

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE  
September 5, 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 at 7:30pm.

**Roll Call:**

**Present in Village Hall: President Eileen Phipps, Trustees Guy Bevente, Pete Connolly, Gary Figurski, Ed Hull – Five (5)**

**Absent: Trustees Dimitroff, Miller – Two (2)**

**Also Present in Village Hall: Village Clerk Patricia Engstrom  
Village Attorney Pete Wilson  
Village Engineer Dan Lynch  
Treasurer Howard Levine  
Village Public Works Tommy King  
IL State Senator Karina Villa, West Chicago  
Residents Peter & Michelle Mourousias 5N521 Powis Road  
Resident Anna Cunanan 32W285 Army Trail Road  
Resident Chris Spradlin 31W762 Peterson Dr.  
Resident Bernie Cotton 4N280 Woodland Trail  
Two members of the public attended by Webinar**

**III. 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.*

Resident Peter Mourousias questioned two items on the July 2023 disbursement list.

Resident Bernie Cotton commented on excessive number of cars on a Smith Road property, flooding in Lake Eleanor and other parts of the Village, and lack of mowing on Smith Road. President Phipps said that while the Village continues to apply for grants, due to the income level of Village residents, and/or, a 50/50 financial commitment, the Village does not qualify for many grants.

Resident Anna Cunanan asked who the State representatives are for the Village.

Senator Villa commented she has a fondness for Wayne from her youth. She crosses the aisle to work with Senator DeWitte and she understands Wayne does not qualify for certain grants. She voted for the increased gas tax so she could endorse grants to communities who need them.

Trustee Hull and President Phipps clarified comments from the August 15 meeting regarding political parties and the role they can play in securing Member Initiatives, which is the source of funding Senator Villa secured for Lake Eleanor and the Police Dept./Village Hall, as those comments appeared to have been misinterpreted by some members of the public.

#### **IV. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STAFF**

##### **A. PLAN COMMISSION**

Attorney Wilson said the Commission will meet 9/11 and have indicated they will have a recommendation for the Board.

##### **B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

No report.

##### **C. ENGINEERING**

Eng. Lynch reported he has several projects to suggest for flooding in Lake Eleanor ranging from \$85,000 - \$400,000. The grant is for \$100,000. There is no one project that achieves all the HOA goals and falls within the grant budget. Among them are 1) Regrading the roadside ditch; 2) Reroute water to the backside pond; 3) Install storm sewers on the NE side of Woodland Trail. The selected project will go out to public bid. On separate matters, Country Club Road replacement is nearing completion. Tommy King is working with a contractor to obtain pricing for a joint effort between the contractor and Public Works staff to share labor and equipment with the goal of reducing the project cost.

##### **D. PARK COMMISSION**

No report.

#### **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Minutes August 15, 2023 – Open & Closed Session**

##### **B. Purchase Handheld LIDAR Laser Radar Unit, Applied Concepts, Inc.–Not to Exceed \$2,600**

##### **C. 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: 01/18/2022, 02/16/2022**

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

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

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Figurski, Hull – Four (4)

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustees Dimitroff, Miller – Two (2)

**Motion passed: 4-0.**

## **VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

## **VII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. Ord. 23-14; Declaring Surplus Property of Village of Wayne**

Trustee Figurski made the motion to approve Ord. 23-14, Declaring Surplus Property of the Village of Wayne. Seconded by Trustee Bevente.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Figurski, Hull – Four (4)

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustees Dimitroff, Miller – Two (2)

**Motion passed: 4-0.**

### **B. Res. 23-R-16; Supporting and Approving Installation of Traffic Control Signs**

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Res. 23-R-16; Supporting and Approving the Installation of Traffic Control Signs. Seconded by Trustee Hull. Trustee Bevente noted that the Section portion of the ordinance was numbered incorrectly. Trustee Connolly amended his motion to approve Res. 23-R-16; Supporting and Approving the Installation of Traffic Control Signs with the correct numbering of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4. Seconded by Trustee Hull.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Figurski, Hull – Four (4)

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustees Dimitroff, Miller – Two (2)

**Motion passed: 4-0.**

### **C. Res. 23-R-17; Releasing Certain Executive Minutes**

Trustee Figurski made the motion to approve Res. 23-R-17; The Board of Trustees of the Village of Wayne Authorizing the Release of Minutes of Certain Executive Sessions 11/18/1997; 01/19/1999; 05/20/2003. Seconded by Trustee Connolly.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Figurski, Hull – Four (4)

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Trustees Dimitroff, Miller – Two (2)

**Motion passed: 4-0.**

## **VIII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Clerk's Report – Patti Engstrom**

No report.

