

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, July 14, 2026

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

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

Approve Agenda: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve minutes from Regular Meeting June 9, 2026. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed 5/0.

Accept Council Approval Reports: Trustee Radtke motioned to accept the Council Approval Reports as published. Trustee Pearson 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: President Feitlich wanted to thank Scott Hunt for assisting our Public Works during the flooding over the 4th of July weekend and mention how the community came together to help each other.

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: Nothing

Public Comment: Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Wig – Village office staff members are now AED and CPR certified. PD annual wellness checks are scheduled. The new Explorer squad is getting the equipment installed.

Village Manager Nykaza – We mailed a townwide letter regarding the July 4th flash flooding to collect data for the DeKalb ESDA. We had 55 residents respond. Lt. Dave Aranda with DeKalb ESDA has been assisting with obtaining the data. If Kane County qualifies, we will automatically as well. Nathan Schwartz, DeKalb Co Hwy Commissioner, confirmed the alley south of the library will be on the FY28 budget for repaving. The gazebo at Garfield Park will be installed on July 15. Reminder, Lion's Club tractor fest is Saturday, July 18th.

Attorney – Attorney Neveu provided a brief update on Mr. Bhati's court case. Nykaza will be attending court in August to represent the Village.

Public Works – Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Johanningsmeier updated on the July 7, 2026, meeting. Items discussed included Axon and their equipment, part-time staff wages, and technology needs.

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Nothing

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Finance & Personnel – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Planning Commission/ZBA will be holding a Public Hearing on July 29th to discuss the special use application they received for dog kennels in an R1 zone.

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 contract with Axon for PD BWC, tasers, and in squad video cams. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mark Eddington with the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District updated on the WWTP Project. The total cost to convert the WWTP to a pump station and join the Reclamation District will cost approximately 15 million. Bids will open in September for the project. We currently have been approved for a loan at 2.44% with the 1st payment potentially in 2029. Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve moving forward with the repair of the Washington Street Culvert Project not to exceed \$24,000. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Clinton Township Library approached the Village about organizing a town wide shredding event. The board unanimously approved Nykaza looking into costs and organizing this event.

Closed Session – Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to enter executive session at 7:10 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 4/0. Trustee Genslinger motioned to exit executive session at 7:38 pm. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0. Trustee Wade exited the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

New Business continued:

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Public Safety meeting of 4/30/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 2/0 with Trustees Pearson and Genslinger abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Public Safety meeting of 4/30/24. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 3/19/24. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 2/0 with Trustees Genslinger and Pearson abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 3/19/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 3/12/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

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Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 3/12/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 4/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Public Safety meeting of 3/8/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 2/0 with Trustees Pearson and Genslinger abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Public Safety meeting of 3/8/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 2/20/24. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 3/0 with Trustee Wade abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 2/20/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to table the Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 2/13/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of 2/13/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 2/12/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 2/0 with Trustees Genslinger and Johanningsmeier abstaining.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to release Closed Session Minutes from the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of 2/12/24. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote failed 0/4.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Penton, Village Clerk

Approved