

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

• CALL TO ORDER

Due to President Hedden's absence, at 7:00 p.m., the Board of Trustees voted to appoint a Temporary Chair for the night's meeting. Trustee Peyton made a motion to appoint Trustee Noe with Trustee Bruinsma seconding.

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

Trustee Noe 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 Kyle Sessions and then Trustee Noe led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

• ROLL CALL

President Rocky Hedden: Absent Clerk Staci Choate: Present

Trustees:

Paul Bruinsma:	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 Bert Clymer, Worker Jasen Tubbs, Worker Austin Schuster, Worker Matt Fields, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, Sue Meyers, Ronnie Williams, Tom Poracky, Erin Fields, Steve Caudle, Paul Grimmer, Kyle Sessions, Bethany Greene, Jerry Greenwalt, and Jarrod Pruitt. Rob Greenwalt and Jeffery Smith arrived at the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

• CONSENT AGENDA

Regarding the Past Due Report, customer #0030695000 payment was in the mail. Regarding the Outstanding Accounts (Inactive/Closed) Report, the board discussed writing off customer #0020286000 and customer #0010143000 and

any that had been on the report for a long time. Trustee Piper made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

In Old Business, concerning the Re-Bidding for the Mary Neff property, Trustee Buxton had spoken with the attorney and we are waiting on a court date. Buxton would follow up with the attorney.

Regarding the Building Repairs, Trustee Piper had a quote from E.A. Masonry, Inc. to repair and replace the bad bricks at the Village Hall for \$26,900. Trustee Piper made a motion to accept the bid from E.A. Masonry, Inc. for \$26,900 and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

Regarding Old Business of selling the truck, Trustee Buxton recommended that we sell it through a third party or take sealed bids. It was decided that Trustee Peyton would do the write up for the bid process and would have details by next meeting with bid opening being at the November meeting.

Regarding Selling Property by Fire Station, Buxton talked to the board about getting the property surveyed. The board decided that since there were problems with the other property that the village was trying to sell that the village should have the property surveyed before they try to sell it. Buxton will get a quote for the survey and have it for the next meeting.

Regarding the Grimmer Estates issues, Police Chief Anson Fenton was absent from the meeting. Paul Grimmer, owner of Grimmer Estates, told the board that he had a copy of his license and that he had passed his last inspection. He also told the board that there was an exception at the trailer court with the Cisne family doing their recycling. Grimmer also told the board that there have been issues with dogs and he had called the Humane Society and found out that they no longer come to Wayne City. The board told Grimmer that Rhonda Buchanan helps with our animal control and that the village would get her phone number to him.

Tom Poracky addressed the board regarding Grimmer Estates. He encouraged the board to drive through Grimmer Estates and see for themselves. Poracky told the board that there were several vacant trailers owned by Grimmer and he is not fixing them up. He stated that some of them have had their doors kicked in and there are rodents living in them. Poracky told the board that he is violating ordinances. The board told Poracky that they would drive through the trailer court.

The board discussed Ordinance #620, Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024 and Ending April 30, 2025 for Wayne City Ambulance Service. Trustee Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance #620 and Trustee Greene seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Buxton presented quotes for a Mini Excavator. He had two quotes from Bobcat and CAT. Buxton explained to the board the need for a Mini Excavator. This would save the workers time, save the village overtime, save on fuel costs, and also make our backhoe last longer. Trustee Noe explained that there was no money in the budget this year for a mini and that to make this kind of purchase that it needed to be in the budget. Noe went on to explain the losses in the gas and water funds. Noe stated that the village should not be spending that kind of money right now. Noe also questioned the size of the mini that we were looking at and mentioned that we would also need a trailer. Worker Tubbs stated that he had talked to other places and they think that size is what the village needs. Noe stated that he talks to a lot of towns with his job and that size is too big for what we need. Trustee Peyton stated that it was not in the budget for this fiscal year but the Finance Committee would be meeting again at the first of the year and they could see about fitting it into the budget for next fiscal year.

