

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
JUNE 3, 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**

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:	Absent	Roger Noe:	Absent

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Austin Schuster, Worker Matt Shields, Police Chief Anson Fenton, Brian Rightnowar, Sue Meyers, Rob Greenwalt, Mark Dinsmore, Steve Caudle, Jerry Greenwalt, Ronnie Williams, Erin Fields, and Jarrod Pruitt. Jesse Colvin arrived at the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the Treasurer's Report, all CDs are not being renewed and are going into IL Fund Accounts where the interest rate is higher than a CD. Regarding the Bills, the purchase of the tranquilizer gun was questioned. President Hedden had approved the purchase. Police Chief Anson Fenton said that they have been working on the correct dosage and residents keep interrupting the process of catching the dogs. Regarding the Past Due List, customer #0020321000 bill has been paid and their water has been turned back on. Regarding the Ambulance Report, President Hedden recognized Kris and Becky Shreve for 35 years of

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

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

In Old Business concerning the Old Hotel, Police Chief Anson Fenton stated that there was nothing to report.

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 Road Work Repair, Trustee Buxton told the board that the village had a quote from Barnard's for rock so that the village could stockpile rock and it was under \$25,000 so there would not have to be a bid process. Buxton talked about resealing some roads in the southwest section of town. He also told the board that the village had a quote for a grader for \$9,670 plus freight for one month and that the village would need this to grade up the roads.

Trustee Piper made a motion to purchase rock from Barnard's to stockpile and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Buxton made a motion to start the bidding process for road work for the southwest section of town plus the original plan of road work. Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Buxton made a motion to rent a road grader for \$9,670 plus freight and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

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

For building repairs, Worker Jasen Tubbs and Trustee Piper have been calling for quotes but still do not have any to report because no one will get back with them. They are going to try calling other people.

Mark Dinsmore, from Country Financial Insurance Company, told the board that if the village stayed with the same plan, the cost would raise \$875 per month. Dinsmore stated that the other comparable plan would save the village around \$1,500 but the workers would see an increase in their prescription needs by \$50 plus a month. Trustee Buxton made a motion to stay with the same plan, Blue PPO Gold, and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

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

The board discussed the Donation Request Form from the Wayne City Ruritan Club for Bean Days. Trustee Buxton made a motion to donate \$500 for the Lions Club Train, \$570 for the White's Portable Toilet Rentals, and \$1,277 to Greenfield Grocery for the beans. After further discussion by the board, Trustee Buxton amended his motion to donate \$500 for the Lions Club Train, \$570 for the White's Portable Toilet Rentals, and half (\$634) to Greenfield Grocery for the beans. Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

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

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Jerry Greenwalt asked about the potholes on the side of the gas station. This will be checked on.

Brian Rightnowar asked the board again about any additional property in town that might be for sale for his business.

Sue Meyers thanked the village for the donation to Bean Days.

Employee Reports:

Worker Shreve told the board that he had to purchase a new chlorine pump for the water plant for \$1,800. The pump was no longer under warranty but had to be replaced. Shreve also told the board that the water tower cleaning and painting was 65% complete and that hopefully this would last for 20 years. Shreve also asked the board about putting a flag on the tower under our name. The cost would be around \$4,000 extra. The board decided to add this to the current contract.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Buxton told the board that he had been looking at properties in town that needed mowed. Fenton stated that Worker Bert Clymer had mowed one of the properties today and another one had been mowed by the resident. Also discussed was the need to put liens on the properties.

Trustee Piper asked the board about a resident that wanted to move a culvert from one property to the other one. The board figured that the culvert was probably pretty old and rotted out. The board consensus was that it could be done if the old culvert met the criteria but thought it would be better to buy new.

Piper told the board that the water plant needed to be sprayed for bugs. The board discussed the need for seasonal spraying and getting quotes.

Trustee Buxton told the board that he had met with Jeff Vaughan from Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission regarding running a new water main down East Section Line Road. Buxton told the board that there were always grants for this kind of thing but the village would have to pay the engineering fees. Buxton had received a quote for the engineering fees for \$27,000. The board discussed the need for this because of the age of the lines and the lines being made with cast iron. Buxton wanted to start planning for this.

Trustee Piper made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:38 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 8:06 p.m. and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Coming back into the meeting were Rob Greenwalt, Jerry Greenwalt, Steve Caudle, Sue Meyers, Brian Rightnowar, Ronnie Williams, and Jesse Colvin.

Trustee Piper made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-6-1, a Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

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

Approved.

Trustee Piper made a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-6-2, a Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Session Meetings.

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

Approved.

Some in attendance had complaints regarding Police Chief Anson Fenton. Some of the complaints were Fenton speeding out of town, selling a motorcycle across state lines, and Fenton being threatening to residents. Ronnie Williams has felt threatened and heard that Fenton was threatening to others. Also discussed was Fenton living out of city limits and how there was a discrepancy between an old ordinance that states that he has to live in town and the handbook that states that he can live out of town. Jerry Greenwalt and Sue Meyers think that Fenton should have to live in town. Trustee Buxton asserted that the ordinance stated that Fenton must live in Wayne City. Trustee Peyton expressed frustration that Buxton was blind siding the board with this information. Buxton claimed he had discussed these things. *Buxton replied this had been previously discussed in reference to the codified ordinances. Also questioned was if there was a tracking device on Fenton's vehicle.

Jesse Colvin asked about his motorcycle. He stated that he had been threatened by Fenton and he cannot find out about his motorcycle since he had been arrested. Colvin also worried because he thought there might be retaliation for asking about it. Rob Greenwalt agreed.

Trustee Peyton felt that our town was safe and credited Fenton for this safety.

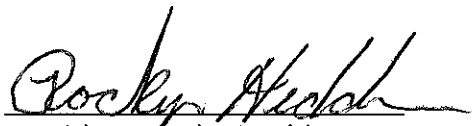
Steve Caudle told the board about the issue of storage containers in the past and his complaint with Fenton being intimidating with regard to writing tickets.

Some in attendance asked if the ordinances were available. Trustee Buxton read Ordinance #425 which states the Chief of Police must be a resident of the village.

Also briefly discussed was the vehicle that Fenton bought for police business. Steve Caudle wanted to know who was in charge of impounding and selling vehicles. Ronnie Williams felt that the board should be in charge of anything that is sold by the village.

Trustee Piper made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

*Amended portion is underlined.

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June 3, 2024