

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

**March 24, 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, 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
Village Engineer Brandon Portillo
Zachary M. Harbour, Harbour Contractors
Resident Steven Beaman, White Thorne Road
Resident Anna Cunanan, Army Trail Road

Public Present via Webinar: Michelle & Peter Mourousias (listed twice,) Elaine Bevente,
Mike Rakow – Five (5)

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.

Resident Anna Cunanan commented on litter, crack sealing and lamp posts.

Resident Mike Rakow provided a handout prior to the meeting and commented on short-term rentals and affordable housing via zoom.

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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 discussed possible text amendments to chickens, coops, and hens, as well as the Comprehensive Plan.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

Engineer Lynch introduced Engineer Brandan Portillo to the Board.

1. 2026 Road Program

Eng. Lynch provided a memo detailing options for the 2026 Road Program, recommending milling and resurfacing of Smith Road from Route 59 west to Powis Road, excluding sections outside Village limits. In addition to 3" of new pavement, work would include new shoulder stone and pavement markings. Estimated cost for Smith Road is \$627,000. The Board decided to split the Smith Road project into two years, resurfacing from Route 59 to Munger Road the first year, estimated \$305,000. In addition, estimated cost for various patching and shoulder stone is \$20,000.

Eng. Lynch discussed an additional project involving installation of storm sewer with inlets and paving the existing gravel parking shoulder with asphalt in front the church to address ponding issues. Estimated cost is approx. \$8,500. This item is on the March 30 Historic Sites agenda.

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

Eng. Lynch reviewed a proposed Plat of Vacation & Dedication of Easement at the above address. The homeowner is requesting vacating a portion of the existing easement and granting a new and equivalent area on the same lot to accommodate a specific house plan. A full review has not been completed as a permit application has not yet been submitted. There was no objection from the Board. Attorney Freeman will draft an ordinance to file at the county. Treasurer Levine reminded the Board all bills must be paid prior to executing the plat.

Eng. Lynch reported the storm sewers at Pratt and Guild will be jetted and televised March 27. Cost is \$10,000-\$12,000. The Village of Bartlett is providing the necessary water.

Lastly, he looked at the inlet sewer grates on Peterson. It appears the geotextile fabric from the original construction is still under the grates of the new inlets. Leaves are collecting below the grates on the fabric. He will ask Public Works to remove the fabric.

D. PARK COMMISSION

Trustee Miller reported the Commission will honor Arbor Day on April 24 with sapling giveaways at the Post Office and Wayne Elementary School. The Commission is discussing hosting a maple tap next February, a walk to view plants at Deerwood Farms, and a contest guessing the date of the crab apple blooms on Army Trail Road west of the Depot.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes March 3, 2026 – Open & Closed Session**
- B. Alphagraphics – Vehicle Sticker Direct Mailing Inv. 29126 - \$1,000.15**
- C. Approval of One (1) New 2026 Chevy Traverse Squad Car Purchasing from Sunrise Chevy Glendale Heights – Not to Exceed \$43,600.00 (Insurance Replacement)**
- D. Arbor Day Proclamation 2026**
- 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:) 09/03/2024, 09/17/2024**

Trustee Connolly made the motion to establish the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff 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, , 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. Ord. 26-02; Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Adding Section 1-6-2G Village Administrator**

Trustee Kaluzsa made the motion to approve Ord. 26-02; Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, of the Village Code to Add New Sections 1-6-2G Establishing the Office of Village Administrator.

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.

- B. Ord. 26-03; Additional Outdoor Show Days Lamplight Equestrian Center (HITS)**

Trustee Miller made the motion to approve Ord 26-03; Approving Additional Outdoor Show Days for the Lamplight Equestrian Center. 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.

C. Res. 26-R-02; Approving Employment Agreement w/ VOW and Timothy Roberts
Trustee Kaluzsa made the motion to approve Res. 26-R-02; Approving Employment Agreement
Between the Village of Wayne and Timothy J. Roberts. 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.

IX. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Clerk's Report – Patti Engstrom

No report.

