

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Approve Agenda: Village President Feitlich requested to table closed session due to the anticipated weather. Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 10, 2026. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Jay abstaining. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting February 23, 2026. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Pearson abstaining.

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

Mayor's Report: Nothing

Request for Consideration: Presentation from Shawn Ajazi was rescheduled for the April meeting.

Correspondence: We received a thank you card from Stacy Adamsburg for the Police Department for how they handled an extremely hard and devastating day on March 2, 2026.

Public Comment: Jill Simpson from the Clinton Public Library spoke about how she would like to have funds to beautify the rest of the grounds at the library. She will be applying for TIF money to fund the project.

Staff Reports

Chief Kroll – Chief presented the January Stats Report to the board for review. They toured Bayer's Facility to familiarize themselves in the event of a critical incident. They will also be touring Conserv FS and Vision Pickling facilities for the same purpose. Officer Evans has completed training and is ready to go out on his own in the next week or so. Coffee with the Chief went well and there were about 13 guests. The officers handled a DOA investigation last week; Swanson and Evans did a very nice job in a very hard situation. There was a simple warrant arrest at the Dollar General today.

Village Manager Nykaza – We were notified by Representative Underwood's office there is opportunity for federal funding through the Community Funding Project Grant, and we had only one week to apply. We applied for a 5-million-dollar grant for the Wastewater Reclamation Project. Also applied for DCCF Community Needs Grant for the gazebo and concrete pad at Garfield Park; still waiting on IEPA. Lennar is actively building in Deerfield Crossing. I attended the ILCMA winter conference last month. Working with IDOT on the Rt 30 repaving and they are working with BNSF for the right of way issue still. Unfortunately, the railroad seems to be holding us up on this.

Attorney Porter – Porter updated on the outstanding TIF funds issued to Nick Bhati (Waterman Café). We have filed a lawsuit with DeKalb County Circuit Clerk, and we are attempting to obtain proof of service of the summons. Also doing a title search to see if there is a second mortgage on property.

Public Works – Nothing

Committee Reports

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Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nykaza is working on getting prices for crack sealing and sidewalk repairs.

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Update on getting speed limit signs corrected and posted. School zone signs around the schools need to be posted.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Nothing

Finance & Personnel – Adam Pearson: Budget meetings continue and we are making progress.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – Taylor Jay: Interviews this Thursday for new Chief of Police.

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nykaza advised the board the commission last met on February 26, 2026. Dekalb County celebrates One County One Nation America 250 Celebration on July 8th, 2026. Dekalb County courthouse celebrated the reading of the Declaration of Independence and reaching out to see if other communities would like to host America 250 Celebration as well. Project status discussed was Deerfield Crossing and how Waterman has had the largest number of new homes constructed for the last several years.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business:

Trustee Radtke motioned to Adopt Resolution 2026-01 a Previously Approved Termination of IGA with Kishwaukee WRD, and Village Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to Adopt Resolution 2026-02 a Previously Approved IGA with Kishwaukee WRD and Village of Waterman. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call passed 5/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to Approve FY26 Audit Engagement. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Radtke motioned to Approve FY27 Holiday Calendar. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve Revised Contract Scope of Work Tausch Construction. Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Closed Session – Nothing

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Penton, Village Clerk

Approved