

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

**May 5, 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, Ed Hull, Karen Kaluzsa, Emily Miller – Seven (7)

Absent: None

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

Public Present via Webinar: Elaine Bevente, Anna Cunanan,
Michelle & Peter Mourousias (listed twice)

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 May 11 Plan Commission meeting will include two Public Hearings; one to amend hens, coops, and pens, and one to regulate reconstruction of destroyed buildings.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

1. Storm Sewer Cleaning & Televising

Engineer Lynch discussed cleaning and televising the north side of town; the south side was done a couple weeks ago. The Board directed him to move forward with cleaning and televising the north side.

D. PARK COMMISSION

Trustee Miller said seedlings were passed out at the Post Office April 24 for Arbor Day. She taught the two 4th grade classes at Wayne Elementary School that day including a worksheet, book presentation, and seedlings. The children were engaged, curious, and respectful. They are learning about deforestation in class, so the Arbor Day presentation was timely. Some of the children's older siblings planted Arbor Day seedlings in previous years and enough time has passed to see the rewards. President Phipps noted the Village's first celebration of Arbor Day included planting the ginkgo tree in front of the old Police Dept.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes April 21, 2026 – Open & Closed Sessions

B. Sewer Tech Inv. 2611 - \$4,875

C. Village of Bartlett Inv. 4408 - \$145.36

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 Hull.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller – Six (6)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed 6-0.

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ord. 26-04; Amend VOW Code, Add Section 10-3-14 regarding Short Term Rentals

Trustee Bevente made the motion to approve Ord. 26-04, Amending Title 10, Chapter 3 of the Village of Wayne Municipal Code to Add a New Section 10-3-14 with Respect to Short Term Rentals. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, Miller – Six (6)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed 6-0.

B. Res. 26-R-03; Employment Agreement w/ Michael G. Gricus 05/01/2026-04/30/2027 (reference Closed Session)

Trustee Miller made the motion to approve Res. 26-R-04, Employment Agreement with Michael G. Gricus 05/01/2026 – 04/30/2027. Seconded by Trustee Kaluzsa.

President Phipps asked if there was any discussion. Trustee Hull said he met with Mike Gricus last week to finalize the Agreement. The estimation of Mike's hours that are attributable to the hourly rate category of the compensation schedule is approximately 400 hours/year. The market price for such work is \$90-\$100+/hour, and Mike is willing to do it for \$80/hour. Generally, 60% or more of these hours will be specific to a permit or a homeowner issue, and as such will be paid by that homeowner/permit. The balance would be the responsibility of the Village. The net cost to the Village over and above what Mike has been getting in the past for this type of service to the Village is approx. \$5,000-\$7,000/year. Mike estimates he will be with Wayne for another 2-3 years. He will spend his time as Director on more complicated issues, easing the transition with TPI, and keeping his arms around the Department. Board discussion included revising the language in Paragraphs 8 and 9 to specifically provide that Mike shall submit his information/documentation first to the Village Administrator, and, in his absence, to the Chairman of the Building and Zoning Committee, and then, in his absence, to the Village President for her review. With those changes, the Employment Agreement was approved.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Hull, Kaluzsa, 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

Treasurer Levine stated the Village ended fiscal year April 30, 2026. The Village will receive an engagement letter from Selden Fox for Fiscal Year 2027; the auditors have agreed to keep fees the same for the coming year.

C. President's Report – Eileen Phipps

President Phipps attended the Springfield Drive Down with IML last week. Brad Cole, Chief Executor of IML, is well respected in Springfield and all points of Illinois but was not invited to participate in Gov. Pritzker's BUILD plan. The plan is drafted in part by land developers and real estate interest groups and proposes statewide zoning standards which create consequences for infrastructure capacity, public safety, and long-term community planning by increasing residential density. There is some support for the plan, but there is more opposing it. IML expects lawsuits. Such changes would greatly impact towns like Wayne. The Mayor of Algonquin spoke with Gov. Pritzker who proclaimed surprise that some communities were on well and septic. Trustee Connolly asked if the State can take over zoning by Executive Order. Attorney Freeman responded no, it must be done by legislation and it is not likely that Home Rule communities would get an exemption. Tomorrow Councils of Government is expected to gather on the steps of the Capital to lobby against BUILD and changes to LGDF. On a separate matter, President Phipps said nothing took place on Tier 2 Police Pensions.

