

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 4, 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:	Absent	Steve Buxton:	Present
Jarod Peyton:	Absent	Tim Piper:	Present
Josh Greene:	Present	Roger Noe:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Jasen Tubbs, Worker Austin Schuster, Worker Matt Fields, Police Chief Anson Fenton, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, Rob Greenwalt, Bryan Rightnowar, Troy Seidel, Bill Smith, Sue Meyers, and Jarrod Pruitt from the Wayne County Press. Worker Kris Shreve arrived at the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the Past Due List, the last customer on the list had paid their bill. The 5th customer on the list had been shut off and utilities will not be turned back on until the bill is paid. Trustee Noe made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 4: Buxton, Piper, Noe, Greene. Approved.
Absent 2: Bruinsma, Peyton.

Regarding Old Business concerning the Old Hotel, Police Chief Anson Fenton will be meeting with our lawyer next week.

The board discussed a quote from Robby Anderson Excavating Inc for \$15,000 for tearing down Shell Food Mart. Trustee Buxton made a motion to accept the quote from Robby Anderson Excavating Inc. Trustee Piper thought the building should be inspected for asbestos. An inspection may have been done when the state removed the fuel tanks from the lot. Rob Greenwalt told the board that numerous businesses could go in there and thought that it would be more profitable to keep the building than tearing it down. The board discussed wanting to tear down to get rid of the eyesore in town. The board decided that Trustee Piper would check on the asbestos inspection. This is tabled until February meeting.

President Hedden told the board that he did not have a quote for tearing down the Mary Neff house. Worker Shreve said that he would take the brick and concrete. Hedden tabled this until February meeting.

Worker Austin Schuster received a quote for the door at the little building on Mill Street from Menards for \$200. The board said to make the purchase.

The board discussed the Amendment to Natural Gas Management Agreement between Utility Gas Management and the Village of Wayne City. Trustee Noe made a motion to adopt the Amendment to Natural Gas Agreement and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 4: Piper, Noe, Greene, Buxton.
Absent 2: Bruinsma, Peyton.

Approved.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Bryan Rightnowar asked the board if the old Shell Food Mart building would be going out for bids. The old Richardson Funeral Home was also discussed whether it was for sale or not. One of the concerns Rightnowar had regarding the funeral home was IDOT's right of way at the three way.

Troy Seidel talked to the board again about the burn pile. He warned the board that if the burn pile was lit again that Garrison Gross from the EPA would be called and the EPA would not only come after the village but whoever lights the fire. Seidel contends that the village burn pile was illegal due to its location in the city limits, location to the highway, no supervision, and that it is an open burn and not enclosed.

Sue Meyers from the Ruritans told the board about a fundraiser to purchase more banners and asked about putting them up. The board gave her their approval.

Employee Reports:

There were no employee comments.

Trustee Reports:

There were no trustee comments.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. and Trustee Greene seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Noe made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Noe made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

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