

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 13, 2025**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

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

- **PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Prayer was given by LaMar Choate and then 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:	Absent	Roger Noe:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Jasen Tubbs, Worker Austin Schuster, Worker Matt Fields, Sue Meyers, Ronnie Williams, Brian Rightnowar, Bill Smith, LaMar Choate, and Jarrod Pruitt.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Noe made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 3: Piper, Noe, Buxton. Approved.
Absent 3: Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene.

In Old Business, concerning the Re-Bidding for the Mary Neff property, Trustee Buxton told the board that Darrin Rice had sent the Warranty Deed to the attorney in Metropolis and a corrected tax deed has to be finished before the Metropolis attorney can sign the Warranty Deed. Buxton was told it should be by the end of the month.

President Hedden added an Executive Session to the Agenda: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Regarding the property by the fire station, Trustee Buxton stated that the village had received the survey back and said the flags were there. There was a question about a 60 foot section. Buxton said that the village needed to decide what they wanted to do with it but they could not do anything about it at this meeting because to vote they would need 2/3 majority of a quorum.

The board reviewed the Compliance Review of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Bill Smith told the board that regarding the police ad that if the village paid for police training that the village should get a contract for so many years or, if the police officer left early, they would have to reimburse the village for the training. The board said that their preference would be to have someone that had already been through the training.

Smith also stated that the workers had done a pretty good job clearing the roads from the recent snow.

Brian Rightnowar was still wanting to know about any properties that the village had for sale.

Employee Reports:

Worker Jasen Tubbs brought to the board a quote for a gas detector from SENS for \$2,961.25 and quotes for battery packs for \$521.93 or \$673.21. Trustee Buxton made a motion to purchase the gas detector from SENS for \$2,961.25 and the battery pack for \$673.21. Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 3: Noe, Buxton, Piper.
Absent 3: Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene.

Approved.

Worker Kris Shreve submitted a quote for a desktop lab tester from Hach for \$941 for the Water Plant. Trustee Buxton made a motion to purchase the desktop lab tester from Hach for \$941 and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 3: Buxton, Piper, Noe. Approved.
Absent 3: Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Buxton told the board that he is working on a road plan for this year.

Trustee Piper told the board that the Community Building was having issues with the heater. It is not working and needs to be replaced. The old heater is rusted out and you cannot get parts for it. Piper had gotten a quote from Rightnowar HVAC for a heater for \$3,650 or to replace the whole unit that would include a/c and ducts for \$6,775. Trustee Piper made a motion to purchase a whole unit for \$6,775 from Rightnowar HVAC. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Ayes 3: Piper, Noe, Buxton. Approved.
Absent 3: Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene.

Piper also told the board about the current renters in the Community Building wanting more space to rent. Piper said there is the old police office and closet and he mentioned possibly putting up a wall to make room for extra space. Piper will work on getting options for more rental space.

The board also discussed the paint peeling at the front of the Community Building. Piper will check on getting this repainted in the spring.

President Hedden gave the board an update regarding the old Shell Food Mart building. Hedden said that the EPA had cleared the tanks but Derek Hooper wondered if a later check of the ground showed contamination, it would cause problems with his eventual purchase and use of the property. Hedden said that our attorney was supposed to be looking into this.

Trustee Piper made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. and Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Noe made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

The board discussed Resolution #2025-1-1, a Resolution of the Village of Wayne City Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Noe made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-1-1 and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Ayes 3: Noe, Buxton, Piper.

Approved.

Absent 3: Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene.

The board discussed Resolution #2025-1-2, a Resolution of the Village of Wayne City Authorizing the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Session Minutes. Trustee Noe made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-1-2. Trustee Buxton did not think it was a good idea to destroy the audio records right now. There was discussion regarding the Police Committee and all village committees doing a better job of handling their committees. The resolution died for a lack of a second motion.

Trustee Noe made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

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