

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE
May 2, 2023**

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 in person at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call:

**Present in Village Hall: President Eileen Phipps, Trustees Pete Connolly,
Mike Dimitroff, Gary Figurski, Ed Hull, Emily Miller – Six (6)**

Absent: Treasurer Howard Levine

**Also Present in Village Hall: Police Chief Tim Roberts
Village PW Director Tommy King
Village Clerk Patricia Engstrom
Village Engineer Dan Lynch
Village Attorney Pete Wilson
Residents Peter & Michelle Mourousias, 5N521 Powis Road
Resident Michael Abbott, 34W335 White Thorn Road
Residents Guy & Elaine Bevente, 4N633 Mountain Ash
Jeremy Bevente
Resident Nancy Villwock, 34W250 White Thorn Road
Resident Greg Richard, 5N207 Powis Road
Resident Anna Cunanan, 32W235 Army Trail Road
Resident Miguel Santana, 5N911 Dunham Circle**

III. Swearing In President and Trustees – Clerk Engstrom

Clerk Engstrom swore in President Phipps, Trustees Bevente, Connolly, and Hull for a term of four years and asked them each to sign the Oath of Office.

IV. 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. Speakers are requested to be respectful. For questions please email members of the Board directly and a Board member or staff will respond. 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.

Anna Cunanan: Commented that those running for re-election did not denounce an election flyer.

Greg Richard: Commented he's proud of all who ran and brought new ideas.

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STAFF

A. PLAN COMMISSION

Attorney Wilson stated there was a small section of text that was supposed to be deleted from section 10-7-1 in Ordinance 23-01 but was inadvertently missed. There will be an amendment to the ordinance at the next meeting.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

No report.

D. PARK COMMISSION

Trustee Miller reported the Park Commission hosted two different activities that celebrated Arbor Day. Park commission members led 4th grade classes at Wayne Elementary School with nature related arts and crafts, burr oak tree saplings, and treats. On Saturday, 18 local children and adults met at Wayne Memorial Park for similar outdoor activities.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. April 20, 2023 Minutes – Open Session

B. Microsystems, Inc. Annual Scan – Not to Exceed \$2,000.00

C. 2023-2025 Grant Application Letter of Support

D. Arbor Day Proclamation – April 28, 2023

E. 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:) 07/20/2021, 10/05/2021, 10/19/2021, 11/02/2021.

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

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as established. Seconded by Trustee Hull.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly Dimitroff, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Six (6)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed: 6-0.

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ord. #23-06; Amending Title 10, Extending Time Allowed for Keeping Hens on Residential Lots

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Ord. 23-06, Amending Title 10 (Zoning Regulations) of the Village Code to Extend the Time Allowed for Keeping Hens on Residential Lots. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly Dimitroff, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Six (6)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed: 6-0.

B. Res. #23-R-12; Authorizing Release of Minutes of Certain Executive Sessions

Trustee Figurski made the motion to approve Res #23-R-12, of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wayne Authorizing the Release of Minutes of Certain Executive Sessions. Seconded by Trustee Hull.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly Dimitroff, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Six (6)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed: 6-0.

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

President Phipps said she received the promised information from Springfield regarding grants for infrastructure. On a separate matter, she and Clerk Engstrom met with Senator DeWitte and requested funding for drainage issues and a Police Dept/Village Hall building.

D. Village Attorney's Report –Pete Wilson

No report.

X. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

President Phipps made the following appointments:

One Year Commission Terms through April 30, 2024:

Treasurer Howard Levine, Chief of Police Tim Roberts, Clerk Patricia Engstrom, Attorney Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi, Lenert & Julien PC, President Pro Tempore Ed Hull.

Historic Sites Chair Kathie Connolly, Park Commission Chair Marie Iozzo, Plan Commission Chair Carol Dimitroff, Zoning Board Chair Joe Giagnorio.

