

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS  
MAY 4, 2020**

- **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**

Trustee 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:**

La Donna McKinney:	Present	Chris Simpson:	Present
Ryan Austin:	Present	Tim Piper:	Present
Diana Wood:	Present	Roger Noe:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Ray Belmont, Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Bert Clymer, Worker Jasen Tubbs, and Worker Ryan Greene. This meeting was closed to the public due to COVID-19 and Governor JB Pritzker signing Executive Order #7 dated March 16, 2020, which suspends the requirement of the Open Meetings Act. Anyone could join the meeting via Zoom, but no one called in.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Jerd Smith was not present at the meeting and no treasurer's report was given.

Regarding the Past Due Report, #0020344000, #0020378000, #0030768000, and #0040864000 bills have been paid. Trustee Noe told the board that even though the village was not penalizing customers right now, the clerk should continue to send out notices to the landlords so that they are aware of renters that are carrying large balances. Clerk Choate also told the board that Amy from

WADI had told her to let her know of any customers that had large balances and that WADI may be able to help them.

Trustee McKinney made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Austin, Wood, Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney. Approved.

Matt Wallace of HLR was not present at the meeting but had sent an update to Clerk Choate. The Estimate of Funds Needed was \$160,500. There was a change order for \$3,206 for an addition of spool pieces to raise the filter-to-waste line in elevation and addition of air release structures on the filter-to-waste line. Trustee McKinney made a motion to approve the water treatment bills for \$160,500 and the additional change order. Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Wood, Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney, Austin. Approved.

President Hedden told the board that TJ's Thrift Store had been sold and the new owners, David Parker and Christine Fenton, were asking for the new business discount. They are going to add clothing items and photography. The board said that the new business discount is only for new businesses.

The board discussed Ordinance #567-A, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #567 and Changing the Bulk Water Rates. Trustee Noe made a motion to adopt Ordinance #567-A and Trustee Simpson seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney, Austin, Wood. Approved.

Trustee Noe told the board about the options the village had on medical insurance for the employees. Noe had talked to Mark Dinsmore, from Country Financial Insurance, and there was another plan called Blue Choice but Illinois doctors were the only doctors in the preferred network. Doctors in Missouri or Indiana would not be in network and more costly to go to. If the village stayed with the same plan, the Gold Plan, office visits and pharmacy costs would rise but Missouri and Indiana doctors would be in the preferred network and the deductible would be the same.

Trustee Austin made a motion to keep the same plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Trustee Simpson seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Piper, Noe, McKinney, Austin, Wood, Simpson. Approved.

The board discussed Ordinance #585, An Ordinance of the Village of Wayne City Making its Annual Appropriation for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021. Trustee Noe made a motion to adopt Ordinance #585 and Trustee McKinney seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Noe, McKinney, Austin, Simpson, Piper. Approved.  
Nays 1: Wood.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

**Employee Reports:**

Worker Clymer updated the board on the playground equipment at the park that had been damaged by a tree falling on it. The equipment was only valued at \$10,000 therefore the insurance will only allow \$13,000 even though the cost to replace the equipment will be around \$23,000. Clymer told the board that the equipment is on sale right now for \$18,000 and the insurance would allow \$1,000 for tree removal which only cost the village \$600. Clymer will look into repairing the existing equipment. Also discussed was reviewing all park equipment when the annual insurance renewal comes out.

Clymer told the board that he went to Albion this past week and had the mosquito sprayer tested. He also told them about the savings if the village purchased more than a barrel of mosquito spray at a time. Trustee Noe made a motion to purchase three mosquito spray barrels for approximately \$5,700 and Trustee Simpson seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: McKinney, Austin, Wood, Simpson, Piper, Noe. Approved.

Clymer also suggested the board bring back Austin Schuster for summer help and Randy Draper for the park. The board was in agreement. Draper will only work at the park and if it rains he is to be sent home. Also discussed was opening up the other park bathroom.

Clymer suggested to the board the side by side permits next year should be stickers and have numbers on them.

Clymer told the board that the dumpsters are overflowing at the shop building and requested gating around the dumpsters. The board decided to have the office check with Republic to see about getting the dumpsters dumped twice a week and see if that helped the situation. Also discussed was the possibility of getting a dumpster only to be used for steel. No decision was made on this.

Worker Shreve updated the board on the new water plant. He explained that Worker Tubbs is making water at the old water plant at night and then Shreve is working at the new water plant during the day and getting all the chemicals worked out. Shreve had no estimate when the new plant would take over for the village.

The board asked about seeding of the ground around the water plant. This has not been started yet. Also discussed was a field entrance for Sue Meyers. She is expecting this to be done.