**B. Treasurer's Report – Howard Levine**

**1. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report - Three Months Ended July 31, 2023**

Treasurer Levine provided a brief report saying the Quarterly Investment Report is on target with budget estimate income. The overall cash position increased by \$463,000 primarily due to the seasonality of cash flows, the collection of first installment real estate taxes. Investment returns increased to 4.73% vs. 4.54% for the previous quarter.

**Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report – Three months Ended July 31, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Bevente and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.**

**2. Financial Statements as of July 31, 2023 and the Three Months Then Ended**

Treasurer Levine stated the balance sheet is prepared on a cash basis. He noted the report does not reflect \$3.26 million in unfunded pension liability, up over previous years. The liability exceeds the fund balance.

**Trustee Bevente made the motion to approve Financial Statements as of July 31, 2023 and the Three Months Then Ended. Seconded by Trustee Connolly and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.**

**3. July 2023 Disbursements**

**Trustee Figurski made the motion to approve July 2023 Disbursements. Seconded by Trustee Bevente and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.**

Treasurer Levine reported the annual audit is well underway and is due the second meeting in October. It will be filed with the county and state, and will be placed on the Village website and State Controllers website. The Village is lower per capita than any other community.

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

No report.

**D. Village Attorney's Report –Pete Wilson**

No report.

**IX. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

None.

**X. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly**

Chief Roberts reported the following: 1) Police and Fire personnel met with State Representatives regarding unfunded mandates. 2) On September 18, 2023, the Pretrial Fairness Act goes into effect which abolishes money bail and replaces it with a system that considers the specific circumstances of each case and the risk of the defendant to miss court or harm someone else. Murderers will be held on bond, burglars will not. 3) The four-way stop sign installation at Army Trail & Munger will take place Sept. 12. Flags and signage will highlight the intersection. 4) A fatal crash took place in South Elgin near Kenyon School last week. Kane County has experienced an uptick in fatal crashes. He noted all the signs in the world cannot deflect distracted driving. Drivers must stay aware and pay attention.

**B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff**

Tommy King reported the following: 1) Country Club Road replacement and the Army Trail Road culvert replacement went without a hitch. 2) The Tree Removal Program will begin on Munger Road and will veer west on Army Trail until west of the first set of railroad tracks. 3) Shoulder gravel supports the roads; shoulder gravel replacement will soon take place in the Village. Schroder has offered to share their equipment with the Village to spread gravel. 4) Grass cutting on Smith Road is done by Public Works, except in those portions of the road that is owned by Wayne Township and the Forest Preserve District.

**C. Finance – Pete Connolly**

**1. Update on Facilities**

Trustee Connolly reported the elevator at 31W680 Army Trail Road will soon be repaired. Closing on the property could take place the following week.

**2. Approval to Retain Outside Services Needed after Pending Closing on 31W680 Army Trail Road – Not to Exceed \$15,000**

**Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Retaining Outside Services needed after Pending Closing on 31W680 Army Trail Road – Not to Exceed \$15,000. Seconded by Trustee Hull.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Figurski, Hull – Four (4)**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Trustees Dimitroff, Miller – Two (2)**

**Motion passed: 4-0.**

**D. Administration – Emily Miller**

No report.

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

No report.

**F. Building & Zoning – Gary Figurski**

**1. Dunham Woods Riding Club, 33W333 Army Trail Road – Pergola**

Trustee Figurski presented B&Z Director Mike Gricus' memo regarding a pergola at Dunham Woods Riding Club in the Commercial Equestrian and W-1 Zoning District. The application is compliant with applicable Village Code zoning regulations and construction code requirements. Included was a drawing and map of the location, as well as the Historic Sites Commission Certificate of Appropriateness. There was no objection by the Board.

**Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve the Pergola as presented at Dunham Woods Riding Club, 33W333 Army Trail Road. Seconded by Trustee Bevente.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Figurski, Hull – Four (4)**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Trustees Dimitroff, Miller – Two (2)**

**Motion passed: 4-0.**

**G. Parks – Emily Miller**

No report.

**H. Technology – Guy Bevente**

Trustee Bevente reported he met with 11 respondents to the recent survey at Little Home Church on August 31 regarding suggestions for the Village website. His son, a website designer, attended as well. He's met with the owner of InfiPlex and learned the company is becoming more focused on digital e-commerce but will still help with improvements to the site. Small changes should take effect in the fourth quarter. Trustee Hull noted residents who attended the focus group spoke highly of Trustee Bevente.

**XI. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Figurski asked about filing liens for the Village mowing of the arson property on Prairie Lane. Tommy King explained photos are taken before and after mowing, are turned in to B&Z, and their plan is to file them all at the end of the season. Treasurer Levine commented that the liens may not produce enough money to cover Village costs.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Trustee Figurski made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Bevente and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia Engstrom, Clerk**

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