

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
MARCH 7, 2022**

• **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**

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:

Ryan Austin:	Absent	Steve Buxton:	Present
Jarod Peyton:	Present	Tim Piper:	Present
Josh Greene:	Absent	Roger Noe:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Ray Belmont, Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Jasen Tubbs, Police Chief Anson Fenton, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, Sue Meyers, Darla Green, Tesia Maxey, Pam Smith, Chelsey Sterchi, a friend of Chelsey Sterchi, Jarrod Pruitt of the Wayne County Press, and Amanda White of WFIW Radio.

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the Outstanding Accounts Report, customer #0040891A02 had moved and the property was sold. Customer #0010041002 lives in the trailer court but the account is not in their name. Customer #0010099000 is deceased. President Hedden asked if the clerk had heard anything from the demand letters sent by the attorney and she had not heard anything. Trustee Piper made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Ayes 4: Buxton, Piper, Noe, Peyton. Approved.
Absent 2: Austin, Greene.

The board discussed air conditioner quotes to remove and replace an existing unit at the village hall. The village received two bids: Woody Thomason for \$8,000 and Brian Rightnowar HVAC for \$9,350. Trustee Piper made a motion to accept the quote from Woody Thomason for \$8,000 and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Ayes 4: Piper, Noe, Peyton, Buxton. Approved.
Absent 2: Austin, Greene.

The board discussed a bill from Wayne County Humane Society for \$200 for January 2022. The contract with the Humane Society had been terminated previously. Police Chief Anson Fenton wanted to wait until the village met with the Humane Society so this was tabled.

Sue Meyers of the Ruritans spoke to the board about the banners that have been displayed around town and the need for replacements. Meyers had a quote from Sic Ink to replace the thirteen banners for \$1,042. Meyers also mentioned applying for a grant to offset the cost of the banners. No decision was made by the board.

Meyers also spoke to the board about the American flags that are periodically displayed in town. The cost for the flags is \$20 a piece and 15 brackets need replaced for a cost of \$600. No decision was made by the board.

The board discussed the on-going problem with the Kissner Lift Station, due to continued use of flushable wipes despite notices given by the village. The board discussed the possibility of raising the sewer charge for those customers. The Utility Committee will meet and get back with the board on this.

The board discussed the New Business Discount for Sweeties and Midtown Package Liquors. The New Business Discount for new businesses is full utilities paid less trash fee for owners that live in the city limits for six months and half utilities paid less trash fee for owners that live outside city limits for six months. Trustee Piper made a motion to pay Sweeties full utility bill less trash fee for six months and to pay half of Midtown Package Liquors bill less trash fee for six months. Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Ayes 4: Noe, Peyton, Buxton, Piper. Approved.
Absent 2: Austin, Greene.

Resident Tesia Maxey addressed the board about who is responsible for removing a dead tree threatening a fence on her property. She stated that no one, including the village, officially claims the property on which the tree sits.

After much discussion, the board decided to get quotes for removing the tree. The board tabled this for next month.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Chelsey Sterchi, a new village resident, addressed the board about opening a Mental Health Awareness Facility at 624 N Main Street. This facility would provide awareness and free access to mental health care on 10 acres, operating in two trailers with a roof, and plans to demolish a house on 624 N Main Street. Sterchi requested an exemption from a village ordinance forbidding use of semi-trailers or containers within village limits. This was tabled for next month's meeting.

Darla Green from the Archive Committee gave an update and apologized for not being at the last meeting and for the Archive Committee being in the community building for so long.

Employee Reports:

Police Chief Anson Fenton talked to the board about the park hours for clarification on updating the park sign. There was discussion whether the closing time should be 10:00 p.m. or at sundown. Trustee Peyton will meet with the Park/Recreation Committee on this.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Peyton told the board that all of the new playground equipment had been delivered on Friday. Worker Tubbs said that all the pieces had been inventoried.

Peyton asked if the mobile units for the Ambulance had been ordered yet. Peyton will check with the office on this.

Trustee Buxton asked about the status of the cracked window at the library. The claim had been sent in to our insurance and the insurance company needed pictures and a quote. The village is waiting on a quote.

The board discussed the leaks at the village hall. Chief Fenton did not see anything and thought the roof should be secure considering all the rain that fell last night.

Trustee Piper made a motion to go into executive session at 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

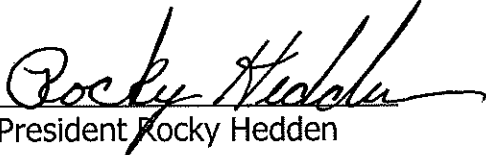
Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to go out of executive session at 8:24 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

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