go to in-person in Hinckley. Information has been forwarded to all that gave their information. Village of Waterman turns 150 in 2027. I have started talking with Lion's Club, Heritage Society, was a large celebration in 1977. Hoping to start a planning committee for a celebration. Kish WRD project- goes out for bid in September I did go to the Kish WRD board meeting the next day after our July board meeting. They also are disappointed that the loan is 2.44% not 1%. Mark has written emails to the IEPA. They would have liked to see 30% forgiveness not 15%. They are anxious to see how bids come back this fall for engineering. They too realize prices will continue to increase, not decrease over time.

Attorney – Attorney Neveu provided a brief update on Mr. Bhati's court case. Bhati didn't show at our court date earlier this morning and we were granted a judgement of approximately 113k.

Public Works – Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

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Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Nothing

Finance & Personnel – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Meeting next week to review a TIF application.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – Taylor Jay: Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Ecker provided an update from the 7/29 public hearing to discuss the variance application to run a dog kennel in R1 zoning. The committee received several letters from adjacent properties opposing the variance. The committee is recommending that the Board denies the application.

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing

New Business:

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the variance application for 245 N. Elm. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the bid from Tausch Construction for the Village's garage repairs at 350 W. Adams. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/2.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Laffey Concrete LLC's bid for sidewalk repairs not to exceed \$8,500. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve trick or treat hours for Saturday, October 31st from 4-7pm. Trustee Wade 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Closed Session – Trustee Pearson motioned to enter executive session at 7:22 pm to discuss the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Discussion on litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11). Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06,. Pursuant to 2(c)(21). Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0. Trustee Genslinger motioned to exit executive session at 7:37 pm and Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

New Business continued:

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Public Safety Meeting of 2/6/24. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 2/0 with Wade, Pearson and Genslinger abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Public Safety Meeting of 2/6/24. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 12/12/23 as amended. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Trustees Wade and Johanningsmeier abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 12/12/23 as amended. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Wade abstaining.

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Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 11/20/23. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 2/0 with Trustees Wade, Johanningsmeier, and Genslinger abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 11/20/23. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4 with Wade abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 11/14/23 as amended to add attendees. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Wade abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 11/14/23. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4 with Wade abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 10/10/23 as amended to add attendees. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Wade abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 10/10/23. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4 with Wade abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 9/12/23 as amended to add attendees. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Wade and Johanningsmeier abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 9/12/23. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4 with Wade abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 8/8/23 as amended to add attendees. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Wade abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 8/8/23. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4 with Wade abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 7/11/23 as amended to add attendees. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Wade and Johanningsmeier abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 7/11/23. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4 with Wade abstaining.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Penton, Village Clerk

Approved