

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

**February 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 Mike Dimitroff, Ed Hull,
Karen Kaluzsa, Emily Miller – Five (5)

Absent: None

Present via Webinar: Trustee Guy Bevente
Trustee Pete Connolly
Treasurer Howard Levine

Also Present in Village Hall: Police Chief Tim Roberts
Village Clerk Patricia Engstrom
Village Attorney David Freeman
Stephen Nelson CEO, Larson & Darby Group, Rockford IL
Resident Greg Richard, Powis Road
Resident Miguel Santana, Dunham Circle
Lou Santoyo, Elburn IL

Public Present via Webinar: Michelle & Peter Mourousias, Michelle & Peter Mourousias (twice)
Elaine Bevente - Five

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.

Lou Santoyo, retired Cook County Sheriff's Police Detective and current Elburn Village Trustee, announced his candidacy for Kane County Sheriff in the 2026 election.

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IV. Approval of Remote Participation and Voting by Trustee

Trustee Bevente was on jury duty and unable to attend in person.

Trustee Hull made the motion to approve Trustee Bevente to participate in tonight's meeting via Zoom. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

IX. C. Finance – Pete Connolly

**1. Architect's Presentation – Stephen Nelson, CEO, Larson & Darby Group
Project Architect – Overview Process, Questions from Board**

This item was taken out of order to accommodate Larson & Darby Group. Via Zoom, Trustee Connolly reported that at the September 16, 2025 Board meeting, the Village would follow the required procedures for selecting an architectural firm as detailed in the Illinois Professional Service Selection Act. The Selection Committee proceeded selecting an architect to assess the estimated cost of repurposing the current Police Dept, 31W680 Army Trail Road. This process was discussed in detail in the January 2026 Wayne Window. Following a thorough review by the Selection Committee (members Trustee Pete Connolly, Trustee Guy Bevente, Architect Carl Groesbeck, Architect Greg Richard, Police Chief Tim Roberts,) the Larson & Darby Group emerged as the top-ranked firm. Pursuant to the Selection Act, the Committee has met with Larson & Darby Group to see if they could concur on terms of an agreement, and anticipate bringing an agreement to our next Board meeting.

Stephen Nelson, CEO Larson & Darby Group, provided a brief review of the company, saying it has been in business 60 years with service to municipal clients. Initial cost estimates are expected in March. The Village will co-host a Town Hall meeting with Larson & Darby Group to update residents and respond to their inquiries.

Chief Roberts and Trustee Hull reiterated no decisions have been made, tonight's presentation is for information only. A Town Hall meeting will be held for the residents before decisions are made.

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STAFF

A. PLAN COMMISSION

Attorney Freeman said the Plan Commission will meet next Monday.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

No report.

D. PARK COMMISSION

No report.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes January 20, 2026 – Open & Closed Session

Trustee Kaluzsa made the motion to establish the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff 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 via Zoom, Trustees Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: 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

No report.

B. Treasurer’s Report – Howard Levine

No report.

C. President’s Report – Eileen Phipps

No report.

D. Village Attorney’s Report – David Freeman

1. Closed Session Section 2©(21) of Open Meetings Act

Item F. Discussion Semi-Annual Review of Closed Minutes

Attorney Freeman will draft an Ordinance and Resolution adding Village Administrator to Chief Roberts’ duties for the next Board meeting. Attorney Freeman had one item for Closed Session.

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) Cold temps of the last couple weeks have created more issues for the Department including stalled cars, septic problems, etc. 2) Speed sign batteries died on Powis Road due to the extreme weather; batteries are changing to solar for the same price. 3) Munger speed signs were hit and have been replaced. 4) The Dept. has applied for a grant for a Fingerprint Machine.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

No report.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

No report.

D. Administration – Karen Kaluzsa

No report.

E. Development/Historic and Rural Preservation – Ed Hull

No report.

F. Building & Zoning – Ed Hull

Trustee Hull is reviewing B&Z Director Mike Gricus' contract. On a separate matter, he and Attorney Richard Irvin are trying to schedule a meeting regarding the Pederson property.

G. Parks – Emily Miller

Community Clean Up is April 11, 9am – noon. In addition to residents, community groups such as Clarke Mosquito, Dunham Woods Riding Club, Wayne Garden Club, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have been invited to the Clean Up.

***** All members of the Public left at 8:00pm *****

H. Technology – Guy Bevente

Trustee Bevente will send the annual ConsultNet contract to Attorney Freeman for review and hopes to have it on the next agenda.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to go into Closed Session for Section 2(c)(21) Item F. Discussion of Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Trustee Kaluzsa.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:00 pm.

The Board re-entered Open Session at 8:15 pm.

Roll Call: President Phipps, Trustee Bevente via Zoom, Trustees Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller, Attorney Freeman, Chief Roberts, Clerk Engstrom. Trustee Connolly and Treasurer Levine were not present.

XIII. CLOSED MINUTES DETERMINATION

President Phipps said there is no release of Closed Minutes.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pederson Properties, Rt. 25 IGA

See Item XI. F.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk

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