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

September 1, 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 7:30 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: **Trustee Mike Dimitroff – One (1)**

Also Present in Village Hall: **Police Chief Tim Roberts**
Village Clerk Patricia Engstrom
Village Attorney David Freeman
Resident Tori Montbriand, 5N520 Guild Lane
Jesse Gutierrez, 29W120 Woodland Ave, West Chicago

Public Present via Webinar: **Michelle & Peter Mourousias (listed twice,) Elaine Bevente, Dan Antczak**

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 reported the Plan Commission will meet in September. President Phipps and Trustee Hull have been invited to attend. The Comprehensive Plan will likely be on the agenda.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Attorney Freeman said there are some things in the works that may require a ZBA meeting in September.

C. ENGINEERING

No report.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes August 18, 2026 – Open Session

B. Lauterbach & Amen, LLP Renewal of Engagement Letter for Police GASB 67/68 Actuarial Valuation 4/30/2026 – 4/30/2028 as quoted (Attached)

Trustee Kaluzsa 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 Kaluzsa.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Dimitroff
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 reported the summer edition of the Wayne Window was delivered last week.

B. Treasurer's Report – Trustee Pete Connolly

Trustee Connolly began by thanking Howard Levine for 29 years of service to the Village. Howard began as Trustee in 1997 and became Treasurer in 2013. He brought a dedication of frugal spending that has resulted in positive operating results for the Village. President Phipps echoed those sentiments, adding Howard was a big reason the Village is in good financial shape and is receiving higher interest on investments. She expressed her appreciation for his years of contribution.

1. Financial Statements as of June 30, 2026, and the Two Months Then Ended
Trustee Connolly gave a brief review of Financial Statements as of June 30, 2026. This time of year, cash is up due to receipt of our share of the first installment of real estate taxes.

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Financial Statements as of June 30, 2026 and the Two Months Then Ended. Seconded by Trustee Hull and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

2. Disbursements – June 2026

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Disbursements – June 2026. Seconded by Trustee Hull. Trustee Bevente confirmed that the new Village Accountant Chris Tippin is now doing Financials; Administrator Roberts confirmed that is the case. **Passed by unanimous Voice Vote.**

C. President's Report – Eileen Phipps
No report.

D. Village Attorney's Report – David Freeman
Attorney Freeman said he is waiting clarification of signatories to update Resolutions regarding bank accounts.

E. Village Administrator – Tim Roberts
Administrator Roberts reported the following: 1) Public Works has updated signs on School and Glos streets. 2) Nicor has restored the damaged sections on Army Trail and Dunham, at Dunham Woods Riding Club and Misty's Meadow, as well as along Army Trail Road. 3) PW continues mowing, trimming, and general maintenance. 4) B&Z's Mike Gricus met with TPI regarding the updated fee schedule. 5) There have been zoning ordinance violations of people dumping trash on Munger, currently a table and other items. This has happened before and the culprit was found. Public Works picked up the items. 6) Admin. Roberts has attended more meetings with Homes for Changing Region; the Village received a grant for professional services valued at approx. $50,000. There is an expert panel meeting in January. 7) New accountant Chris Tippin continues to gain knowledge regarding the Village. She is helping to update and streamline processes that will be guidelines for future SOP manuals.

X. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES
None.

XI. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS
A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly
Chief Roberts reported the following: 1) The PD completed its Liquor in Compliance checks at DWRC. All is in good standing. 2) Wayne Elementary School started August 27; the school has moved buses to the back to help relieve traffic back-up and no longer block the driveway. 3) Truck enforcement continues; 302,760# in overweight trucks were recently fined. 4) The Dept. assisted AT&T's build out by communicating with homeowners west of Army Trail and Dunham. 5) The Dept. is taking part in Operation Life Saver for Rail Safety to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities at railroad crossings and on train tracks.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff
No report.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

1. **Closed Session to Discuss Treasurer Position; Item G. The Selection of a Person to Fill Public Office, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3)**

Trustee Connolly said he and Admin. Roberts are meeting with the architect regarding the new Police building, working toward hosting a Town Hall meeting. B&Z Admin. Mike Gricus recommends moving forward with a new roof. Trustee Connolly had one item for Closed Session.

D. Administration – Karen Kaluzsa

No report.

E. Development/Historic and Rural Preservation – Ed Hull

No report.

F. Building & Zoning – Ed Hull

Trustee Hull said TPI's contract comes up in December, minus a 60-day written notice. He will meet with Mike Gricus to discuss.

G. Parks – Emily Miller

Trustee Miller reported the Commission is working on maintaining signs in the Barbara Dunham Dole Sanctuary.

H. Technology – Guy Bevente

Trustee Bevente was contacted by new fiber company Ezee Fiber. Alan Routh, previous rep for Lumos, is now at Ezee. Mr. Routh reached out and they had an initial discussion. Ezee Fiber likes to go into difficult to fill locations.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Bevente made the motion to go into Closed Session for Section 2(c)(21) Item G. The selection of a Person to Fill Public Office, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3). Seconded by Trustee Hull.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Dimitroff – One (1)
Motion passed 5-0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:00 pm
The Board re-entered Open Session at 8:13 pm

Roll Call: President Phipps, Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller, Chief Roberts, Attorney Freeman, Clerk Engstrom, Tori Montbriand.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Action Item - Appointment of New Village Treasurer

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve the appointment of Tori Montbriand to the position of Treasurer. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Dimitroff – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bevente made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Hull and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk

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