

**Village of Waterman  
Water and Sewer Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Waterman Village Hall  
215 W. Adams St.  
Waterman, IL 60056  
Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 6PM**

Meeting called to order by Trustee Pearson at 6:07PM

**Roll Call:** Trustee Pearson, Trustee Johanningsmeier, Trustee Feitlich, Guest Village Manager Nykaza, Guest Village Clerk Pool and Village Engineer Curtis Cook of Chastain & Associates

**Old Business:**

Curtis Cook gave an update on aeration project. New Blowers back ordered until April. The underground pipe requiring replacement that was approved in the November meeting will be installed before the blowers, but after the ground has thawed. The cost for this project will remain the same.

**New Business:**

Future planning for the well and sewage plant were discussed. The permit and annexation agreement for well #5 in Deerfield Crossing have both expired. It is recommended the terms for the annexation be re-negotiated before any future building takes place there. A goal was set to apply for an IEPA loan before the March 31, 2023 deadline, in hopes to qualify for a forgiveness loan. (Other villages have received \$400,000 in forgiveness loans) We should shoot for a loan in the amount of \$800,000. These plans for well improvement project should be discussed by summer 2022. Audits will need to be completed to apply for the loan)

Curtis will talk to Norm about any plans he had drawn up for a new sewage treatment plan. Curtis will run numbers and report back to the committee regarding cost and best placement.

Utility billing delinquency policy was reviewed. Currently a 10% late fee is applied at first late notice and no other fee is assessed. 25% of our residents billed receive late notices, and of that 50% receive door tags. It is usually the same individuals that are delinquent. Discussion continued and it was decided the billing delinquency policy will be reviewed again after the new billing system is implemented. The hopes are the new system and payment options will reduce delinquencies. Possibly creating an incentive to sign up for online billing and payments.

Discussed water main breaks and lack of a written emergency policy. Addition to policy will include how driveways, easements and ROW's will be replaced when tore up by village to access water mains. The policy will include replacing concrete driveways joint to joint and seeding when weather permits. Village Manager will discuss with public works about being notified when there is a after hours emergency and creating a written emergency policy.

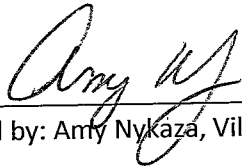
Discussed water meters and plans to replace water meters with automated meters at some point in the future. Discussed compiling study with how much water we pump vs how much water we bill. Manager Nykaza will start working on this study.

Committee will plan to meet in a month or so to go over updates from Curtis and Village Manager Nykaza

**Public Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM



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Submitted by: Amy Nykaza, Village Manager