

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE
5N430 Railroad St, Wayne, IL 60184
May 6, 2025**

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, Pete Connolly,
Mike Dimitroff, Emily Miller – Five (5)

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Also Present in Village Hall: Police Chief Tim Roberts
Village Clerk Patricia Engstrom
Village Attorney Pete Wilson
Village Treasurer Howard Levine
Resident Karen Kaluzsa, 31W760 Orchard Lane
Charles McDonough, Carol Stream
Pastor Larry Dieffenbach, Little Home Church
Lori Prang, Little Home Church
Resident Mike Abbott, 34W335 White Thorne Road
Resident Jeff Gutowsky, 31W729 Peterson Drive
Resident Tom Kennedy, 5N525 Billy Burns Road

Present via Webinar: Two members of the Public attended by Webinar

III. SWEARING IN TRUSTEES – CLERK ENGSTROM

Clerk Engstrom swore in Trustees Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, and Miller for a term of four years and asked each to sign the Oath of Office.

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

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 should be 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.

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STAFF

A. PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

Trustee Dimitroff said DuPage County EPA received complaints from residents regarding crack sealing debris along Army Trail Road. DuPage EPA investigated the matter, found no illegal dumping, no risk to ground water, and considered the matter closed. Eng. Lynch will speak to this at the May 20 meeting.

D. PARK COMMISSION

Trustee Miller reported in honor of Arbor Day, there was a presentation at Wayne Elementary School 4th grade classes on April 24, and oak seedling giveaways at the Post Office on April 25.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes April 15, 2025 – Open & Closed Sessions

B. Bedrock Earthscapes 2025 Barbara Dunham Dole Wildlife Sanctuary Maintenance - \$3,400.00

C. Proclamation – Arbor Day

D. Proclamation – Motorcycle Awareness Month

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

Trustee Bevente made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Res. 25-R-04; Affordable Housing Plan for Village of Wayne

Attorney Wilson stated this resolution re-adopts the plan from 2019. Treasurer Levine noted it is an unfunded mandate from the State of Illinois.

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to approve Res. 25-R-04, Affordable Housing Plan for Village of Wayne. Seconded by Trustee Connolly .

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

IX. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Clerk's Report – Patti Engstrom

No report.

B. Treasurer's Report – Howard Levine

No report.

B. President's Report – Eileen Phipps

No report.

C. Village Attorney's Report – Pete Wilson

No report.

X. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

President Phipps made the following appointments:

One Year Commission Terms through April 30, 2026:

Treasurer Howard Levine, Chief of Police Tim Roberts, Clerk Patricia Engstrom, Attorney Steve Adams - Robbins Schwartz, President Pro Tempore Ed Hull.

Historic Sites Chair Kathie Connolly, Park Commission Chair Marie Iozzo, Plan Commission Chair Carol Dimitroff, Zoning Board Chair Joe Giagnorio.

Administrative Committee Chair Karen Kaluzsa, B&Z Committee Chair Ed Hull, Park Committee Liaison Emily Miller, Development/HARP Committee Chair Ed Hull, Finance Committee Chair Pete Connolly, Public Safety Committee Chair Pete Connolly, Technology Chair Guy Bevente, Public Works Committee Chair Mike Dimitroff.

Two Year Commission Term through April 30, 2027:

Police Pension Board Jeff Gutowsky

Four Year Commission Term through April 30, 2029:

Historic Sites - Brian Dempsey, Jim Issel.

Park Commission - Ed Sell, Tom Richter

Plan Commission - Bob Handley

ZBA - Beth Kucera, Heather Howland

Trustee Bevente made the motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Trustee Dimitroff and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

President Phipps received notice from ZBA commissioner Heather Howland that she will be leaving the Commission approx. August. There will be an opening on the ZBA.

XI. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly

Chief Roberts reported new Records Clerk/Accounting Admin Kim Haensel started full-time this week. On a separate matter, the Dept. continues to monitor truck traffic through town.

Police Dept. Stats for April 2025: Dispatched Calls 356; Motor Assists 26; Accidents 5, House Watch 239, Traffic Stops 246; Citations 263.

1. Salary Action Non-Supervisor Part-Time and Full-Time Sworn Police Officers

Chief Roberts proposed a 3.5% increase for Part-Time and Full-Time Officers; Part-Time to \$30.70/hour, Full-Time to \$82,700/year.

