

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE
January 7, 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, Gary Figurski, Ed Hull, Emily Miller – Five (5)

Absent: Trustees Pete Connolly Dimitroff – Two (2)

**Present via Webinar: Village Treasurer Howard Levine
Village Attorney Pete Wilson**

**Also Present in Village Hall: Police Chief Tim Roberts
Village Engineer Dan Lynch
Village Clerk Patricia Engstrom
Residents Pam & Tom Kennedy 5N525 Billy Burns Road
Resident Steve Beaman 34W269 White Thorne Road
Resident Mike Abbott 34W335 White Thorne Road
Resident Karen Kaluzsa 31W760 Orchard Lane**

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

III. 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.

Resident Tom Kennedy commented on the Billy Burns Right-of-Way License Agreement. President Phipps said it was put on hold due to Kennedy’s continuing to remove vegetation, and the neighbor’s items stored on Village property. Chief Roberts said both properties were inspected and are now in compliance. President Phipps said both parties can move forward with signing the Agreements.

IV. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STAFF

A. PLAN COMMISSION

Attorney Wilson said the Plan Commission meeting for January 13 has been cancelled due to lack of quorum.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

Engineer Lynch reported that the 2024 Road Project is complete and the payment to Schroeder paperwork is on the Consent Agenda. He is starting to look at the 2025 Road Program. Roads under consideration are Pearson, Weber, Billy Burns, Derby, and Smith Road.

D. PARK COMMISSION

No report.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes December 17, 2024 – Open & Closed Sessions

B. 2024 Road Program - Schroeder Asphalt Services Inc.; Inv. #2024-47 - \$161,902.44

C. Authorization for Destruction of Verbatim Record of Closed Meeting(s) held on the following dates, as no less than 18 months have passed and Minutes have been approved for such meeting. (Minutes of Closed Sessions have previously been approved by Board of Trustees:) 03/07/2023; 04/20/2023; 05/02/2023; 05/16/2023

Trustee Figurski made the motion to establish the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Hull.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Four (4)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Connolly, Dimitroff – Two (2)

Motion passed: 4-0

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

VII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

VIII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Clerk's Report – Patti Engstrom

No report.

B. Treasurer’s Report – Howard Levine

Treasurer Levine gave a brief overview of the report saying Financials are \$30,000 ahead of budget on revenue due to B&Z activity. Financials are also ahead of budget on capitol expenses due to Schroeder invoice paid in December not November.

1. Financial Statements as of November 30, 2024 and for the Seven Months Then Ended
Trustee Hull made the motion to approve Financial Statements as of November 30, 2024 and for the Seven Months Then Ended. Seconded by Trustee Bevente and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

2. November 2024 Disbursements

Trustee Hull made the motion to approve the November 2024 Disbursements. Seconded by Trustee Bevente.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Four (4)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Connolly, Dimitroff – Two (2)

Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer Levine had one item for Closed Session.

C. President’s Report – Eileen Phipps

No report.

D. Village Attorney’s Report – Pete Wilson

No report.

IX. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

A. Clarify Sept. 3, 2024 Minutes Corrected by Vote at Nov. 19, 2024 Meeting

President Phipps asked for a motion to clarify the September 3, 2024 Minutes, previously approved, to reflect that there appears to be disagreement that a confirmation vote was taken on the appointment of Jack Berry to the Park Commission, which was corrected by a vote taken at the November 19, 2024 Board meeting.

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Four (4)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Connolly, Dimitroff – Two (2)

Motion passed 4-0.

X. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly

Chief Roberts reported the following: 1) The holidays were calm due to decent weather and having a fully staffed force. 2) Recent staffing personnel changes include one officer back from medical leave and another left to assume a teaching position. 3) Activity for the Dept. has doubled.

Police Dept. Stats for December 2024: Dispatched Calls 236; Complaints 14; Animal Calls 3; Alarms & Wellness Checks 24; 911 Calls 12; Department Assists 11; Motorist Assists 35.

Chief Roberts had one item for Closed Session.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

1. Neri Bros. Construction (Smith Road & Kaelin) - \$8,650.00

In Trustee Dimitroff's absence, Trustee Figurski reported the sink hole at Smith Road and Kaelin has been repaired. Engineer Lynch said work at that location has been completed and the invoice came in below budget. Treasurer Levine noted the invoice to Neri Bros. is \$7,650. The \$8,650 quoted above includes Public Works' contribution to the project.

Trustee Figurski made the motion to approve Neri Bros. Construction (Smith Road & Kaelin) in the amount of \$7,650. Seconded by Trustee Hull.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Four (4)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Connolly, Dimitroff – Two (2)

Motion passed 4-0.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

No report.

D. Administration – Emily Miller

1. Closed Session - Item B. Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Village Employees

Trustee Miller stated Administration continues to interview for a Deputy Clerk and withdrew the item for Closed Session.

E. Development/Historic and Rural Preservation – Ed Hull

No report.

F. Building & Zoning – Gary Figurski

No report.

G. Parks – Emily Miller

Trustee Miller reported the Park Commission meeting for January 8 has been cancelled.

H. Technology – Guy Bevente

Trustee Bevente reported the following: 1) The first wave of infrastructure improvements start Friday with new computers in Village Hall. 2) The Customer Contact E-Log has been successfully implemented. In January, Administration will be doing all updates. In February, other Departments will update their own assigned ticket status. 3) The Village website was down a couple hours on January 6. There was some issue with the website certificates, and he is waiting for clarification from Infiplex.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Bevente 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 Miller.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Four (4)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Connolly, Dimitroff – Two (2)

Motion passed 4-0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:50 pm

The Board re-entered Open Session at 8:10 pm

No members of the Public returned to the meeting.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Bevente asked about progress on the new PD/VH building and proposed that we get formal, more frequent updates; President Phipps and others agreed. President Phipps mentioned the need for an update on Lake Eleanor Estates' drainage and grant. Trustee Figurski stated that the Village needs to have a comprehensive discussion regarding the future direction of B&Z; Trustee Bevente agreed and stated that any software decisions will need to follow such an understanding. Trustee Miller asked for an update on the Woods of Wayne Route 59 traffic noise complaint. President Phipps met with Rep. Ugaste and asked that he reach out to IDOT requesting sound barriers or other recommended sound proofing measures. Rep. Ugaste had also received similar requests from residents in the subdivision. Suggestions were made for the possibility for a Committee of the Whole meeting.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Items Discussed in Closed Session

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bevente made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Hull and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Engstrom, Clerk

01.07.2025