

Minutes of the Village of Waterman Board held at Village Hall 215 W. Adams St. Waterman, IL 60556 Tuesday, December 9, 2025

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

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

Approve Agenda: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve agenda. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote 5/0.

Approve Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the minutes of the Public Safety meeting held on November 7, 2024. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote 2/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting from October 2, 2025. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote 4/0.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the regular Board meeting minutes held on November 11, 2025. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 4/0.

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

Accept Petty Cash Report: Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to approve the petty cash report as published. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Accept Treasurer's Funds Report: Trustee Radtke motioned to approve the Treasurer's Fund Report as published. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Mayor's Report: President Feitlich swore in new hire part-time police officer Brian Evans. The Aurora Sportsman Club would like to be good partners and will notify us when they are expecting high volume traffic.

Request for Consideration: Nothing

Correspondence: Letter from Clinton Township Library thanking us for the AED we installed last month.

Public Comment: Nothing

Staff Reports

Chief Jemison – Presented November Stats Report. Public Works did a great job keeping the streets clean, there were no accidents to report. The swearing in of our new part-time police officer Brian Evans who will be with Sergeant Swanson next week for field training. Department designed new uniform patches to reflect the community. The clock tower is proudly displayed in the center of the seal. The gold and silver patches will be sergeant and above. Corporals and officers will be blue. Auxiliaries by state statute will continue to wear the old patch to distinguish that they are not law enforcement which are sworn personnel. The Gobbler Gallop 5k went without a problem and was a successful run. Chief would like to wish the Board and the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Village Manager Nykaza – Village held an open house on December 3, with the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District Mark Eddington and Zeke Brooke and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Fifteen landowners that we are seeking easements from were in attendance. Good discussion but still concerns about accessing the easements needed for the project. President Feitlich, Mark, and Amy also attended the Shabbona and Clinton Township meetings trying to get the word out about the project. We've gotten push back from a majority of the landowners. The Village is moving forward on our own without the Prairie Band Nation which will be an almost 2-million-dollar difference for the Village. Meta will be unable to assist us with funding; they only work with communities where they have their data centers. Economic Development Committee discussed use of TIF funds for renovations of the Community Building. Engineers will have the estimate for the water main repair between Rt23 and the railroad this week. Spoke to county about speed sign on South

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Waterman Road and will be instructing Scott Hunt to install a speed reduction sign. We will have to move our 25 mph sign 200 feet south of Preserve Road. Staff Christmas luncheon will be Thursday, December 18th at noon.

Attorney Neveu – Neveu updated on the TIF agreement with Nick Bhati. She spoke with the contractor Bhati said was performing the work, however they advised there is no contract and they have no intention of doing the work. Remainder of report will be in closed session.

Public Works – Matt Conlin: Nothing

Committee Reports

Water & Sewer – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Streets & Alleys – Arnie Johanningsmeier: Requested an officer is on duty when heavy snow hits to issue tickets and wait for tow.

Public Safety - Arnie Johanningsmeier: Nothing

Buildings & Grounds – Alison Genslinger: Meeting on November 17, 2025, discussed installing lighting at the baseball diamond at the Lions Park. Trustee Genslinger motioned to approve obtaining pricing for the lighting of Lion's Park. Trustee Radtke 2nd vote was unanimous.

Finance & Personnel – Adam Pearson: Nothing

Economic Development – Sarah Radtke: Will be having a committee meeting to discuss new TIF applications and the status of Waterman Café.

Zoning – Sarah Radtke: Nothing

Special Hiring – (Unassigned): Nothing

Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Regional Planning Commission – John Ecker: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing

New Business:

Trustee Radtke motioned to Approve Ordinance 2025-09 – An Ordinance Approving the 2026 Tax Levy. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Radtke motioned to Approve Ordinance 2025-10 – Approving Amendment to Annexation Agreement. Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve Proposal for Willette Hofmann Proposal for Engineering of Well #5. Trustee Jay 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Genslinger motioned to Approve TIF Distribution for Community Building Improvements. Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

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Closed Session – Legal & Personnel: Trustee Genslinger motioned to enter closed session for discussion on the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 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). Trustee Johanningsmeier 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to exit closed session Trustee Radtke 2nd. Roll call vote passed 5/0.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to conduct, Trustee Johanningsmeier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Trustee Genslinger 2nd. Vote passed unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Penton, Village Clerk

Approved