2. Addition of Veterans Day (November 11th) as a Recognized Holiday in the Employee Personnel Manual for the Village of Wayne

Chief Roberts discussed the number of annual holidays provided by the Village, saying currently the Village offers seven holidays when many municipalities have 9 or 10. He proposed adding Veterans Day to the Employee Manual.

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Items 1 and 2, effective May 1, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

3. Closed Session – Item B. Appointment, Employment & Compensation of Village Employees

Trustee Connolly had an item for Closed Session.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

1. Salary Action Non-Supervisor Part-Time Employees

Trustee Dimitroff proposed a 3.5% increase for non-supervisory Public Works employees to \$26.90/hour, plus \$5/hour for snowplowing.

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to approve a 3.5% increase for non-supervisory Public Works employees to \$26.90/hour, plus \$5/hour for snowplowing. Seconded by Trustee Bevente.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

2. Haying Contract between VOW & White Thorn Hay (WTH)

At the April 15, 2025 meeting the Board provided verbal agreement to allow White Thorn Hay to apply weed & feed to the property. Trustee Dimitroff had a check from WTH. is excited to have a resident interested in haying the property and having the equipment to do it. The three-year contract is renewable/cancellable annually.

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to approve the Haying Contract between the Village of Wayne and White Thorn Hay (WTH). Seconded by Trustee Connolly.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

3. Closed Session – Item B. Appointment, Employment & Compensation of Village Employees

Trustee Dimitroff had one item for Closed Session.

Lastly, Trustee Dimitroff and Engineer Lynch will look into the sidewalk in front of the Church where water collects. Public Works will gravel the shoulders of Army Trail from Powis to the Church and will partner with the Church to find a solution to the problem.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

No report.

D. Administration – Emily Miller

No report.

E. Development/Historic and Rural Preservation – Ed Hull

No report.

F. Building & Zoning – Ed Hull

No report.

G. Parks – Emily Miller

Trustee Miller reported the Commission's participation in Arbor Day was a success at Wayne Post Office where oak seedlings were passed out and Wayne Elementary School 4th Grade classes.

H. Technology – Guy Bevente

Trustee Bevente discussed the following: 1) He provided a spreadsheet detailing progress of current technology projects, listing them by order of Priority, Level of Effort, Status, and Notes. Of 29 projects, 12 are completed, 13 are in progress, and four are not started. 2) The Village signed the application with the State for E-Pay. E-Pay Terminals arrived this week. With the exception of one terminal charge previously approved, the entire program is provided by the State free of charge. Training will take place in coming weeks. Payment categories and types have been finalized. Credit cards is one of accepted payment methods. 3) The State grant for the BEAD program is awarded in three waves. Based on information provided by the Broadband office, Wayne is listed as having been covered in the first wave, but it is confidential which utility provider won the grant for Wayne. The preliminary information shared suggests that money will be awarded this fall with construction to begin in 2026. 4) Lumos Fiber approached the Board two months ago to install fiber optic cable and other equipment underground using private equity money by putting parts of Wayne in its DuPage buildout. Portions of Wayne included on the map are Wayne Meadows, Woods of Wayne, Bradford Park, Lake Eleanor Estates, and east of Munger Road to Heritage Court. He reviewed a draft of the proposed License Agreement between Lumos and the Village. Once License agreements are final, Lumos will go through Engineer Lynch for the formal permitting process. Lumos will access the Village's rights-of-way and utility easements. The Village will reach out to the HOA's for coordination once the license agreement is finalized. Treasurer Levine asked if there will be any utility tax to the Village. Discussions about the Lumos boundary lines took place.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Connolly made the motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Item B. Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Village Employees. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Truste Hull

Motion passed 5-0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:35pm

The Board re-entered Open Session at 8:55pm

Chief Roberts returned to the meeting. No members of the Public returned to the meeting.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Confirm Offer of Employment, Police Records Clerk/Accountant Kim Haensel

B. Approval of Salary and Benefits as discussed in Closed Session

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to approve salaries discussed in Closed Session, effective May 1, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Truste Hull

Motion passed 5-0.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

President Phipps thanked Attorney Wilson for his wisdom, guidance, and work representing the Village of Wayne. His expertise and dedication made a positive difference for the Board, staff and residents. She wished him well in his future endeavors. President Phipps welcomed Steve Adams from Robbins-Schwartz, saying he came with excellent recommendations and the Board looked forward to working with him.

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Miller and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk

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