

**Waterman Village Board
Village Hall
215 W. Adams St
Waterman, IL 60556
Board Meeting
Closed Session Minutes
December 12, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm.

In Attendance: Radtke, Sedlacek, Feitlich, Genslinger, Pearson, Attorney Porter, Clerk Pool, Manager Nykaza

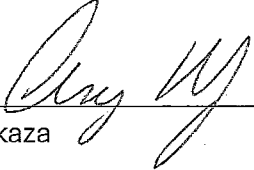
Attorney Porter gave an update on the lawsuit regarding Pete and Char Robinson and the train. Porter reviewed court with Judge Waller. Mentions Waller wants to have settlement. Pete has filed a civil rights case. Pete's original offer was \$80,000, final number presented by Judge Waller was \$3,500 the Village will have to pay Pete to settle civil rights case. Porter told the judge he does not have authorization to make a settlement. Porter said the village board has to make decision. Porter explains this is not a cost to village for his representation, he is being paid by CCMSI. Porter reviewed attempts to settle with Pete.

Feitlich suggests counteroffer in middle, Pete owing us \$11,000. Radtke asks risk to taxpayer dollar. Porter clarifies there are no legal costs to taxpayers. Porter reviews Pete had liability insurance only. Went back & filed 11 years of corporate reports. Porter explains if individual prevails in civil rights case, attorney fees are waived. Porter reminds board there is no evidence contrary to Pete starting fire. No vote, no authority to settlement. Consensus decision is no motion will be made Pete's offer. Matter will be tabled when coming out of closed session.

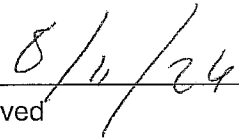
Porter gave a brief update on Zemater case. Checking to see that nothing got filed, then writing letter to Village closing case.

Trustee Feitlich motioned to exit executive session. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Motion approved unanimously. Committee returned from closed session at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Nykaza



Approved