Trustee Buxton talked to the board about a Proposal to Amend the Village Handbook Regarding Paternity and Maternity Leave. Buxton stated that his proposal was for the maternity leave to have 6 weeks and the paternity leave to have 2 weeks. Buxton also stated that this would run concurrently with FMLA. Erin Fields spoke up and stated that by law FMLA leave cannot be used until all paid time off has been taken first. This was tabled for further discussion.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Sue Meyers told the board that at the last Ruritan meeting at the community building that she noticed how clean smelling the community room was. She also told the board that she had heard other compliments regarding the community room being very clean.

Meyers also asked if the roads could be blocked off for a half hour to one hour longer during Bean Days. The board said that she would need to talk to Fenton or President Hedden regarding this.

Jerry Greenwalt asked why the mayor and police chief were not at the meeting. The board said that President Hedden was on vacation and Clerk Choate stated that Fenton was home sick.

Steve Caudle asked about the bids for the truck. The board said there would be info at next month's meeting.

Employee Reports:

Worker Kris Shreve told the board that IRWA had surveyed the sewer lagoon and the reservoir and the village had gotten good reports on both of them. He stated that this was a free service.

Shreve also told the board that the workers had fixed a faulty valve on a fire hydrant on East Section Line Road last week and the project ended up taking longer to repair because of unforeseen issues.

Shreve also told the board that he is currently doing a chlorine burn at the water plant.

Worker Jasen Tubbs told the board that the gas regulators had been checked and everything was good.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Bruinsma reported that the Finance Committee had met at the bank with Luke Harl and Marcie Caldwell regarding the village investments and CDs. Interest rates will start coming down and the plan is to lock in rates using CDs with different maturity dates. He stated that the worst thing that can happen if the money is needed before the CD matures is a three month interest penalty. Trustee Peyton has a plan for locking in the CD rates and Illinois Fund accounts. Illinois Fund accounts will also be affected by the rates coming down.

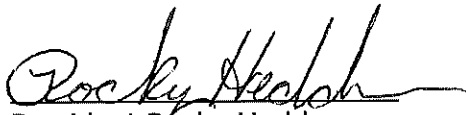
Trustee Buxton explained that the village still needs to get a couple more loads of rock and rent a sweeper.

Buxton also told the board about a complaint he received regarding the old Picture Frame Factory having a lot of junk outside of the property. Noe stated that we have a lot of properties that need cleaned up. Buxton stated that we should follow the ordinances and assess fines. The board agreed. Rob Greenwalt suggested adding charges to the customer utility bills and working out payment plans with the customer. Noe stated that it could be done but we would not be able to shut off utilities if the customer did not pay the bill. Noe stated that the board needs to drive around town and make a list.

Trustee Piper told the board that back in July of 2020, the village was going to take out some damaged park equipment. The board discussed what to do with the old equipment and Piper had taken the junk from the village at earlier times so he volunteered to take it and would pay them something for the junk. Piper stated he took the time to take it all apart and then came to the park one evening and pulled the big poles out of the ground and loaded them on his trailer. He then took them to Barnards Soil Service and weighed all of the junk and it weighed 3158 pounds. Piper took the junk home and took all the concrete off of the poles and weighed it at the same place. Piper said it took him days to cut and break all the concrete off the poles and the concrete weighed 1928 pounds so that left 1230 pounds of junk. Piper stated that at that time, President Hedden told him not to worry about paying for it since he had done most of the work removing it. Piper stated that Lewis Brothers Scrap was paying \$60 a net ton for light metal so the scrap metal was worth \$36.90. Piper stated that at the last board meeting Chief Fenton had mentioned that Piper had never paid for the junk equipment but Piper explained that Hedden had told him that he did not need to but Hedden denied saying it. Piper stated that after four years and nothing being said about it he has decided to just pay the \$36.90 to the village just to clear things up. Piper gave the clerk \$36.90.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2024