

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

**July 7, 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 7:35pm.

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 David Freeman
Village Treasurer Howard Levine
Village Engineer Dan Lynch
Resident Debi Phillips, 35W074 Army Trail Road (arrived 7:40pm)

Public Present via Webinar: Mike Rakow
Elaine Bevente
Michelle & Peter Mourousias

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 Mike Rakow spoke via zoom regarding Affordable Housing.

Resident Debi Phillips discussed barn sales and possible workshops on her property.

IV. APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND VOTING BY TRUSTEE

None.

V. REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STAFF

A. PLAN COMMISSION

Attorney Freeman reported the Plan Commission meeting for July is up in the air, but an agenda or cancellation must be posted by Thursday.

B. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

C. ENGINEERING

1. Geotechnical Evaluation

Eng. Lynch reported he is beginning evaluation and plans for exterior site improvements at the Police Dept. building and recommends a geotechnical evaluation of the pavement areas that will be reconstructed. Testing Service Corp. would perform 5 pavement cores taken to a depth of 10' throughout the lot to determine subsurface conditions and how much to excavate to reconstruct the pavement. Core borings would also provide subsurface conditions, which are helpful in determining potential for drywells and other methods of drainage improvements. If contamination is detected, additional testing would be necessary. He requested the Board authorize the full amount of \$8,150. The total amount includes the additional testing, if needed.

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve a Geotechnical Evaluation by Testing Service Corp. not to exceed \$8,150. 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.

Eng. Lynch discussed the 2026 Road Surfacing project held up by IDOT at 59 & Smith due to an old Red Light Camera site. A traffic light replacement is scheduled for the same site.

D. PARK COMMISSION

No report.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes June 16, 2026 – Open & Closed Sessions

B. Approval for Purchase of one (1) New 2026 Ford Squad Car from Currie Motors, Frankfort, IL – Not to Exceed \$50,567.00

C. Approval for New Police Vehicle Changeover; Emergency Lighting and Equipment Installation & Labor from ABC Electronics - Not to Exceed \$10,500.00

D. FRA Quiet Zone Affirmation

Trustee Kaluzsa made the motion to establish the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Bevente and passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

Trustee Bevente 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.

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

IX. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Clerk's Report – Patti Engstrom

Clerk Engstrom reported she was able to purchase Forever Stamps online for the Village, paying 25% of regular Post Office costs. She was able to get four 100 roll stamps for \$78 total as opposed to the cost of one 100 roll at the Post Office, resulting in big savings for the Village.

B. Treasurer's Report – Howard Levine

1. Financial Statements as of May 31, 2026 and the Month Then Ended

Treasurer Levine said revenues are in line with historic norms; expenses are 10%-15% higher than previous years.

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve Financial Statements as of May 31, 2026 and The Month Then Ended. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Trustee Bevente abstained.

2. May 2026 Disbursements

Trustee Connolly made the motion to approve the April 2026 Disbursements. Seconded by Trustee Dimitroff and passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Trustee Bevente abstained.

C. President's Report – Eileen Phipps

President Phipps thanked the Police and Public Works for keeping roads and residents safe during the recent storms.

D. Village Attorney's Report – David Freeman

Attorney Freeman reported new residents are working on a plat of consolidation in Woods of Wayne. On a separate matter, extensive FOIA requests to many communities including ours have received responses asking they provide proof they are human vs. machine.

E. Village Administrator – Tim Roberts

Administrator Roberts reported the following: 1) Public Works helped with storm damage and many downed trees. When it's not storming, they are trimming and mowing. 2) Christine Tippin started yesterday in accounting and is fitting in well. She will meet with Treasurer Levine. 3) Admin. Roberts is working on the budget. 4) Mike Gricus' laptop came in \$300 under budget. Mike is working a few new house permits; busy inspection work is being done by TPI. 5) Admin. Roberts did a zoom interview on the Homes For a Changing Region grant, a free, technical assistance program for Illinois municipalities that helps plan for future housing demand and supply, create balanced housing mixes, and address affordability and livability challenges. There are only three grant recipients.

1. Ord. 26-08; Appropriation Ordinance Village of Wayne FY 05/01/2026 – 04/30/2027
 2. Ord. 26-09; Appropriation Ordinance SSA 4 (Dunham North) FY 05/01/2026 – 04/30/2027
 3. Ord. 26-10; Appropriation Ordinance SSA 3 (Shagbark Lane) FY 05/01/2026 – 04/30/2027
- Admin. Roberts offered the above Appropriation Ordinances for review. The Ordinances will be available at Village Hall tomorrow for review by the public and must be filed by July 30. A Public Hearing and the above ordinances will be on the July 21 agenda.

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) Recent storms produced two trees were down on Glos, Dunham, and Army Trail, while one tree was down on Smith, Country Club, Powis and Will Way. Power was out over 12 hours. Elgin and Batavia received more than 5" of rain. New CSO Jessica Hayes and Hanover Park Emergency Services assisted during the storms and clean up. 2) In June, one of our Wayne Police Truck Enforcement Officer's stopped overweight trucks carrying over 555,000 tons of illegal weight resulting in more than \$48,000 in bond for release.

B. Public Works – Mike Dimitroff

Trustee Dimitroff reported the well and pump at Memorial Park has been removed and is being stored at Public Works. All is well with the County.

C. Finance – Pete Connolly

No report.

D. Administration – Karen Kaluzsa

No report.

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

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

Trustee Bevente had one item for Closed Session.

Trustee Bevente reported the following: 1) AT&T restoration has completed six addresses. The Clerk's Office reached out to residents and found them to be satisfied with the restoration. 2) AT&T will make the commitment to reach approx. 78% of homes in the Village in 2027 with fiber but will not yet confirm where. 3) T-Mobile and Lumos are moving slowly. There is no new word on Comcast. By winning the BEAD program through the State, Comcast is required to provide fiber throughout the entire Village.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Dimitroff 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 Kaluzsa.

Roll Call:

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 8:30pm. Discussion ensued. As the new hire comes from an outside contractor it was determined there was no need to go into Closed Session. The Board re-entered Open Session at 8:38pm.

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

Trustee Bevente reported he has found a replacement for Saloni Shah through NFC Solutions. Jinesh Patel interviewed with Trustee Bevente, the Clerk and Village Administrator. While his skills surpass the previous employee, he has less experience. The Master Service Agreement (MSA) is in place with term, warranty, privacy, etc. Saloni started in August 2024 at \$50/hour, Jinesh will start at \$55/hour. If approved by the Board, he will start next week. Trustee Connolly stated he thought IT was a short-term need. If the position will be on-going, he would like to have further discussion regarding position and hours. The Board had no objection to moving forward with placing Jinesh Patel in the position. Attorney Freeman said action to ratify approval of hiring Jinesh Patel should be placed on the July 21, 2026 Consent Agenda.

XIV. APPROVE ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

None.

XV. 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 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Engstrom, Village Clerk

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