

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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

Roll Call: Feitlich, Genslinger, Johanningsmeier, Wade, and Radtke were present. Jay was absent. Pearson arrived at 6:32.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve agenda. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the minutes as amended of the Public Hearing held on December 9, 2025. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting January 13, 2026. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

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

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 Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Feitlich talked about Coffee with the Chief on February 17, 2026. Great opportunity for residents to come and ask questions and meet some of the Village staff. Feitlich also wanted to say how Matt went above and beyond when the Community Building's pipes froze and family was having a party there.

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: Nothing

Public Comment: Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Kroll – Chief presented the January Stats Report. Waterman had a significant fraud case from the bank on Rt 23 & Rt 30 2 weeks ago. Chief will be circulating surveillance footage of suspect to other agencies at his Chief's meeting on February 11, 2026, to see if they have seen something similar. Not a high probability of finding the suspect.

Village Manager Nykaza –We have 2 agreements for Kishwaukee Project on the agenda one is to cancel the IGA we had with the Prairie Band Nation and an IGA with just Waterman and the Kishwaukee WRD. We have received our permits for the Community Building and are expecting a 3-month completion of the project. We are on the list for approval by IEPA for Well #5 and we will know by June or July if we receive that funding this year or next. Lennar is actively selling lots, and the permits are coming in. Happy to report the retirement contribution settlements for Ford and Pero have been finalized. This concludes a four-year project and thank you to Abby for all your hard work getting this completed. Talked about the frozen pipes at the Community Center when the furnace went out and we are looking for ways to possibly get heat in the bathrooms. This was a known issue that was not disclosed to us. Will talk to Aaron about the Rt30 IDOT project and have not heard yet where we are slated for 2026 yet. Funds were approved and then an issue with the center island where the light came up, and funds were put on hold to plan for a pedestrian walkway.

Attorney Nevue – Brief update on TIF disbursement to Mr. Bhati. We were able to get in contact with Mr. Bhati and come to an agreement of a judgement against him to save time, money and aggravation. We can do this with a very brief court filing and Village attorney has agreed to delay enforcement of that judgement to foreclose on the lien on the property. Giving him until June 1st to either start construction or return the funds. This does protect the Village as we have a lien on

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the property. This means the Village might come up short in this scenario. We also must make sure there is no other mortgage on the property.

Public Works – Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Broken swing has been replaced in Muinigan Park. Street sign is here for Chuck Breese's dedication. Requested School Zone signs to be installed by the middle school.

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: No more construction parking on sidewalks and speed limit signs are helping with speeding coming into town on South Elm.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Nothing

Finance & Personnel – Adam Pearson: First meeting for budget last week and meeting again next week. LRS contract up for Board review.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – (Unassigned): Chief Kroll has been actively recruiting for new Chief of Police. Potentially start interviews at the end of February or beginning of March. We would like to have the permanent Chief in place by April 1st so they can have the full amount of time with Chief Kroll to make the transition nice and clean.

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing

New Business:

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve FY 2027 board meeting dates. Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve closing Special Reserve Fund and transfer to Infrastructure Fund. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call passed 5/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve 5-year contract renewal with LRS. Trustee Wade 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve Termination of IGA with PBRN. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to Approve IGA with KWD. Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to enter executive session for discussion on the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Discussion on litigation, when an action against, affection or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and 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 5ILCS 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 Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

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Closed Session – Update on open legal and personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 1, 11, and 21. Trustee Genslinger motioned to exit close session. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

New Business continued:

Trustee Genslinger motioned to amend the agenda to add “Approve Previous Closed Session Minutes Reviewed in Closed Session.” Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve Minutes from Closed Session 12/9/25 Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Trustee Pearson abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve Minutes from Closed Session 10/14/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve Minutes from Closed Session 10/2/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Trustees Pearson and Wade abstaining and President Feitlich voting.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve Minutes from Closed Session 9/9/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to table the approval of minutes from Closed Session 9/2/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve Minutes from Closed Session 8/12/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Release Minutes from Closed Session 12/9/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/5.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Release Minutes from Closed Session 10/14/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/5.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Release Minutes from Closed Session 10/2/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/5.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Release Minutes from Closed Session 9/9/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote failed 1/4.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Release Minutes from Closed Session 9/2/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/5.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Release Minutes from Closed Session 8/12/25. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/5.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Penton, Village Clerk

Approved