

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
JUNE 2, 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 Robert Koker 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:	Absent	Roger Noe:	Absent

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Matt Fields, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, Sue Meyers, Bill Smith, Ronnie Williams, Brian Rightnowar, Janice Crow, Robert Koker, Mary Murphy, Judy Cates, and Jarrod Pruitt.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the Bills, Trustee Peyton asked if the bumpers for the ambulance had been put on both ambulances. They had been. Trustee Peyton made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

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

In Old Business, the board reviewed the Peddlers Ordinance. The board decided that even if they decided to drop all fees, the current ordinance still needed to be updated. The board decided that they would have our attorney review the ordinance before they take a vote at the next board meeting.

Mary Murphy from Southern Illinois Critter Fixers asked the board for a donation to help in their efforts to control the feral cat problem in Wayne City. She gave an overview of their operation and how the laws in Illinois regulate their operations. Trustee Peyton made a motion to donate \$700 to Southern Illinois Critter Fixers to fix 5 cats and see how the progress is in two months. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Ayes 3: Buxton, Piper, Peyton.

Approved.

Nays 1: Cline.

Absent 2: Greene, Noe.

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

Janice Crow with Birth to 5 Illinois spoke to the board about the program and resources for parents in Wayne City. She told the board that their program wants to ensure that children and families in our community have access to the Early Childhood services they need. Ms. Crow will send information that can be put on the village website.

The board reviewed Ordinance #628, an Ordinance Regulating Public Camping. This ordinance had been suggested by the Illinois Municipal League and had been reviewed by our attorney. Trustee Buxton questioned some items in the ordinance and felt that it should be changed and reviewed again by our attorney. This was tabled until next month's meeting.

The board discussed tearing down the old Shell Food Mart building and what that might entail. The board decided that since the village had agreed to sell it as is, they should first check with Derek Hooper before proceeding with anything.

The deed issue with the Mary Neff property has still not been cleared up. The village attorney suggested we go to the county board and request that they grant us the property. The board discussed tearing down the house. President Hedden told the board that the workers wanted to move the building that was on the property to behind the shop building. The workers had a quote for \$600 to move the building. The board was in agreement to have the building moved to the shop building. The board consensus was that the village should keep the property to square up the park. It was decided that the village would get quotes for tearing the house down.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Bill Smith asked about the applicants for the Police Chief position. Hedden told him that we had received two applications, one with experience and one without experience.

Employee Reports:

Worker Matt Fields told the board that the fountain in the park lake had quit again. The extended warranty was not applicable because the cord had to be cut. The last pump had been chewed on by muskrats. The board decided to go with another pump from Harbor Freight one more time to see how long it lasted.

Worker Kris Shreve asked about renting a skid steer. He said that the workers needed to clear out the sludge pits at the Water Plant and also shape the rip rap at the reservoir. He wanted to rent one for one month since renting one for 2 weeks was the same price. The price would be around \$3,500. The board agreed with renting a skid steer.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Buxton told the board that someone from Illinois Department of Natural Resources had been at the park to conduct a study on the park pond. The village had not received the report yet.

Trustee Peyton told the board that the village had hired 5 part-time summer help but only four had accepted the positions. The full-time employees reported that all four were good workers.

Trustee Cline told the board that he had just received a complaint from Troy Seidel regarding the burn pile and that Seidel's building was full of smoke. Seidel mentioned not wanting to get his lawyer involved. The board has already checked on the village burn pile and the village is legal.

President Hedden told the board that there had been a complaint from a neighbor regarding Doug Collins burning a house on West Section Line Rd. The village does not have any ordinances on burning.

Trustee Cline made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:06 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 8:41 p.m. and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

President Hedden appointed Jason Settle to be part-time Police Chief. Trustee Buxton made a motion to hire Settle as part-time Police Chief and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

Approved.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

Board Meeting Minutes
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