

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
JULY 6, 2026**

- **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**

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:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Jasen Tubbs, Worker Justin Williams, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, Randall Shively, Connie Robertson, and James Beckman.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the Treasurer Report, President Hedden asked about the \$30,000 interfund transfer out of the General Fund. It went to the Gas Fund to cover the shortage in June. Trustee Noe questioned the workers about some of the bills. Trustee Cline made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

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

The board discussed the Village Participation in the IL 15 Resurfacing Project. The project is tentatively scheduled for June 2028 letting. If the village approves, the cost would be locked in. Trustee Peyton made a motion to

approve the Village Participation in the IL 15 Resurfacing Project for \$42,872. Trustee Cline seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Peyton explained his proposal to add a flat charge of \$6 to every gas customer (active and inactive). This would be in addition to the 3% annual increase that is automatically done. He explained that this would increase our revenue because the gas system is not paying for itself. The board decided to go forward with this and have the attorney draw up an ordinance to be voted on at next month's meeting.

The board had a lengthy discussion regarding purchasing a Hydrovac. The workers had gotten a quote from Vermeer Midwest for \$75,914. The board decided to table this until next month's meeting and have the workers get two more bids.

• **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Connie Robertson asked if she could have more time to bring her property in compliance with the village ordinance. The board granted her request.

James Beckman told the board about a leak that he had and the office had done an adjustment but he wanted further explanation. The clerk will have a copy of the adjustment at the village hall that Mr. Beckman can pick up tomorrow.

Employee Reports:

Worker Jasen Tubbs reported that he was in the middle of the Leak Survey on the gas system. He should be finished up next week.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Cline reminded the workers about replacing the culvert near his property. Cline also commended the summer help for doing a good job at the park.

Trustee Peyton told the board that Custodian April Peyton was not happy with the service with Unifirst. April would like to go with Royal Wholesale out of Mt. Vernon area. The initial cost for the first year with Royal would be a little higher because the village would have to purchase rugs and rags but then going forward, it would be much cheaper than with Unifirst. The village is in a three

year contract with Unifirst with roughly two years left on the contract. The board decided to see if the village could end the contract with Unifirst and then go with Royal Wholesale.

Trustee Buxton said that the Ruritans had a Donation Request Form for Bean Days. This will be put on next month's agenda.

Buxton reported that the Streets Committee decided to hold off on doing any roadwork this year and bank the MFT money. This would allow the workers to get some of their other projects completed. Also discussed was doing work on Section Line Road this year and trying the oil that the township is currently using. Also mentioned was reaching out to Dennis Seidel for advice. Worker Jasen Tubbs mentioned that Section Line would cost around \$20,000 to \$25,000 and there would need to be a bid letting.

Worker Tubbs will be ordering culverts to have on hand.

Also mentioned was repairing the sidewalk in front of the funeral home.

Trustee Piper asked about the paperwork from Shell Food Mart property. The president and clerk have done everything on the village's end as far as needed paperwork.

Trustee Noe asked the workers if they could have the summer help clean up the area from the demolition of the Shell Food Mart property.

Noe also asked about the building enclosure for the odorizer. The village will need to get bids for next month's meeting. Wayne White Electric will waive their fee because of the worker's help with the tree trimming cleanup.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-7-1, A Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Peyton made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-7-2, A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Session Meetings. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Peyton made a motion to raise Worker Matt Fields pay to \$21.50 per hour. Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

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

Clerk Choate reported that Keenes Clerk Jeanie Shaw has informed her that the Village of Keenes is working toward becoming unincorporated.

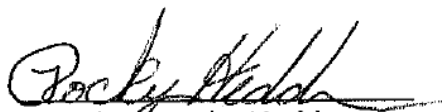
The board also discussed starting a tax on Airbnb's in the village. The clerk will have the village's attorney submit an ordinance for next month's meeting.

Trustee Noe told the board that the village lost \$90,000 in the Water Fund the last fiscal year. The village does have some funds that can be used for debt service but they will not last long. Some of the issue was because Western Wayne did not buy as much water as they could have, the village had some extra expenses at the water plant, and chemical costs keep rising. Noe told the board that rates are already high for the area but not as high as they need to be to cover expenses. Also discussed was what the village could do to sell more water.

Noe told the board that the village is doing ok in the Sewer Fund. The board also discussed moving some of the salary expenses over to the Sewer Fund.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

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