

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, November 11, 2025

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

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

Approve Agenda: Attorney Neveu requested to amend the agenda by adding item B to Old Business: Discussion regarding development of Waterman Café and TIF funds. Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Pearson motioned to table the approval of the minutes of the Public Safety meeting held on November 7, 2024, due to insufficient quorum. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to table the approval of the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting from October 2, 2025, due to insufficient quorum. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed unanimously.

Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the regular Board meeting minutes held on October 14, 2025. Trustee Jay 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 4/0.

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the petty cash report as published. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Pearson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Mayor's Report: N/A

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: Letter from the Public Service Agency that their Community Action Program has achieved the Promise and Action Award, one of the highest national honors presented by the National Community to Action Partnership.

Public Comment: William Heimbigner spoke about citizens requesting him to investigate the events regarding the dismissal of police officer Bermudez. William was extremely pleased with how transparent the Village was with sharing the information and the information itself provided through his FOIA request; leaving no doubt the Village made the right decision.

Staff Reports

Chief Jemison – Presented September Stats Report for the Board's review. Trunk or Treat was held at the Middle School and went well. 3 service calls were taken on 10/31/2025 for child custody dispute, domestic disturbance, and suspicious person. All calls were resolved without incident. Updated CAD systems have been installed in all squads. Chief attended new police chief orientation training last week and it went very well. Sgt. Swanson attended Solo Officer Response Deescalation Training last Sunday. A grant for AEDs provided us with 8 AED devices and four hanging cabinets. There is one installed at the Village Hall, the Community Center, and Lion's Park shelter as well as one we donated to the Clinton Township Library. All squad cars have them as well. We have two part-time officer candidates that are looking very well. Will be assisting with the Gobbler Gallop on November 22 starting at 9:00 am at the Indian Creek Middle School.

Village Manager Nykaza –We are in the engineering phase of the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District project. The project is working through easement issues. Decision has been made to continue engineering from here to Kishwaukee that will not be affected. The new zoning map has been finalized, and we will be approving tonight and when that is completed Aaron will print a new zoning map. New slide has been installed at Lion's Park; Tic Tac Toe board was ordered but didn't fit, worst case scenario we will build a stand for it and put it in Garfield Park. Process of getting another bid for

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the renovations at the Community Building. Lennar Homes has closed on 89 properties in Deerfield Crossing. They will start milling and resurfacing the roads this week and plan to have it completed by Thanksgiving. Curran will be doing the work. Met with IDOT for reimbursement grant for the \$198,600 for the Elm Street project we anticipate receiving the reimbursement funds in about 6 months in time to plan our next MFT road and bridge project. Completed some sidewalk replacement and grinding work and scheduling sealant for the spring. Lion's 19th Annual Gobbler Gallop scheduled for November 22. Jolene Willis asked to pass on a thank you for letting her conduct training for the Planning Commission.

Attorney Porter – Nothing

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Leaf collection schedule until 11/25/25; weather permitting.

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Update of November 10, 2025, meeting. Discussed the future growth and maintenance of the water system including additional well. Placement of the new well was discussed as we are on a one source critical list with only one well, so there is no backup if there is an issue. Willette & Hoffman attended to update us on the original plan to add a well in Deerfield Crossing and after the new water samples were tested, they advised we would need to treat the water. Starting the process for the steps to move forward with project as funding will take a couple of years. Review next month what could potentially need to be funded now. Longer term projects such as updates to water mains and increasing the size of old pipes.

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Discussed naming the alley that runs between the Dekalb County Highway and Clinton Library after former Chief Chuck Breese. Also discussed updated grants for the Elm Street project. South Elm St. speed limit complaint and getting the county involved to reduce the speed coming into town from the south. Also need to get school zone identified with signs. The culvert/bridge on Washington and South Elm needs repair. Also discussed roads for re-pavement next year. Discussed the tree budget for the next few years and going to a maintenance schedule instead of a planting schedule. Also discussed having text and email notification when there is potential for snow.

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Meeting coming up on November 17, 2025, primarily to discuss the potential of getting lights at the Lions Park ballpark.

Finance & Personnel – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Some interest in TIF applications.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – (Unassigned): Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Meeting on November 5, 2025, they discussed some of the Lennar Homes plans and went over the map and approved minutes, so they are all up to date.

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Old Business:

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Adopt Amended Ordinance 2025-08 Approving Variance to Zoning. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

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Discussion regarding Development of Waterman Café and the collection of disbursed TIF funds. This was referred to Economic Development Committee.

New Business:

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to Approve Conditional Hiring of Part Time Police Officer Brian Evans. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Pearson motioned to Approve Zoning Map. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve Final Retirement Shortfall for Tony Pero \$24,451.38 and Dillon Ford \$17,940.35. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

Closed Session – Nothing

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Trustee Pearson 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Penton, Village Clerk

Approved