Clerk Choate thanked the board for her new printer.

Choate also asked the board about the setup of the board tables and if this was something they wanted to continue. Choate also had quotes for matching tables if they did want to keep this setup. Trustee Noe made a motion to purchase the new tables from Wal-Mart and Trustee Simpson seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Austin, Wood, Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney. Approved.

### **Trustee Reports:**

President Hedden told the board that Ron McCulley wanted to purchase an acre of land behind his property. The board stated that this was tied up in cash rent and that they did not want to sell at this time.

The board discussed how a policy on tiles in the village needed to be written. Trustee Wood is in charge of getting this done.

Trustee Noe mentioned again that at a previous board meeting, the storm sirens had not went off soon enough. President Hedden will talk to Tom Windland regarding this.

Trustee Noe asserted the board should require a cleaning deposit to rent the community room. He also spoke about the need of having a liability waiver agreement signed with every rental. The clerk will work on the agreement.

Trustee Noe talked to the board about the village not being able to shut off customers at this time and that the village will need to come up with a plan when this is over.

Trustee Noe told the board that he had talked with Tubbs and Austin Ridgely from HLR regarding a gps system for our gas, water and sewer systems. He estimated the cost being \$10,000. Trustee Noe made a motion for the village to purchase a gps system. Trustee Austin seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Wood, Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney, Austin. Approved.

Noe told the board that Aubrey Noe has worked on the new website from home but will be out of school soon and then will be able to come into the office and work.

The board questioned if the police chief was still on light duty and if the ordinances are being worked on. Trustee Austin told the board that the police chief is back to working and will start working on the ordinances and writing fines and tickets.

Trustee Wood stated that she had seen a storage box put in town recently but could not remember where it was.

Trustee Noe talked to the workers about throwing away junk and equipment that is no longer being used. Noe mentioned a sewer rodding machine, scales, "Seasons Greeting" sign, sleigh, old light bulbs, and chairs. It was decided that the sleigh was used by Wayne City Matters and the chairs were used by the Ruritans but everything else should be disposed. Noe wanted the workers to make more room for the snow plow and the leaf sucker.

Trustee Simpson told the board about a culvert on the highway by the lodge. It is the State's.

Simpson also mentioned the ditch by Paul Collins is not draining properly and also some farm machinery has put some large ruts in the yard. The workers will bring some dirt to fill in the ruts.

Trustee Wood said there had been some complaints of old voting booths being left in one of the rooms at the community building. Wood will check on this.

Trustee Austin told the board that he had talked with Ed Brashear about the issue with the basketball court at the park. Brashear thought there were three options. One option is patching it. His estimate for patching is \$2,350 and he guarantees it for one year but thinks it should last for five years or more.

Another option is pouring new concrete. His estimate is \$15,000. The third option is black top. His estimate is \$8,000 but he would not do the work on the third option.

Trustee Austin made a motion to accept the quote for \$2,350 from Brashear for the patching. Trustee McKinney seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney, Austin, Wood. Approved.

Trustee Austin met with Troy Seidel from Technologies by Troy regarding camera quotes for the shop building and the village hall. The shop building will have five cameras covering bulk water, the back doors and dumpsters, and the front door. The cameras will have battery backup and night vision. The quote for the shop building cameras is \$1,704 and that includes installation. The shop will use an existing monitor.

Regarding the village hall, the quote is for five cameras covering the front door, the payment window, the police chief door, and the library in the front of the building. The village hall has already purchased a monitor. The quote for the village hall is \$2,221. This quote is a little higher because the amount of lines that will need to be ran. Austin said that the cameras would be able to be accessed by the employee's phones also.

Trustee Austin made a motion to accept the quotes for new cameras at the shop building and the village hall for a total of \$3,925 from Technologies by Troy. Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Piper, Noe, McKinney, Austin, Wood, Simpson. Approved.

Trustee Austin told the board that he had still not heard back about the quote for the locks at the community building.

Trustee McKinney asked the clerk about bills and if she was still having trouble with bills not getting mailed timely. Clerk Choate said that there was still an issue and that she was going to talk to the post office about putting the bills in small envelopes as a possible solution.

The board discussed businesses in town wanting to open during the COVID-19 pandemic. Clerk Choate had an email from the village attorney and he stated that the village should defer to the Wayne County Health Department and the State's Attorney's office. The board decided that the village was going to defer to the health department during this crisis. It was also decided that the village hall would stay closed during this time.

Trustee Noe made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Trustee Simpson seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

  
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President Rocky Hedden

  
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Clerk Staci Choate

Board Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2020