B. Treasurer's Report – Howard Levine

Treasurer Levine noted the annual contribution to the Police Pension Fund and February Financials will be on the next agenda.

C. President's Report – Eileen Phipps

1. Review Rental Property Regulations

President Phipps opened discussion on Rental Property Regulations, saying she was in favor of a \$150-\$200 annual registration fee by the property owner, limiting the number of people to a bedroom, and confirming the property is well maintained with working carbon monoxide and fire alarms. The goal is to keep police informed while being respectful to the neighbors and community. Attorney Freeman preferred a rental restriction rather than a ban, agreeing that enforcement is key. The rental situation is complaint driven, making the Village reactive rather than proactive. He agreed there should be a registration fee. Trustee Dimitroff suggested annual carbon monoxide and fire alarm inspections by Building & Zoning. Trustee Bevente recommended: 1) Rental properties are owned by primary residents, not rental property firms. 2) Implementing a three-strike rule to revoke a license (1.Warning; 2.Citation; 3.Ability to revoke the license.) Board discussion ensued. Among items of agreement was the definition of a short-term rental being all or any portion of a Dwelling Unit for a period of less than 14 consecutive days; two adults max per bedroom; annual smoke alarm and carbon monoxide inspections; must be 18 or older to rent property; a fine if renting without registration; and property owner is the only person to establish a rental property. Attorney Freeman will draft an ordinance for the next meeting.

D. Village Attorney's Report – David Freeman

1. Review Affordable Housing

Attorney Freeman said the Board approved Affordable Housing Res. 25-R-04 last year but the Village did not meet three requirements. Attorney Freeman provided a revised draft and suggested the Village request the State informally review the plan. Lengthy discussion ensued. Trustee Bevente noted Wayne has an aging population of 10 years older than the national average; Wayne seniors are at 21% with the national average 16%. One in five Wayne residents are seniors. Supply and demand makes prices go up with a small, aging population. Treasurer Levine stated the Village is on well and septic, which limits multiple housing options. Attorney Freeman recommended the Village submit its recommendations until it is approved by the State.

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) The Guard & Reserve from the Office of the Secretary of Defense bestowed an award to employers who provide support to National Guard and Reserve members. 2) Scam season has begun, be alert to unknown solicitors.

Police Dept. Stats for February 2026: Dispatched Calls 280; Motor Assists 9; Accidents 3; House Watch 285; Traffic Stops 184; Citations 187.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

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

Trustee Dimitroff had one item for Closed Session.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

1. Approval of the Architect’s Contract Agreement with Larson & Darby, Inc. for 31W680 Army Trail Road Building

Trustee Connolly gave a brief overview of the Agreement between the Village and the Larson & Darby Group for repurposing the building at 31W680 Army Trail into a Village Hall/Police Station. Procedures were performed in accordance with the Illinois Professional Service Act. The architectural process has various stages and can be paused at any stage; it is the intent to pause after the Schematic Design Phase when the architect provides the Village with documents that will include preliminary designs and estimated cost of work. The Village Board and Larson & Darby will then host a Town Hall meeting to provide information and answer questions from our residents. After the Town Hall meeting, the Village Board will decide what would be in the best interest of our residents and the pressing needs of our Village staff and Police Department for a productive environment in a handicap accessible building. The contract has been reviewed by Robbins-Schwartz.

Trustee Connolly made the motion for President Phipps to execute the Contract Agreement with Larson & Darby Inc. for the building at 31W680 Army Trail Road. 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.

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

No report.

G. Parks – Emily Miller

No report.

H. Technology – Guy Bevente

Trustee Bevente met the new Lumos rep. It is still not known who is installing fiber on the east side of town. Lumos is running behind schedule, now looking at 2027 installation. On a separate matter, he and Saloni are investigating a cell signal booster for the Public Works building. He hopes to have it on the next agenda.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Kaluzsa 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 Dimitroff.

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 8:55 pm

The Board re-entered Open Session 9:25 pm

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

XIV. APPROVE ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Re-Appointment – Public Works Director Tommy King

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to Re-Appoint Tommy King to Public Works Director, effective March 24, 2026. 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.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Miller and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk