

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
APRIL 29, 2025**

• **CALL TO ORDER**

President Hedden called the special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

• **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Hedden led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

• **ROLL CALL**

President Rocky Hedden: Present Clerk Staci Choate: Present

Trustees:

Gary Cline:	Present	Steve Buxton:	Present
Jarod Peyton:	Present	Tim Piper:	Present
Josh Greene:	Present	Roger Noe:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Sue Meyers, Ronnie Williams, Bill Smith, Steve Caudle, Gloria Wiggins, Meghan Wilkerson, Kenny Shreve, Vicki Chambliss, Joann McNeil, and Jerry Greenwalt.

The board conducted a Public Hearing regarding Vacating a Ten Foot Wide Public Alley. The Ten Foot Wide Public Alley was an alley in the middle of Lowell Kerans property.

President Hedden swore in the Village Clerk, Staci Choate. Clerk Choate swore in the Village President, Rocky Hedden. Clerk Choate swore in Village Trustees: Tim Piper, Jarod Peyton, and Gary Cline.

The board discussed Ordinance #624, an Ordinance to Vacate an Alley Between 305 & 401 E Center Street. Trustee Peyton made a motion to adopt Ordinance #624 and Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Peyton, Greene, Buxton, Piper, Noe, Cline. Approved.

Public Comments:

Bill Smith told the board that it was imperative that they hire a police chief soon.

Steve Caudle talked to the board about the issue recently at the school and thought if the village had a police chief that it might have helped the situation. He encouraged everyone at the village board meeting that was interested in the school to go to the next school board meeting.

Sue Meyers told the board that Kenny Shreve has the credentials to be the police chief right now and that it would not take 3 or 4 months, that he only needs 12 hours. She also told the board that they had done nothing in the last five years regarding police incidents. She argued that what had been accomplished was because of people in the town.

The board was questioned if anything had been done about the vicious dog incident which had been a topic of last month's meeting. President Hedden reported that he had talked to the owners and they had put new electric tape on the fence to keep this from happening again.

Meyers told the board they should drive around town to make a list of properties that needed cleaned up and then send certified letters and file liens on the properties. Bill Smith mentioned that it could be done but if the owners only did one minor thing that could count as working on it.

Worker Kris Shreve brought to the board a quote from Swan Analytical Instruments for \$2,655 for an expenditure for testing supplies for the water plant. The board okayed the purchase.

Gloria Wiggins questioned what was said earlier about things getting done because of the people in town and if things were done legally. Wiggins also told the board that her son had worked with Titzer and he found no problems with him.

Vicki Chambliss told the board that her property had just been hit by a tornado but she wanted to come to the board meeting because President Hedden had been to her house helping and she was tired of people badmouthing Hedden. She also mentioned the letter that had been sent to the press that was supposed to be anonymous but had not been, and that the press had told her it was also from Sue Meyers, Steve Buxton, and Tim Piper. Trustee Piper denied knowing anything about the letter. Chambliss also praised Titzer and told the board that they would be making a mistake if they did not hire Titzer.

Jerry Greenwalt stated that he and President Hedden were friends and that he thought the police chief should live in Wayne City.

Trustee Cline told the crowd that he was new to the board but was glad to be a part of it and he will do the best for the community in a Christian way.

Jerry Greenwalt asked the board who was in the running for the police chief job. It was stated that it was Justin Titzer, Kenny Shreve, and Jason Settle.

Steve Caudle asked the board who would be the police supervisor. Hedden stated that he is currently working on the Board Committees and would have it at the next board meeting.

Trustee Piper made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Greene made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

President Hedden appointed Justin Titzer as Chief of Police and it was called to a vote.

Ayes 3:	Peyton, Greene, Noe.	Approved.
Nays 2:	Buxton, Piper.	
Abstain 1:	Cline.	

Trustee Noe made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

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