

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
JULY 1, 2024**

• **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 Jake Talbert 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:	Present	Steve Buxton:	Present
Jarod Peyton:	Present	Tim Piper:	Present
Josh Greene:	Present	Roger Noe:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Bert Clymer, Worker Jasen Tubbs, Worker Austin Schuster, Worker Matt Shields, Police Chief Anson Fenton, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, Attorney Darrin Rice, Brian Rightnowar, Sue Meyers, Rob Greenwalt, Steve Caudle, Jerry Greenwalt, Ronnie Williams, Erin Fields, Scott Rodatz, Bill Smith, Gloria Wiggins, Dustin Wiggins, Bethany Greene, Jake Talbert, Scott Clark, Vickie Chambliss, and Jarrod Pruitt.

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the minutes, Trustee Buxton wanted to amend them on Page 5 to add: Buxton replied this had been previously discussed in reference to the codified ordinances. Regarding the Past Due List, customer #0030757000 had paid their bill. Trustee Piper made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the amendment to the minutes and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Peyton, Greene, Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma. Approved.

In Old Business concerning the Old Hotel, Attorney Rice stated that it was still in the courts and we were waiting on access to get inside the building to take pictures.

Concerning the Re-Bidding for the Mary Neff property, Trustee Buxton stated that the village is still waiting on the deed to be corrected and then there will be a re-bidding process.

Regarding the Building Repairs, Trustee Piper made other calls but is still waiting to hear back from them.

The board discussed Resolution #2024-7-3, a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Trustee Buxton made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-7-3 and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Greene, Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton. Approved.

The board discussed the purchase of a new truck to replace Worker Bert Clymer's truck. Trustee Buxton made a motion to purchase a 2024 Dodge Ram 1500 Tradesman 2 Wheel Drive from Lemond's for \$35,531. Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene. Approved.

The board discussed what to do with the old truck of Worker Clymer. Nothing was decided.

The board discussed the Application for Payment #1 for Cleaning, Repair, and Painting of Water Tower for \$364,521.50. Trustee Noe made a motion to pay the Application for Payment #1 and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Piper, Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene, Buxton. Approved.

The board discussed the Village of Wayne City's Philosophy of Source Water Protection. Trustee Peyton made a motion to adopt the Village of Wayne City's Philosophy of Source Water Protection. Trustee Greene seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene, Buxton, Piper. Approved.

The board discussed the Village of Wayne City's Position on Source Water Protection. Trustee Peyton made a motion to adopt the Village of Wayne City's Position on Source Water Protection. Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene, Buxton, Piper, Noe. Approved.

The board discussed the Village of Wayne City's Action Plan for Source Water Protection. Trustee Peyton made a motion to adopt the Village of Wayne City's Action Plan for Source Water Protection. Trustee Greene seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Peyton, Greene, Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma. Approved.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Rob Greenwalt asked about the status of the Old Hotel. Chief Fenton and Attorney Rice explained that it was still pending in court and the fines had not yet been assessed. Greenwalt asked Fenton and Rice when the last time they had contacted the owner and they stated it was five to six months ago.

Bill Smith told the board that the water tower looked better with the flag. The flag was Worker Shreve's idea.

Scott Clark asked the board about the procedures for vacating a street and asked if it was done with any reasonable request. It was stated that the Municipal Code would have to be checked.

Clark also told the board about the number of times the board had met in executive sessions. He also stated that a FOIA done by the press revealed 13 different topics were discussed in one executive session and there were things that should not have been discussed in executive session. He stated that the board was breaking the law and needed to be more transparent.

Sue Meyers questioned the board about the Old Hotel and then told the board that she had called the owner and talked to him for over an hour and the owner told her that he had not spoken to the village's attorney in over a year. Meyers said that there were not any liens on the property and that the taxes were paid up to date. Meyers told the board that she was going to be purchasing the Old Hotel tomorrow. Rice stated that there were proceedings against him but no liens had been filed. Meyers asserted that the owner told her that Fenton was supposed to be getting him a police report of a recent break in. Fenton stated that he had never talked to him about this matter.

Meyers also stated that in a March of 2023 executive session, that Fenton had stated that he was unhappy with the village's attorney. Meyers also said that the village was supposed to be purchasing the Richardson property and that it did not happen and someone else purchased it.

Meyers then claimed that at the meeting last month, that President Hedden had called the people waiting outside a name and that he said he was resigning. Hedden stated that he said he would resign if Jerry Greenwalt wanted to be mayor.

Ronnie Williams asked the board about Jake Woolever's motorcycle. It was stated that the motorcycle had been sold. Williams questioned whether the board could sell anything without a bid process and by an ordinance.

Brian Rightnowar asked the board if the village would ever be selling the property by the fire station.

Employee Reports:

Worker Jasen Tubbs told the board that Workers Bert Clymer and Matt Fields had been re-certified in gas.

Worker Kris Shreve told the board that the water tower cleaning and repairs were finished and an inspection report had been sent out.

Trustee Reports:

Jerry Greenwalt wanted to speak again to the board. He stated to President Hedden that he did not want any hurt feelings between them and wanted to remain friends and the men shook hands.

Trustee Buxton mentioned the property that Rightnowar was interested in and asked if it was big enough for what he was wanting. Rightnowar is not sure until he knows the exact dimensions.

Trustee Buxton asked Attorney Rice what happens if the board sells property without an ordinance. Rice stated that we have to deal with what we have. The truck ordinance that did not pass at a previous meeting was discussed. Buxton stated that he said it was unethical not illegal.

Hedden told the crowd that the motorcycle had been sold through the county for \$8,100.

Trustee Piper made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Noe made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Coming back into the meeting were Sue Meyers, Brian Rightnowar, Ronnie Williams, Scott Rodatz, Erin Fields, Worker Matt Fields, Scott Clark, Gloria Wiggins, Worker Jasen Tubbs, and Jarrod Pruitt.

Trustee Piper made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-7-1, a Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Greene, Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton. Approved.

Trustee Piper made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-7-2, a Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Session Meetings. Trustee Greene seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton, Greene. Approved.

Trustee Greene made a motion to hire April Peyton as the part-time custodian. Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 3: Noe, Bruinsma, Greene. Approved.
Abstain 3: Piper, Peyton, Buxton.
Tie (Aye) 1: Hedden.

Trustee Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. and Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

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