

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

• **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:

Paul Bruinsma:	Present	Steve Buxton:	Present
Jarod Peyton:	Present	Tim Piper:	Present
Josh Greene:	Absent	Roger Noe:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Bert Clymer, Worker Jasen Tubbs, Worker Austin Schuster, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, Rob Greenwalt, Brian Rightnowar, Sue Meyers, Tom Windland, Jeff Vaughan, and Jarrod Pruitt from the Wayne County Press.

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the Past Due List, customer #4, #7, and #9 bill has been paid. Customer #3 water was still shut off. Customer #10, we are still waiting on a WADI check. Regarding the Ambulance Report, we have four new EMTs pending receipt of official license. Trustee Noe made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Peyton, Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma. Approved.
Absent 1: Greene.

Regarding Old Business concerning the Old Hotel, Police Chief Anson Fenton was not present at the meeting but President Hedden stated that he was getting a warrant to take pictures to give to our attorney.

The board discussed tearing down Shell Food Mart and the Mary Neff house or leaving as is and putting out for bids. Rob Greenwalt expressed his concern about having Shell Food Mart torn down. Trustee Noe stated that if the village sold the property as is that there would be a lot of stipulations and restrictions, for instance the winning bidder would have to have a business plan, a time frame that the property would need to be cleaned up, and a restitution where if this is not done, the property would come back to the village. If the village tears down Shell Food Mart there would need to be an asbestos inspection. Trustee Piper had gotten a quote for that from Farmer Environmental Services, LLC for \$2,150. Trustee Noe stated that we would also have to have a permit. Trustee Piper stated that if the village tore down the Mary Neff house, the village would not need to have an asbestos inspection done. The board decided that they would discuss this in executive session and come up with a plan.

Trustee Noe told the board that he had talked to the EPA land and air. The land is okay with our burn pile but since the village has been turned in, the air is not. Noe has another question in to the EPA air regarding our population and if it makes a difference that we are under 1,000 population and he is waiting to hear back for that. Also discussed was moving the burn pile by the lagoon or on the north side of the reservoir. There is some discrepancy on whether our sewer lagoon is in the city limits. Noe stated that the village will be stricter on what is put in the burn pile, only limbs, brush, leaves, and grass clippings. There should not be any wood or lumber put on there and fines will be enforced if there are.

Jeff Vaughan, Community Development Coordinator from Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission (GWRPC), told the board that since Wayne County pays a fee to the GWRPC that they are here to serve us and help with any grant opportunities that the village might be interested in.

The board reviewed the Compliance Review of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

After board discussion, Trustee Peyton made a motion to donate \$250 to the WCHS Prom and \$250 to Post Prom. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton. Approved.
Absent 1: Greene.

Tom Windland explained the Ambulance Service Agreement between the Wayne County Board and the Wayne City Ambulance Service. The agreement states that the Wayne City Ambulance Service will service Indian Prairie and Orchard Townships and their payment for servicing them will be \$40,000 per year. This payment is based on the Special Service Tax Rate.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to accept the Ambulance Service Agreement and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Piper, Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton, Buxton.
Absent 1: Greene.

Approved.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Brian Rightnowar asked the board if the village would be making a decision on the old Shell Food Mart building. The board told him this would be discussed in Executive Session and the board would let the public know afterwards.

Employee Reports:

Worker Shreve told the board that the water plant had several expenses. The transducer for the overflow tank had gone out and that cost \$1,500. Rightnowar had come to fix the furnaces and that cost \$1,500. And the water tower was inspected for a cost of \$3,000. Rightnowar told the board about the issue with the furnaces at the water plant with the chlorine and how the furnaces needed to be piped outside. He also mentioned one that was un-accessible and told the board the only solution he found was to extend the catwalk.

Trustee Reports:

There were no trustee comments.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Bruinsma left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. and Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

The board discussed that they would have the sealed bid requirements for Shell Food Mart and the Mary Neff house at the next board meeting.

Trustee Noe made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. and to reconvene on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.



President Rocky Hedden



Clerk Staci Choate

Board Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2024