

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
APRIL 6, 2020**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

President Hedden called the regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee 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:

La Donna McKinney:	Present	Chris Simpson:	Present
Ryan Austin:	Present	Tim Piper:	Present
Diana Wood:	Present	Roger Noe:	Present

No one else was present at the meeting. This was a closed meeting due to COVID-19 and Governor JB Pritzker signing Executive Order #7 dated March 16, 2020, which suspends the requirement of the Open Meetings Act. Anyone could join the meeting via Zoom, but no one called in.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Jerd Smith was not present at the meeting and no treasurer's report was given.

Regarding the Past Due Report, #0010066000, #0010176000, #0030695000, and #0030797000 bills have been paid.

Trustee Piper made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Austin, Wood, Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney. Approved.

Matt Wallace of HLR was not present at the meeting but had sent an update to Clerk Choate. The Estimate of Funds Needed was smaller than recently due to the wait on the Supplemental Permit from the IEPA to modify the backwash discharge line. Wallace indicated that the permit should be received sometime next week. The plan reviewer allowed the ordering of materials and prep work beginning for the modification. Despite the setback, Wallace believes the project will still be completed on the current schedule.

There has been a change order for an addition of an Anti-Vortex Baffle on the Clear Well drain line for \$2,300. Trustee McKinney made a motion to approve the water treatment bills for \$130,000 and the additional change order. Trustee Noe seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Wood, Simpson, Piper, Noe, McKinney, Austin. Approved.

The board discussed Ordinance #584, Being an Ordinance of the Wayne City Ambulance Service Making its Annual Appropriation for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021. Trustee McKinney made a motion to adopt Ordinance #584 and Trustee Simpson seconded the motion.

Ayes 6: Piper, Noe, McKinney, Austin, Wood, Simpson. Approved.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Employee Reports:

Clerk Choate asked the board about the possible purchase of a new printer. The clerk's printer was old and had jammed and quit working. Tom Taylor was not able to get the printer to work again. The board gave the okay for the clerk to purchase a new printer.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Piper talked to the board about purchasing a new ambulance. We had received another bid for around \$189,000. It was estimated that the village could sell the other ambulance for around \$30,000. It was decided that the village would not renew any of the Ambulance CDs that were coming due this year. The board decided to not make any big purchase during the COVID-19 pandemic, and will review this in 3 to 6 months.

Workers Ray Belmont and Jasen Tubbs had been giving mutual aid to Dahlgren by lighting pilot lights one evening when 100 of Dahlgren's customers had their gas shut off.

Trustee McKinney talked to the board about sidewalks that needed repaired in town. It was decided that they all needed inspected and the workers needed to make a list of sidewalks that needed to be repaired.

Trustee Noe told the board that bulk water at the shop building was close to being finished. Noe told the board that Worker Tubbs had made a plan and with the help of the other workers had gotten it done.

Also discussed was the bulk water rate and how this was going to work with the new change machine. The current rate for bulk water is \$8 per 1000 gallons. Noe stated that the ordinance would need to be amended to either \$.75 per 100 gallons or \$1 per 100 gallons to make it easier for the change machine. It was decided that the bulk water rate would be changed to \$1 per 100 gallons (\$10 per 1000 gallons). The clerk will have the ordinance updated.

R D J Thomas Farms has an unusually high water bill over \$2,000. The problem is the farm had a leak but the village was not sure when this happened because the meter had been estimated for several years. The reason for the estimation was because workers could not read the meter because of the gate being locked. Noe told the board that the meter was now a remote read meter so this problem should not happen again. The board decided to do the normal adjustment for a customer that has a water leak, which would be \$1,022 adjusted off. Trustee Wood will call the customer and let them know.

Noe talked to the board about the possibility of the village going to half staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that we were one of the few villages that were still working a full crew. The board discussed how the schedule might be and what that would look like with the water plant schedule. The board ended up deciding that they would stay with a full crew for now. The board decided that the village hall should be closed to the public during this pandemic.

Noe asked the board about the possibility of Aubrey Noe starting to work from home on the new website. The board decided to let Noe start working from home for now.

Noe mentioned that at the last board meeting when the storm sirens had went off at the end of the meeting that they were delayed and had not went off soon enough. The board decided to review the storm siren agreement.

Noe also talked about the cameras at the shop building. They are not good enough for what we need. Also discussed was putting cameras at the village hall. Trustee Austin will check with Troy Seidel of Technologies by Troy and get prices.

Noe talked about the park and the bathrooms. Noe did not want to close the park during this pandemic. It was decided that the village would open the bathrooms in the park. He also mentioned the basketball court at the park. The court is in really bad shape and either needs to be repaired or totally redone. The board decided that they needed to talk to someone that knows about concrete. Trustee Austin will check on this.

Noe told the board that the village needed to be thinking about getting GPS on the gas, water, and sewer systems. He estimated that the basic would be around \$10,000 and a more detailed system would be around \$26,000.

Noe said a fence that is on the south edge of the farm ground and north of the sewer lagoon needs removed and the trustees agreed.

The old John Deere lawnmower needs repair. The board decided not to have it fixed because of its age. Noe told the board that they needed to be thinking about purchasing a new mower in 2021 along with a new trailer and also maybe purchasing a mini trackhoe.

Trustee Simpson talked about junk being around the lawnmower store.

Village flooding problems were discussed and Noe does not want the village doing anything for the state until they fix the flooding issue for us. Noe also stated the rule for putting in tiles needs to be stricter.

There is confusion whether Police Chief Anson Fenton is on light duty or still off from his previous surgery. The board decided if he is still off from surgery, he should just be paid from his workmen's comp check. Trustee Austin will check on this.

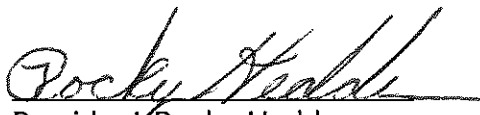
Trustee Austin told the board that he had checked with getting new locks for the community room and he is still waiting to hear back on prices.

Trustee Piper told the board that he had spoken with Sue Meyers and had told her that the Archive Committee needed to remove everything from the old library by June or July of this year.

Noe mentioned to the board that there had been an issue at the community room where a renter had left the room in a mess. The board discussed charging a deposit for cleaning and the renter would get the money back. The board decided to hold off on this for now until we see about changing the keys at the community room and charging a deposit for those.

Trustee McKinney made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Trustee Simpson seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2020