

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE
5N430 Railroad Street, Wayne, IL 60184**

**March 3, 2026
7:30pm**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Phipps asked all to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CALL TO ORDER

President Phipps called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Roll Call:

Present in Village Hall: President Phipps, Trustees Guy Bevente, Mike Dimitroff,
Ed Hull, Karen Kaluzsa, Emily Miller – Six (6)

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Present via Webinar: Treasurer Howard Levine

Also Present in Village Hall: Police Chief Tim Roberts
Village Clerk Patricia Engstrom
Village Attorney David Freeman
Village Engineer Dan Lynch

Public Present via Webinar: Michelle & Peter Mourousias, Elaine Bevente,
Anna Cunanan, Mike Rakow – Five (5)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - (please limit your comments to three minutes)

Speakers may submit written comments in lieu of verbal comments by emailing them to the Clerk not later than noon the day preceding the day of the meeting. The Clerk shall deliver written comments to the Board President and Trustees. The President may acknowledge receipt of them during open meetings without reading them verbatim. Though not required by OMA, anyone wishing to make public comments without attending the meeting in person may do so through the Village's zoom platform by clicking the raise hand icon during the Public Comment section of the meeting.

The Public Comment section is intended to give the public an opportunity to present a comment or opinion to the Board of Trustees. It is not intended to be a time for questions and answers or debate on political issues. Discussion between speakers and other members of the audience will not be permitted. For questions, please email members of the Board directly and a Board member or staff will respond directly. Public Comment is limited to this portion of the agenda and the public should not interrupt the Board during the remainder of the meeting. Should a member of the public become disruptive or interrupt another speaker they will be warned once, and if the disruption continues, removed from the meeting.

None.

IV. Approval of Remote Participation and Voting by Trustee

None.

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STAFF

A. PLAN COMMISSION

Attorney Freeman said the March 9 Plan Commission meeting will discuss possible text amendments to chickens, coops, and hens on a property on Powis Road.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

Engineer Lynch said Christopher Burke Engineering is asking for its first rate increase in four years. The monthly retainer has not changed since the 1990's. See Item VI. B. On a separate matter, he discussed the sidewalk in front of the church and the plan to replace it this year with the annual road program. The church also discussed a concrete ramp. Trustee Dimitroff asked if it would be possible to pave in front of the church where it is currently mud and gravel. As the church is in the Historic District, he will consult Historic Sites.

D. PARK COMMISSION

No report.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes February 17, 2026 – Open & Closed Session

B. Christopher B. Burke Engineering – Monthly Retainer \$1,500.00

Trustee Kaluzsa made the motion to establish the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Bevente and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

Trustee Kaluzsa made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee Bevente, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

IX. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Clerk's Report – Patti Engstrom

Clerk Engstrom said effective January 1, 2026, according to SB 0243, the Open Meeting Act prohibits a public body from holding a meeting on the day of an General Primary Election, General Election, Consolidated Primary Election or Consolidated Election. Therefore, the Regular Village Board meeting scheduled for March 17 has been cancelled. A Special Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 7:30pm. On a separate matter, she thanked Trustee Dimitroff for handling the recent septic and bathroom situations at Village Hall, making several trips, meeting with a septic company, and personally doing some roto-rooting over the weekend so staff could have use of the facilities on Monday.

B. Treasurer’s Report – Howard Levine

Treasurer Levine took the Financial Statements out of order to discuss concurrently.

1. Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025 and the Eight Months Then Ended

3. Financial Statements as of January 31, 2026 and the Nine Months Then Ended

Treasurer Levine gave a brief review, saying revenue is 7-1/2% ahead of plan, due to late State taxes and Police fines. Expenses are 9% ahead of prior years.

Trustee Hull made the motion to approve Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025 and the Eight Months Then Ended, and January 31, 2026 and the Nine Months Then Ended.

Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Trustee Bevente abstained.

Treasurer Levine took Disbursements out of order to discuss concurrently.

