

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 2, 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 Steve Griswold 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:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Bert Clymer, Worker Jasen Tubbs, Worker Matt Fields, Worker Justin Williams, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, Steve Griswold, and Jarrod Pruitt.

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the Bills, Trustee Noe asked about the corrosion control study. Worker Shreve said that a chemical is being added at the water plant. Regarding the Past Due Report, customer #0020350000 and customer #0030703000 bills have been paid. Trustee Noe made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

The board discussed Ordinance #632, an Ordinance Permitting Chickens in Wayne City and Establishing Regulations for Keeping Chickens Within the Village. The board felt that the ordinance was too restrictive. The board decided to amend Ordinance #420 to allow chickens and there would be no restrictions. The board will vote on this at the next meeting.

The board reviewed a quote from Robby Anderson Excavating, Inc for \$4,250 for demolishing, hauling off, and burying the Mary Neff house. Trustee Noe made a motion to accept the bid for \$4,250 from Robby Anderson Excavating, Inc. Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

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

The board reviewed a quote from Robby Anderson Excavating, Inc for \$21,500 for demolishing and hauling off Shell Food Mart building. Trustee Noe made a motion to accept the bid for \$21,500 from Robby Anderson Excavating, Inc. Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Ayes 3: Noe, Peyton, Buxton. Approved.
Nays 2: Cline, Piper.
Absent 1: Greene.

The board reviewed a Lease Agreement between the Village of Wayne City and Roger Cross, CMR Industries LLC, who will be renting three rooms in the Community Building. The lease is for \$1,500 per month and does not require a deposit. Trustee Piper felt that not requiring a deposit was okay because the renter will be upgrading the rooms. Trustee Piper made a motion to accept the Lease Agreement and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

The board discussed adopting a Grocery Sales Tax Ordinance. The current one had expired January 1, 2026 and the village had been contacted by the Illinois Municipal League encouraging the village to adopt the tax. Trustee Peyton made a motion to prepare a Grocery Sales Tax Ordinance for next month's meeting to be voted on and Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 3: Noe, Peyton, Piper. Approved.
Nays 2: Cline, Buxton.
Absent 1: Greene.

The board discussed Resolution #2026-3-1, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to its Gas Supply Agreement with PEFA, Inc in Connection with the Reset of the Available Discount in PEFA, Inc's Gas Prepayment Project; Approving the Issuance of Bonds by PEFA, Inc. This was tabled until next month's meeting so the board could receive more information.

• **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Jarrold Pruitt asked for clarification on the bid amounts for the demolishing of the Mary Neff house and Shell Food Mart.

Employee Reports:

Clerk Choate asked the board if the village would offer any payment plans for customers for this month's utility bills. She also suggested not charging a penalty bill for this month. After much discussion, Trustee Cline made a motion to keep the shut off date the same on the 21st but to not charge a late fee. Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 4: Cline, Peyton, Piper, Noe. Approved.
Nays 1: Buxton.
Absent 1: Greene.

The clerk will check with the bank to see if the direct debit payments can also be extended to March 21.

Worker Matt Fields asked the board about purchasing some grass carp and catfish for the park pond for around \$500. The board approved this purchase.

Worker Jasen Tubbs told the board that we should be receiving the backhoe back tomorrow. He thought the repairs would be a few thousand dollars. Tubbs also told the board that Darin Houchin from USDI would be doing mapping for the village soon and all the equipment has come in for the odorizer.

Worker Kris Shreve reported that the old generator used at the old water plant and for the lift stations was not working and asked the board if they wanted him to get a quote to fix it. The board approved getting a quote.

Shreve said that he and Worker Justin Williams had been to the water conference in Effingham last month and there he learned that OSHA would like for the village to have a blood borne pathogens training for the workers. He told the board that Tom Windland could come and do the training for \$25 per employee. The board approved this training.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Cline stated he was glad that the mayor pictures were finally up. He also thanked the workers, the clerk, and the mayor for their work.

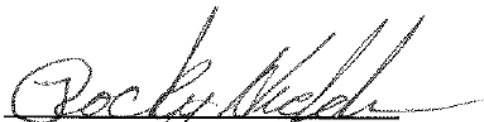
Trustee Piper told the board that the renter at the community building, Roger Cross, wanted to put up LED lights and that it would be around \$600 for the cost of lights. Cross would do the work himself and wondered if the village would pay for half the cost of the lights. The board agreed to pay half of the cost.

Trustee Noe reported that the Finance Committee would be working on the budget soon.

President Hedden asked about the lights on the outside of the Community Building that were needing fixed. Trustee Piper will check on this.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

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