D. Village Attorney's Report – David Freeman

Attorney Freeman believes he has all he needs to finalize the proposal for the Affordable Housing Plan. He will finalize it, send it to the State, receive their comments, then bring it Back to the Board for formal approval. Attorney Freeman stated that unless any of the Trustees have anything else to add to the Affordable Housing Plan, he believes he has all he needs to finalize the proposal. In addition, Trustee Connolly stated he had a few tweaks he wanted to make to the Plan and that he would be sending that language to the Attorney.

E. Village Administrator – Tim Roberts

Village Administrator Roberts reported the following: 1) Public Works is replacing signage, mowing, has repaired the pothole at Munger & Warwick, and is trimming trees. 2) Public Works has received the new cell booster and will help install it in the PW building. 3) He is meeting with Mike Gricus to discuss B&Z. 4) B&Z received a complaint regarding goats, abandoned vehicles, multiple vehicles on a property. Police have issued citations. 5) Administrator Roberts met with the Deputy Clerk. 6) Admin. Roberts met with residents in town regarding their concerns. 7) He spoke with DWRC to get input on the AT&T pedestals and handholds they are installing in the Village. There will be a combination of both in open space and equestrian easements.

X. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

President Phipps made the following appointments:

One Year Terms through April 30, 2027:

Chief of Police Tim Roberts, Clerk Patricia Engstrom, Attorney David Freeman - Robbins Schwartz, President Pro Tempore Ed Hull, B&Z Administrator Mike Gricus.

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

Administrative Committee Chair Karen Kaluzsa, B&Z Committee Chair Ed Hull, Park Committee Liaison Emily Miller, Development/HARP Committee Chair Ed Hull, Finance Committee Chair Pete Connolly, Public Safety Committee Chair Pete Connolly, Technology Chair Guy Bevente, Public Works Committee Chair Mike Dimitroff.

Howard Levine as Village Treasurer for three months

Two Year Commission Term through April 30, 2028:
Police Pension Board - Bonnie Dauer

Four Year Commission Term through April 30, 2030:
Historic Sites - Tony Stratton
Park Commission – Melinda Keck, Zach Ingram
Plan Commission – Jeff Gutowsky
ZBA – Joe Giagnorio, Christine Doolittle

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve appointments as presented. Seconded by Trustee Miller and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

XI. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly

Chief Roberts reported the following: 1) Chief Roberts and Deputy Chief Abruzzo attended the Professional Administrator’s Luncheon in DuPage with Admin Christine Schneider and Clerk Patti Engstrom to thank them for their admin help. 2) Lamplight Equestrian Center started its season. 3) Truck enforcement and safety has produced 966,000# overweight trucks by one officer in one month. 4) St. Charles has had increased traffic issues where the road splits at Dunham and Kirk near Royal Fox. Wayne PD has been assisting St. Charles in the area.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

No report.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

Architects have begun work on the Police Dept/Village Hall remodel. A Town Hall meeting is planned for June.

D. Administration – Karen Kaluzsa

None.

E. Development/Historic and Rural Preservation – Ed Hull

None.

F. Building & Zoning – Ed Hull

1. Closed Session Item B; Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Village Employees

Trustee Hull said there was no need for Closed Session.

G. Parks – Emily Miller

No report.

H. Technology – Guy Bevente

Trustee Bevente stated IT employee Saloni Shah has accepted a full-time job in Chicago which does not allow her to continue in the Village even on a part- part-time basis. He noted her tenure in the Village has resulted in a good return on investment and good experience for all. Feedback from Board and staff was it is valuable to have someone in that role. The Board agreed to move forward with replacing her. Saloni will stay on in a reduced capacity until a replacement is found.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

None.

XIV. APPROVAL OF SALARY AND BENEFITS AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

None.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk

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