

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
APRIL 5, 2021**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

President Hedden called the regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Hedden led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

- **ROLL CALL**

President Rocky Hedden: Present Clerk Staci Choate: Present

Trustees:

La Donna McKinney:	Present	Chris Simpson:	Present
Ryan Austin:	Present	Tim Piper:	Present
Diana Wood:	Present	Roger Noe:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Ray Belmont, Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Bert Clymer, Worker Jasen Tubbs, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, and Amanda White of WFIW Radio. David Mills of the Wayne County Press arrived at 7:07 p.m.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Hedden stated that there would be an addition to the Agenda of Executive Session regarding a utility issue.

Regarding the Past Due List, #10154000 and #30659000 had paid their bill. Also discussed by the board was a major water leak by a customer at 109 E Center Alley. An adjustment had been made, the leak has not been fixed and the water is still shut off.

Regarding the Ambulance Report, the new ambulance has been delivered. There is a chip in the window that will be replaced. Lisa Clark, Ambulance Coordinator, told the board that there had been a couple calls about purchasing one of the old ambulances.

Trustee Noe made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Austin, Wood, Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney. Approved.

The board discussed the Proposed Change to the Employee Handbook regarding changing Police Officers cell phone allowance from \$40 to \$80. Trustee Austin made a motion to make the proposed change and Trustee Simpson seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Wood, Simpson, Piper, McKinney, Austin. Approved.
Nays 1: Noe.

The board discussed Ordinance #594, Being an Ordinance of the Wayne City Ambulance Service Making its Annual Appropriation for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022. Trustee McKinney made a motion to adopt Ordinance #594 and Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney, Wood, Austin. Approved.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Employee Reports:

Worker Bert Clymer asked the board about mosquito spraying for the Village of Keenes. He had been approached by a resident and they wanted to know if it would be possible and what the village would be charged. Clymer stated that it would be once a week and take about 1.5 hours. The board decided that the village could do this service for \$40 per night.

Clymer also asked to bring back Summer Worker Austin Schuster, and the board agreed to do so.

Worker Kris Shreve told the board that the gate has now been finished at the new water plant. The gate was the last item to be completed.

Shreve also told the board that he was scheduled to go to the doctor on Tuesday for a follow-up from his shoulder surgery. He should know then when he will be released to return to work.

Shreve also told the board that the village had been selling Western Wayne Water District all of their water because of an issue with Gateway. Then when Gateway's issue was fixed, the village was not selling Western Wayne any water because of a water tower having leaks. The village should be selling them water again in about three weeks.

Lisa Clark told the board that a windshield had to be fixed on the 5 John 10 Ambulance.

Clerk Choate asked the board, in light of Shreve's water plant update, if it was okay to send the last and final payments for the water plant construction. The board was okay with this.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Chris Simpson presented to the board a proposal to add the option of credit card payments to the Bulk Water Station for \$1,600. He explained that a few customers of bulk water wanted this option. Credit card fees would be paid by the village and not passed on to the customer. Trustee Simpson made a motion to accept the proposal to add the option of credit card payments to the Bulk Water Station. Motion died with a lack of a second motion.

Simpson told the board about leasing options if the village wanted to purchase a mini-excavator. Trustee Noe said that he would like to wait to purchase anything until we see how it is going to go with making the new water plant payments. He hoped that the village would not have to raise water rates. The board decided to table this and see how things looked when Western Wayne started purchasing water from the village again.

Trustee Noe stated that the village only had a minimal increase in our gas bills this past month. This was due to Utility Gas Management who purchases our gas for the village and having a good surplus.

Noe also thanked Trustee Diane Wood for her years of service to the village as a trustee and previous clerk.

Noe talked about the lift station on Simpson Drive. The village is working through Vince Sharp to get this repaired.

Noe asked when the new park equipment would be in. Worker Tubbs said it should be in soon and he had talked to Chris Robertson and he will work the village in whenever the equipment arrives.

The board discussed Police Chief Anson Fenton sending out ordinance letters. Trustee Ryan Austin stated that Fenton should be close to giving fines. Trustee McKinney asked about the burnt house on W Section Line Road. This house had been sold at a tax sale according to the press.

Trustee Noe made a motion to go into executive session at 7:36 p.m. and Trustee McKinney seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Noe made a motion to go out of executive session at 8:14 p.m. and Trustee McKinney seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Noe made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. and Trustee McKinney seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

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