

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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

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

Approve Agenda: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Wade 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve minutes from Regular Meeting March 10, 2026. Trustee Jay 2nd. Vote passed 5/0 with Wade abstaining. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve minutes from Public Hearing April 14, 2026. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Vote passed 5/0 with Wade abstaining. Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve minutes from Regular Meeting April 14, 2026. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Vote passed 6/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Pearson motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the Petty Cash Report as published. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Mayor's Report:

President Feitlich advised he is serving on the board for Metro West. He will attend local board meetings such as the Greenridge HOA and school board meetings to keep the Village Board up to date.

Request for Consideration: Shawn Ajazi's final recommendation would be to secure a 48-month contract with APG&E for the municipal aggregation.

Correspondence: Nothing

Public Comment: Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Wig – Wig presented PD Stats from the county to the board for review. Wig has been busy getting acquainted with the community by attending the bike rally and Lions Club community coffee.

Village Manager Nykaza –Received a grant for \$6,300 from DeKalb County to go towards the new gazebo at Garfield Park. Thank you to Clerk Penton for organizing the Spring Cleanup Event coming up on May 15-16. Toddler community garde kick off is May 20th. Planning another coffee with the Chief. Held the Community Building Kitchen Renovation bid opening and only received two bids. Bike Rally went really well with 300 cyclists participating. PD records disposal has been completed.

Attorney – Attorney Neveu advised Mr. Bhati's court date is June 1st. President Feitlich stated regardless of the work being completed he would like to see the TIF funds being recovered.

Public Works – Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing

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Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Beth Prestegard's control burn at 470 S. Elm is postponed until fall.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Updated on meeting from April 30th, 2026. Discussed various park improvements and community related concerns.

Finance & Personnel – Adam Pearson: Updated on the meeting from April 14, 2026. Discussed how the FY27 budget process went and how to improve for next year.

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Updated on the meeting from April 30th, 2026. Discussed TIF applications from the Clinton Township Library and Steve's Auto.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – Taylor Jay: Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing

New Business:

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve a 48-month contract with APG&E for municipal electric aggregation. Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the updated Employee Personnel Manual as presented. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve a \$30,000 TIF distribution to the Clinton Township Library for updates. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve a \$25,000 TIF distribution to Steve's Auto for updates. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve Tausch Construction's Bid for \$40,000 for Community Building Kitchen Renovations. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the purchase of a new PD squad not to exceed \$50,000. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Closed Session – Trustee Pearson motioned to enter executive session at 7:14 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 Johanningsmeier 2nd roll call vote passed 6/0. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to exit executive session at 7:35 pm. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

New Business continued:

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Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from board meeting of 11/12/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Trustees Wade and Jay abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the board meeting of 11/12/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 1/5.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting of 11/7/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Trustees Genslinger, Wade, and Jay abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from Public Safety Committee meeting of 11/7/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/6.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the board meeting of 10/15/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Trustees Wade, and Jay abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the board meeting of 10/15/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/6.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to table Closed Session Minutes from the Special Hiring Committee meeting of 10/14/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to table the release of Closed Session Minutes from the Special Hiring Committee meeting of 10/14/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to table Closed Session Minutes from the board meeting of 10/8/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the board meeting of 10/8/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/6.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 10/7/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Trustees Genslinger, Johanningsmeier, Wade, and Jay abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 10/7/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/6.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Special Hiring Committee meeting of 9/16/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 2/0 with Trustees Genslinger, Johanningsmeier, Pearson, Radtke, Wade, and Jay abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Special Hiring Committee meeting of 9/16/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 6/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the board meeting of 9/10/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0 with Trustees Wade, and Jay abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the board meeting of 9/10/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/6.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve hiring Clark Baird Smith LLP. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote failed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Penton, Village Clerk

Approved