

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
JULY 7, 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 Randall Shively 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:

Gary Cline:	Present	Steve Buxton:	Present
Jarod Peyton:	Present	Tim Piper:	Present
Josh Greene:	Present	Roger Noe:	Absent

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Austin Schuster, Worker Matt Fields, Police Chief Jason Settle, Sue Meyers, Bill Smith, and Randall Shively.

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the Bills, the attorney bill for ordinance to vacate alley was questioned but it was stated that it was for the three ordinances, not just one. Trustee Peyton made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

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

In Old Business, the board discussed the Peddlers Ordinance and decided that the ordinance needed to be amended to reflect no fee and that a peddler's permit should be filled out and could be good for a calendar year. This will be tabled for the next board meeting.

The board could not review an agreement with the Wayne County Humane Society because the Humane Society had not sent the village one.

The board discussed the request for the Restrictive Covenant for Tommy Johnston's First Addition. The previous covenant had expired and Kim Dickey was requesting the village's signature on the new covenant. Everyone in the subdivision has to sign the new covenant and the village is in the subdivision because of the park. Trustee Peyton made a motion that the village could sign the Tommy Johnston's First Addition Covenant and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

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

Approved.

The board discussed the quotes for security cameras. The village had only received one quote from Security Alarm for cameras at the village hall, shop building, and the water plant. Currently the village hall cameras have not been working since the major power outage in June. The board wanted the clerk to turn in the village hall cameras to the village's insurance company. They also wanted to get more quotes. This was tabled until next month's meeting.

The board reviewed a request from Jason Dickey for a memorial tree to be planted in the park in honor of his late uncle, Hillard "Junior" Ellis. The board gave verbal permission for the planting of the tree.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Sue Meyers from the Ruritans had a Donation Request Form for Bean Days but she had not turned it in in time to get on the Agenda. This was tabled until next month's meeting. Meyers told the board that she was getting insurance for Bean Days and told the board that they were thinking about changing the parade route to not cross the railroad tracks. She also hoped that the new police chief would be able to be at the pageant and the parade.

Bill Smith told the board that you could tell that the village has a new police chief around town.

Employee Reports:

Worker Austin Schuster reported that he would be taking the sewer test next Thursday.

Worker Kris Shreve explained that the manhole replacement by Jerry Greenwalt would be happening soon.

Police Chief Jason Settle stated that he had been busy getting all the LEADS paperwork submitted and the Standard Boards updated and getting the office set up. He asked the board about getting a new body cam. The one that the village has will not hold a charge and the time stamp is not reliable. Citing that Illinois law mandates all police have a body cam, Settle recommended the purchase of an Axon Body Cam and Taser, with cost options of \$17,277.40 for a 5-year subscription and warranty, or a yearly subscription for \$3,455. President Hedden wanted to add to the agenda purchasing a body cam for the police department because of the law and not having a body cam that was working properly. Trustee Buxton made a motion to add purchasing the Axon body camera and taser for \$3,455 per year to the agenda and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

Approved.

Settle told the board that the police department would be having a LEADS audit. He told them that they are typically done every three years but Wayne City had not had an audit in several years. He also told the board that he would be working on policies and procedures during his down time.

The board also discussed the police equipment and what might need to be purchased in the future. The village has not received payment for the firearms from a previous claim.

Worker Matt Fields reported that the workers had started on the Apprenticeship Program and their first class would be July 30.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Peyton told the board that the police squad car needed to be marked and Settle would be getting quotes and designs and he would show the Police Committee. It was also mentioned to use Wayne City colors.

Trustee Buxton said the milling of the roads may not be able to be done because of all the rain. He told the board that the plan was to hold off until next year. He said that the village should still be able to do the oil and chat and that there would be no need to rent a grader.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Piper made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

The board discussed Resolution #2025-7-1, a Resolution of the Village of Wayne City Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Peyton made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-7-1 and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

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

Approved.

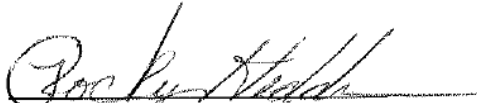
The board discussed Resolution #2025-7-2, a Resolution of the Village of Wayne City Authorizing the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Session Minutes. The board decided to wait to approve this resolution until the court proceedings were over.

Trustee Buxton reported that he and Worker Jasen Tubbs had met with Darin Houchin of USDI regarding expanding the gas system. Buxton told the board that Houchin thought that it would be doable and the project should start having a return in 10 years. The board also talked about looking for grants. Peyton mentioned that he would be for the project depending on when the project would pay for itself but would not be for putting in plastic pipes. Peyton said the board would need to know the scope of the project, the total cost, and the ROI (Return on Investment). Worker Jasen Tubbs would need to take the lead on this project. Buxton explained that they were looking at going 14 miles to Rubenacker Farms south of town. He also stated that sometimes municipalities are exempt from some of the regulations. Buxton told the board that Bluford had bought a storage unit for gas to keep prices lower and he wanted to talk to our gas rep, Ron Ragan from UGM.

The board also discussed whether or not the village needed to purchase a new police car and exploring grant possibilities to help cover the cost. They discussed contacting Jeff Vaughan from Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission to help with any grants.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

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