2. Disbursements – December 2025

4. Disbursements – January 2026

Trustee Hull made the motion to approve Disbursements for December 2025 and January 2026.

Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Trustee Bevente abstained.

C. President’s Report – Eileen Phipps

President Phipps said she and Plan Commission Chair Carol Dimitroff held four interviews to fill Greg Richard’s term on the Commission. All four applicants were qualified and interesting candidates with good ideas. All felt there should be more community involvement, more events, perhaps something for younger families, reinstate Wayne Day, etc. that could be held in the field east of DWRC. She would like to gather a subcommittee to present ideas to the Board.

D. Village Attorney’s Report – David Freeman

1. Review Rental Property Regulations

Attorney Freeman reviewed short term rental regulations in the Village, saying the Village can approve an ordinance to regulate them for less than 30 days. He stated this became a concern for communities when there was a shooting in Roselle approximately five years ago. This became an issue in Bloomingdale as well. Regulating short-term rentals prevents weekend party house rentals. Attorney Freeman is currently having the same discussion in Winfield, another Non-Home Rule community. The Village has the authority to regulate rentals, but regulation would require a registry, licensing and administrative detail. The Board was in favor of such regulations; Attorney Freeman will draft an ordinance for discussion at the March 24 meeting.

X. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

A . Plan Commission – Mike Rakow

President Phipps asked the Board’s approval to appoint Mike Rakow to fill Greg Richard’s term on the Plan Commission through April 30, 2028.

Trustee Miller made the motion to appoint Mike Rakow to fill Greg Richard’s term on the Plan Commission through April 30, 2028. Seconded by Trustee Kaluzsa.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee Bevente, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

XI. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly

Chief Roberts reported the following: 1) March 9, the Police Dept. will play games with WOW winners at Wayne Elementary School. 2) March 5, the Department will host Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. 3) PD mechanic Jordan installed new scanners for electronic ticketing and on-line crash reports to go on-line effective April 1.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

Trustee Dimitroff said in addition to pumping the septic at Public Works, he also had The 1,000-gallon storage tank pumped. On a separate matter, he called Porta Potty direct to request a brown structure. There are no other color structures offered, turquoise is the only option. The Village's choice is to leave it or remove it. As it is frequently used by visitors to the area, it will be left as is.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

No report.

D. Administration – Karen Kaluzsa

1. Closed Session-Item B. Appointment, Employment, Compensation Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

Trustee Kaluzsa had one item for Closed Session.

E. Development/Historic and Rural Preservation – Ed Hull

Trustee Hull reported he and President Phipps met with the developers of the Pederson Property; overall it was a positive meeting. Next step is for the developers have to meet with neighbors to the property.

F. Building & Zoning – Ed Hull

Trustee Hull is meeting with Mike Gricus next week to discuss his annual contract.

G. Parks – Emily Miller

No report.

H. Technology – Guy Bevente

1. Approval ConsultNet Agreement

Trustee Bevente recapped the new ConsultNet Agreement and said ConsultNet had agreed to a 5/1/2026 start date to coincide with the Village's fiscal year.

**Trustee Bevente made the motion to approve the ConsultNet Agreement, effective 5/1/2026.
Seconded by Trustee Kaluzsa.**

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee Bevente, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

On a separate matter, Trustee Bevente discussed adding a volunteer events/function on the Village website. This would include selecting a volunteer opportunity/event, then sending the collected info from an automated form to a point person that chairs that volunteer opportunity/event. He asked all to send information on volunteer opportunities and the point person to Saloni. He will provide a design view to the Board prior to implementation.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Kaluzsa made the motion to go into Closed Session for Section 2(c)(1) Item B. Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Village Employees. Seconded by Trustee Bevente.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee Bevente, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

The Board entered Closed Session 8:20pm

The Board re-entered Open Session 8:45pm

Roll Call:

President Phipps, Trustees Bevente, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller, Attorney Freeman, Chief Roberts, Clerk Engstrom.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Kaluzsa and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk

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