

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

**February 17, 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 Guy Bevente, Mike Dimitroff,
Ed Hull, Karen Kaluzsa, Emily Miller – Six (6)

Absent: None

Present via Webinar: Trustee Pete Connolly (participated via Zoom but did not vote)

Also Present in Village Hall: Police Chief Tim Roberts
Village Clerk Patricia Engstrom
Village Attorney David Freeman
Village Engineer Dan Lynch

Absent: Treasurer Howard Levine

Public Present via Webinar: Michelle & Peter Mourousias, Michelle & Peter Mourousias (twice)
Elaine Bevente, Anna Cunanan, Greg Richard, Null – Eight (8)

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 said the March 9 Plan Commission meeting has a Public Hearing for text amendment to chickens, coops, and hens on a property on Powis Road. The affected neighbor appears to have agreed to the proposed change.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

1. Plat of Vacation, 34W741 Country Club Road, Easement Revisions

Engineer Lynch said the homeowner asked that this item be removed from the agenda until further notice.

Eng. Lynch discussed the Annual Zoning Ordinance, saying there was one address in Woods of Wayne missing from both the zoning map and County GIS. He has added it to the zoning map and corrected it at the County; see Item VIII. A. The MFT Resolution on the agenda is for the appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax revenues for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026. The dollar value was provided by Treasurer Levine. The annual appropriation ordinance is required by IDOT for the use of MFT funds; see Item VIII. B.

D. PARK COMMISSION

No report.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes February 3, 2026 – Open & Closed Session

B. Microsystems, Inc. Not to Exceed \$1,800.00

C. Bedrock Earthscapes 2026 Stewardship - \$3,500.00

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ord. 26-01; VOW Official Zoning Map 2026

Trustee Kaluzsa made the motion to approve Ord. 26-01, Official Zoning Map for the Village of Wayne 2026. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

**B. Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Adding Section 1-6-2G Village Administrator
Item B was removed from the agenda.**

C. Res. 26-R-01; MFT 05/01/2025 – 04/30/2026

**Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to approve Res. 26-R-01, MFT 05-01/2025 – 04/30/2026.
Seconded by Trustee Kaluzsa.**

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

**D. Res. 26-R-02; Approving Employment Agreement between VOW and Timothy J. Roberts
Item D was removed from the agenda.**

IX. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Clerk's Report – Patti Engstrom

Clerk Engstrom said the new file and storage cabinets have been delivered and put in place. Officers Crea and Vrchota moved them from the parking lot into Village Hall. Public Works put the cabinets together, installed the shelves and lock handles. It involved delivery challenges and price changes, but it is finally delivered and ready to use. On a separate matter, she said there has been an increase in FOIA activity from local and out-of-state requestors. One requestor is called Judiciocracy, who have made a business out of FOIA'ing and filing lawsuits for a money grab. Currently, there is a lawsuit against Roselle Public Library District, Oak Brook Park District, York Center Park District, Naperville Park District, Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, Cass School District 63, DuPage Water Commission, Clarendon Hills Park District, Village of Woodridge, Village of Willowbrook, Darien Park District, Community Consolidated School District 93, and Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District. Robbins-Schwartz represents two of the defendants. Judiciocracy lists itself as a media organization seeking transparency, but Attorney Freeman says it is run by attorneys who settle for attorneys' fees. Attorney Freeman noted it is not an illegal way to make money, just unscrupulous. Judiciocracy and COGS are two who do that. He mentioned recent changes to FOIA law: 1) If the FOIA Officer suspects the request may be robot or machine generated, the FOIA Officer may request a human connection. 2) If a FOIA request goes to spam or quarantine, it must still be responded to within the allotted time no matter when it's discovered in spam. 3) FOIA Officers are not required to click on a link within the body of a request. The request must be in the body of the email or in an attachment.

B. Treasurer's Report – Howard Levine

No report.

C. President's Report – Eileen Phipps

No report.

D. Village Attorney's Report – David Freeman

Attorney Freeman reported he has been working on the Chief's Agreement, ConsultNet contract and Land Use issues.

X. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None.

XI. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly

Chief Roberts reported the Department met with U-46 security personnel. Police Dept. Stats for January 2026: Dispatched Calls 226; Motor Assists 20; Accidents 10; House Watch 588; Traffic Stops 118; Citations 122.

Trustee Bevente asked about new owners on a property on Munger Road that is in unincorporated Wayne Township, saying there is a lot of shooting on the property within close proximity of neighbors on Munger Road, Bradford Park and Woods of Wayne. Chief said they have been called to the property on several occasions. That property is in unincorporated Wayne Township with no ordinances prohibiting the shooting of guns and there is nothing the Police can do.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

Trustee Dimitroff met with Public Works and the Forest Preserve. The Forest Preserve is pleased with the way Wayne and Public Works are managing the parking lot by the depot. Public Works will continue to trim the pathway and remove trash. The Forest Preserve asked the Village to use the nonselective herbicide sparingly so it doesn't damage prairie grasses. The Forest Preserve has no issue with the Village using salt on the parking lot and maintenance of the porta potty. The Village took control of the property in 2021 and will piggyback onto the Forest Preserve to seal coat, crack seal and stripe the lot this summer. Lastly, the FP contract with a company who provides the turquoise porta-potty; brown units are not an option at this time. Overall, it was a positive meeting and they support the way the Village is managing the property.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

Stephen Nelson, CEO of Larson & Darby Group had personal issues which has delayed the proposal on the Police building. After Attorney review, Trustee Connolly hopes to have the proposal on the March 3 agenda.

D. Administration – Karen Kaluzsa

**1. Closed Session-Item B. Appointment, Employment, Compensation
Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)**

Trustee Kaluzsa had one item for Closed Session.

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.

G. Parks – Emily Miller

No report.

H. Technology – Guy Bevente

Trustee Bevente reminded everyone to complete the annual Cyber Security review.

1. Approval ConsultNet Agreement

Trustee Bevente said Attorney Freeman reviewed the new Contract Agreement With ConsultNet, making a few changes. Trustee Bevente gave a brief review, saying there is a slight increase to price adjustment, special projects, and changing to an annual agreement vs. month to month. Staff finds ConsultNet flexible, responsive and accommodating. President Phipps asked if the contract could be moved to the fiscal calendar year. Trustee Bevente will reach out. It was agreed to move item to the next agenda for approval with no objection to the rate increase effective January 1, 2026.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to go into Closed Session for Section 2(c)(21) Item B. Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Village Employees. Seconded by Trustee Kaluzsa.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Connolly – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

The Board entered Closed Session 8:20pm

The Board re-entered Open Session 9:15pm

Roll Call:

President Phipps, Trustees Bevente, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller, Attorney Freeman, Chief Roberts, Clerk Engstrom. Trustee Connolly attended via Zoom but did not vote.

XIV. Action Closed Session Item B. Appointment, Employment, Compensation Village Employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

None.

XV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pederson Properties, Rt. 25 IGA

Trustee Hull and Attorney Richard Irvin will meet Feb 27 regarding the Pederson property.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Hull and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk

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