

**Minutes of Special Board Meeting held at
Village Hall, 215 W. Adams St.
Village of Waterman, IL
Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

Roll call: Village President Feitlich, Trustees Johanningsmeier, Jay, Genslinger, Radtke, Clerk Penton, Village Manager Nykaza

Public Comment – William Heimbigner stated he appreciated how quickly the village responded and came up with a solution to the issue of the bidding for the community building renovation project. He commented in the contract the 2% interest charge should be 1%. In his opinion the contract should mention prevailing wage.

It was stated the village will be following prevailing wage.

New Business - President Feitlich states we are making a record regarding the Village's efforts to obtain competitive bids for the work needed at the Community Center. In 2025, We attempted to solicit 2 bids for the construction work needed. Although 2 contractors expressed interest in submitting a bid, only one contractor- Tausch Construction- submitted a bid for the work. It was the Board's opinion that Tausch Construction provided a reasonable estimate for the work to be performed. Tausch Construction has a good reputation for its work and is in no way related or connected with anyone on the Village Board or with the Village staff. In approving the contract in December 2025, the Board believed that the Village would receive the best work at the lowest price from a responsible bidder.

It has recently been brought to our attention that the Village may have not strictly complied with all of the requirements surrounding soliciting bids for this project. The Village considers the Community Center project time sensitive and delaying this project is not in the best interest of the Village.

The Illinois Municipal Code allows a Village to exempt a project from mandating bidding requirements upon a 2/3 votes of the trustees

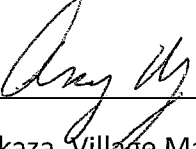
Motion to award the contract for the construction work to be performed at the Community Center without competitive bidding was made by Radtke, second by Genslinger. Approved 4-0.

Motion to approve and ratify the November 19, 2025, quote provided by Tausch Construction in the amount of \$126,000.00 was made by Genslinger, second by Radtke. Approved 4-0.

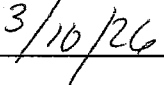
Adjournment

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Nykaza, Village Manager



Date