Administrative Committee Chair Emily Miller, B&Z Committee Chair Gary Figurski, Park Committee Liaison Emily Miller, Development/HARP Committee Chair Ed Hull, Finance Committee Chair Pete Connolly, Public Safety Committee Chair Pete Connolly, Public Works Committee Chair Mike Dimitroff.

Four Year Commission Term through April 30, 2027:

Plan Commission Carol Dimitroff, Bill Kohl; Zoning Board of Appeals Jim Migely, Marianne Pope, Heidi Pearson, Park Commission Jim Lorenz.

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Trustee Figurski and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

XI. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly

Chief Roberts reported the following: 1) The Police Dept. visited Wayne Elementary School for ongoing interaction with the children. 2) Recently there was a teen takeover of a certain intersection in Elgin; it's not just the city of Chicago. The PD is working with DuPage and Kane to address responses. 3) Police Activity Log numbers for April include: Number of Calls 192, Alarms 30, Accidents 4, House Watch 287, Traffic Stops 99, Citations & Warnings 102.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

No report.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

1. Closed Session – Item C. Purchase or Lease of Real Property

Trustee Connolly had one item for Closed Session. On a separate matter, he and Treasurer Levine will discuss the annual budget and bring it to the Board.

D. Administration – Emily Miller

No report.

E. Development/Historic and Rural Preservation – Ed Hull

No report.

F. Building & Zoning – Gary Figurski

No report.

G. Parks – Emily Miller

No report.

Trustee Bevente stated he was in the process of developing a digital transformation plan that he would recommend for the Village that could potentially include a part-time IT person, budget allocation, broadcast tools, social media, etc. He has spoken with several high-tech specialty residents who will volunteer to help pull the plan together. President Phipps noted that Gov. Pritzker will lift the Emergency Declaration May 11, and State law does not allow for trustees to attend a meeting via Zoom other than as allowed by the Open Meetings Act without the Declaration in place. Resident Jessica Ewald suggested more options should be available for those with mobility issues, and that will be part of Trustee Bevente's plan as well.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Figurski made the motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Item C. Purchase or Lease of Real Property – Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6). Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Six (6)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed: 6-0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:05pm

The Board re-entered Open Session at 9:45pm

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Possible Purchase of Real Estate

Trustee Connolly read the following statement:

The Board is still committed to completing our analysis of the various alternatives we have to determine the best long-term solution for our future facility needs for our Police Dept. and Village Hall. Logically, these alternatives all fit into four general categories:

1. Tackle a difficult renovation/expansion of our existing buildings.
2. Construct a new building with a couple different size options on either the existing Village Hall site or the Public Works site or somewhere in between.
3. Consider a combination of the above with a smaller new Police Department building and a renovated Village Hall building.
4. Purchase and renovate our existing leased space.

We hope to have most of this analysis done by Fall and will then have another Town Hall meeting. Also, you may remember that several of these options will require borrowing approval from our residents – meaning a vote from all residents on a referendum properly placed on a ballot for an already scheduled election. Given the existing election dates/schedule such a vote could not happen before March of 2024. This means the completion date on a new construction option would not be feasible before the end of 2025 at the earliest, if the referendum passes.

Given all of the above and in order to keep all of our various options available - we need to take action now on our existing leased space.

There is a serious potential purchaser of the property, and we think it is important to guarantee that our Police Department has access to this property until a final solution is determined.

We, therefore, feel it is in the best interests of our residents to begin negotiations with the owner of the property to purchase the building. If we can buy it at an attractive price, the savings we obtain by not having lease payments should cover known expenses we are sure to have with an older building over the coming year, and if the final decision on future space options results in a different solution, we should be able to resell the building.

Trustee Connolly made a motion to authorize Trustees Connolly and Hull to negotiate terms of an option to purchase or a purchase contract on real estate located at 31W680 Army Trail Road consistent with the terms discussed in Closed Session. Seconded by Trustee Hull.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Figurski, Hull, Miller – Six (6)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed: 6-0.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Figurski made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Engstrom, Clerk

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