

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

**April 21, 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 7:40pm.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Absent:** Trustee Hull – 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:** Elaine Bevente, Mike Rakow,  
Michelle & Peter Mourousias (listed twice)

**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.*

**IV. APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND VOTING BY TRUSTEE**

None.

**V. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STAFF**

**A. PLAN COMMISSION**

Attorney Freeman said the May 11 Plan Commission meeting will include two Public Hearings; one to amend hens, coops, and pens, and one for restoration of buildings. The Comprehensive Plan will also be on the agenda.

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**B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

No report.

**C. ENGINEERING**

Engineer Lynch reported the sewer on Pratt Avenue was televised. Tree roots find their way into pipes and a six-foot plug created blockage. Eng. Lynch brought a sample of the root bound ball to share with the Board. The televising was done in one day. The invoice for \$4,800 will be on the next agenda; \$4,800 is less than half the expected cost. Bartlett Water will also have an invoice on the next agenda. He recommended it be televised every four years. He noted there was ponding in many areas, that this area has received 6” of rain this spring, the second wettest on record. On a separate matter, restoration in Lake Eleanor Estates was done today by Trine Construction. Underground pipe work was done in January, restoration took place today with grading, seeding, and straw blankets.

**D. PARK COMMISSION**

Trustee Miller reported seedlings will be passed out at the Post Office April 24 for Arbor Day. She is teaching two 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Wayne Elementary School that day including a worksheet, book presentation, and seedlings.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes April 7, 2026 – Open Session**

**B. New Police Vehicle Changeover; Emergency Lighting & Equipment, Installation & Labor - Not to Exceed \$5,500**

**C. Fiscal Year 2026 Contribution to the Wayne Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$250,000**

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

**Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Bevente.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Trustee 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. 26-R-03; Employment Agreement w/ Michael G. Gricus 05/01/2026-04/30/2027**  
Res. 26-R-03 was tabled to the next meeting.

**B. Res. 26-R-04; Support Municipal Housing Authority**

**Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Res. 26-R-04, In Support of Municipal Housing Authority. Seconded by Trustee Kaluzsa.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Trustee 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**

#### **1. Financial Statements as of March 31, 2026 and for the Eleven Months Then Ended**

Treasurer Levine gave a brief report on the above, saying plan is ahead of the rest of the year and he anticipates finishing the year with a positive surplus.

**Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to approve Financial Statements as of March 31, 2026 and for the Eleven Months Then Ended. Seconded by Trustee Connolly and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Trustee Bevente abstained.**

#### **2. Disbursements March 2026**

**Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Disbursements for March 2026. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Trustee Bevente abstained.**

### **C. President's Report – Eileen Phipps**

#### **1. Review Rental Property Regulations**

Attorney Freeman said the Board's changes have been incorporated into the Rental Property Regulations and will be on the next agenda.

President Phipps will be in Springfield April 29 & 30. Treasurer Levine said the State is set to modify Tier 2 of the Police Pension status. He asked that she bring it up with Gov. Pritzker if she gets the chance.

### **D. Village Attorney's Report – David Freeman**

Attorney Freeman believes he has all he needs to draft the Affordable Housing Ordinance for the next agenda.

## **X. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

None.

## **XI. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly**

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

#### **2. Closed Session Item B; Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Village Employees**

Trustee Connolly had one item for Closed Session.

Chief Roberts reported the following: 1) The annual Community Clean Up was a success. More than 60 volunteers gathered to collect more than 80 bags of trash. 2) The Dept. brought lunch to KaneComm in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. 3) The Fox River is high from Algonquin to St. Charles and is expected to crest at 12'. Kane County offers empty sandbags to be filled by the communities. 4) Administrative Professional Day luncheon will be held tomorrow. 5) Friday is CSO's Julian Crea's last day; he has been hired by another Department and is attending the Police Academy.

Police Dept. Stats for March 2026: Dispatched Calls 317; Motor Assists 23; Accidents 13; House Watches 278; Traffic Stops 208; Citations 205.

**B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff**

**1. Salary Action Non-Supervisor Part-Time Public Works Personnel**

**2. Closed Session Item B; Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Village Employees**

Trustee Dimitroff had one item for Closed Session. On a separate matter, bacteria has been found in the hand pump of the abandoned well in Wayne Memorial Park. DuPage County recommends sealing the well.

**C. Finance – Pete Connolly**

No report.

**D. Administration – Karen Kaluzsa**

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

Trustee Kaluzsa had one item for Closed Session.

**E. Development/Historic and Rural Preservation – Ed Hull**

No report.

**F. Building & Zoning – Ed Hull**

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

**G. Parks – Emily Miller**

No report.

**H. Technology – Guy Bevente**

Trustee Bevente reported the following: 1) AT&T reported that the installation of boxes in the horse trails can hold up to 3,000#. Based on the Village's request for a solution that provides line of sight, AT&T suggested that the six boxes be replaced with pedestals. He shared a picture of the pedestals with the board. He proposed that we get ahead of the issue for Lumos and Comcast. Eng. Lynch found equestrian easement info for Dunham North that was provided to AT&T. 2) As of March 2027, the copper network for land line service will be removed for those residents who received notification from AT&T. 3) Comcast has not provided an updated schedule for Fiber build out. 4) Saloni Shah is leaving after 20 months with the Village due to a new full-time job. She has been mostly project-based and about 30% support for staff and the Police Dept. Trustee Bevente provided a list of tech projects and their status. Discussion was held whether to continue to contract for the position. Clerk Engstrom stated having IT on site has been very helpful to staff. Chief Roberts shared feedback on the benefits received from several of the tech projects like ePay and Scheduling.

**I. Administration – Tim Roberts**

Village Administrator Roberts reported the following: 1) He met with the Clerk, B&Z, Public Works, Mike Gricus, and will meet with the Deputy Clerk this week. 2) He met with Mr. Parelli and his attorney regarding the property at Dunham and Royal Fox and will provide a memo on his recommendation. 3) He responded to questions regarding a cell tower. 4) He is working on a Short-Term Rental form for the website, IML offers a webinar on the subject; 6) He provided a copy of the updated Village Organizational Chart. 7) Public Works has cold-patched the pothole at the corner of Munger Road and Warwick, as well as tree branch pick up, mowing and trash collection on County Club Road. Country Club Road is not covered by Community Clean Up due to safety concerns. 8) Sign at Smith & Munger has been replaced. 9) Public Works will paint one of the lamp posts on Army Trail Road for approval by the Board.

## **XII. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **XIII. CLOSED SESSION**

**Trustee Dimitroff 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 Miller.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Trustee Hull – One ( 1)**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**The Board entered Closed Session 8:45pm**

**The Board re-entered Open Session 9:00pm**

**Roll Call: President Phipps, Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Chief Roberts, Attorney Freeman, Clerk Engstrom.**

## **XIV. APPROVAL OF SALARY AND BENEFITS AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve a 3.5% increase for Public Works Part-Time, Police Dept. Full-Time, and Police Dept. Part-Time employees effective May 1, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Bevente.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Trustee Hull – One ( 1)**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve increases as discussed for Police Dept Admin, Police Dept. Mechanic, Police Deputy Chief, Village Clerk, Deputy Clerk and B&Z Admin effective May 1, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Miller.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Trustee Hull – One ( 1)**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve the increase as discussed for the Chief of Police effective May 1, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Trustee Hull – One ( 1)**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Bevente and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk**

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