

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

**August 19, 2025
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 Ed Hull – One (1)

**Also Present in Village Hall: Police Chief Tim Roberts
Village Clerk Patricia Engstrom
Village Attorney Steve Adams
Village Treasurer Howard Levine
Resident Mike Abbott 34W335 White Thorne Road
Resident Steve Beaman 34W269 White Thorne Road
Resident Anna Cunanan 32W235 Army Trail Road
Resident Nancy Villwock 34W250 White Thorne Road
Joe Baron, Dunham Woods Riding Club**

Present via Webinar: Seven 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. 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 should be 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 read a public comment regarding the new Public Comment rules and immediately left at 7:35pm.

President Phipps read a public comment from resident Michelle Mourousias regarding the proposed Public Comment rules. President Phipps said amending the Public Comment rules provides additional opportunity for the public to speak, it does not take away. There are now several ways to offer Public Comment: 1) Come to the meeting and speak; 2) Email your comment; 3) Speak via Zoom. The Board is open and willing to hear from residents. Attorney Adams added adopting the changes to Public

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Comment is beyond what is required by OMA, and making Zoom available is more than what is required as well. The Village is not required by law to publish comments and include them in the Minutes.

Trustee Connolly asked to move Item X.F.1. out of order.

X. F. Building & Zoning – Ed Hull

1. Sign - Dunham Woods Riding Club

Trustee Connolly introduced Joe Baron from DWRC, who has a new design for a sign to fit within the current frame along Army Trail Road in the Historic District. The design has been approved by the Historic Sites Commission, and the design was also shared with B&Z Inspector Mike Gricus.

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve the Oaklawn Farm sign as presented. Seconded by Trustee Bevente.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

IV. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STAFF

A. PLAN COMMISSION

Attorney Adams reported the Commission is working on setbacks of small sheds, reconstruction of nonconforming structures after fire or other casualty, and the Comprehensive Plan.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

No report.

D. PARK COMMISSION

No report.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes August 5, 2025 – Open Session

B. Proclamation – Constitution Week September 17-23, 2025

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

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

VII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Res. 25-R-08; Amending Village Public Comment Rules

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Res. 25-R-08; Amending the Village Public Comment Rules. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

VIII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Clerk's Report – Patti Engstrom

No report.

B. Treasurer's Report – Howard Levine

1. Seldon Fox – Professional Services Agreement

Treasurer Levine stated this proposal was not generated in response to previous Public Comments. Seldon Fox will assist the Village as a third-party vendor to prepare items under the Village's direction.

Trustee Kaluzsa made the motion to approve Seldon Fox - Professional Services Agreement as presented. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff.

Trustee Bevente expressed concerns that Seldon Fox will provide accounting assistance as well as the annual audit and shared concern with a possible conflict of interest. Treasurer Levine said the person giving assistance is not the person preparing the audit. They will not approve invoices, deposit money, create financial statements, etc., they will simply format information provided by the Village. Trustee Bevente expressed concern that the duties outlined reflected an appearance of more than data entry and quoted some research that states this is not a recommended best practice. Further Trustee Bevente stated that they will be doing what could be perceived as Bookkeeping and he didn't support that. Attorney Adams said the letter makes it clear they are not providing financial statements. Legally, there is separation between the two functions. However, he stated that the board should consider the concerns raised and they don't have to accept the proposal. Trustee Connolly said this arrangement is short term until the Village hires an Accounting Director. When a hire is in place, the contract will end. President Phipps expressed confidence going forward with Seldon Fox.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Four (4)

Nays: Trustee Bevente – One (1)

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 4-1.

C. President's Report – Eileen Phipps

1. Review License Agreement Derby Road

President Phipps asked to go into Closed Session regarding above.

D. Village Attorney's Report – Steve Adams

He is currently working on property matters, OMA, FOIA, public comment, FOIA training, remote participation, personnel, signage, review of Minutes, the IGA, and chicken coop. President Phipps said the chicken coop will be on the next meeting.

X. APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None.

XI. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Safety – Pete Connolly

1. Section 2(c)(1) Item B. Appointment, Employment, and Compensation of Village Employees

Trustee Connolly had one item for Closed Session.

Chief Roberts reported the following: 1) Wayne Elementary School opened Aug. 11. 2) Police attended the Ribbon Cutting Open House at the new Community House. 3) Police will attend Lake Eleanor Meet & Greet Aug. 24. 4) A motorcycle event supporting veterans came through town. 5) The Illinois Special Olympics truck convoy will take place. Police will place a squad on the tow truck. 6) Two horses were loose; one was caught, the other is still on the loose. 7) A tree came down at Army Trail & Powis. ComEd came out to repair the wire, Hanover Emergency Services provided assistance.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

No report.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

No report.

C. Administration – Karen Kaluzsa

No report.

E. Development/Historic and Rural Preservation – Ed Hull

No report.

F. Building & Zoning – Ed Hull

1. Sign - Dunham Woods Riding Club

**** See above, after Public Comment. ****

G. Parks – Emily Miller

No report.

H. Technology – Guy Bevente

Trustee Bevente reported the following: 1) The Trump administration wants a streamlined grant process through the states and is asking the utilities to re-apply for the BEAD grant program. Comcast and AT&T have re-applied. 2) AT&T is installing fiber internet in Dunham North, Dunham Trails, Behles subdivision, Derby Road, and Billy Burns, as well as the lots along Army Trail from the UP Railroad west to Dunham Road. 3) The government channel is no longer available for reviewing government meetings. Utilities offer IP services such as Zoom, which the Village is using for its meeting.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to go into Closed Session for Section 2©(11) Item A. Pending, Imminent or Probable Litigation, and Section 2(c)(1) Item B. Appointment, Employment, Compensation of Village Employees, and Seconded by Trustee Bevente.

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:20pm

The Board re-entered Open Session at 9:10pm

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Employee Hire

Trustee Dimitroff made the motion to approve hiring new personnel as discussed in Closed Session. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustees Bevente, Connolly, Dimitroff, Kaluzsa, Miller – Five (5)

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Hull – One (1)

Motion passed 5-0.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk

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