

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
MAY 5, 2025**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

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

- **PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Prayer was given by Kyle Sessions and then 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, Worker Bert Clymer, Worker Jasen Tubbs, Worker Austin Schuster, Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark, Sue Meyers, Bill Smith, Steve Caudle, Misty Thomason, Jacob Thomason, Mark Dinsmore, Joe Coy, Kyle Sessions, Don Haile, Jim Eastwood, Juliana Eastwood, Laurellen Pickford, and Jarrod Pruitt.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Regarding the Treasurer's Report, the clerk told the board that she thought the Treasurer's Report was for the fiscal year and not for the month of April. She will check with Treasurer Jerd Smith tomorrow.

Regarding the Past Due Report, customer #0010049000 bill had been paid.

Regarding the Ambulance Report, they ordered bumper guards for both rigs. These should be in 6 to 8 weeks. Ambulance Coordinator Lisa Clark said that they had hit another deer and hopefully the bumper guards would help with this.

Trustee Piper made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

In Old Business, the board discussed the IRWA Apprenticeship Program. The cost of the program is \$1,200 per person. Trustee Peyton made a motion for the village to enter the four utility workers (Clymer, Tubbs, Schuster, and Fields) into the program. Trustee Greene seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Greene, Buxton, Piper, Cline, Peyton. Approved.
Abstain 1: Noe.

The board discussed putting speed humps in the park. Trustee Buxton had gotten two quotes: Uline for \$1,735.73 and Traffic Safety Store for \$2,180.80. Trustee Peyton wondered if this could be rolled into the street project for this year. The board thought that it could be. Trustee Buxton made a motion to accept the quote from Uline for speed humps for \$1,735.73 and Trustee Greene seconded the motion.

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

Don Haile thanked the board for their time and then addressed the board regarding food trucks setting up in parking lots in town. Haile believes the village should charge a fee for temporary vendors. He told the board that whenever they have set up in other towns that they always have had to pay a fee. He did not think that it should apply to the school or local organizations. The board will check on this.

Jim Eastwood addressed the board regarding a draining problem he has been having at his property at 204 N Douglas Street. He stated that there are no ditches. Worker Bert Clymer said that previous owners had parked there and he thought this is what has caused the drainage problem. Clymer and Worker Jasen Tubbs said that they will look at the issue and see what can be done to get the water to drain toward Smith Street.

Juliana Eastwood addressed the board regarding having an emergency shelter plan and where that might be. She would like to see a plan and have the village put it on their website. She mentioned that the Baptist Church had been an option for a previous storm but it had limited times when it would be open. Don Haile stated that he lived close to the church and that he would open it if anyone needed it. Trustee Buxton said that he had talked to Jeff Vaughan from Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission and they may have a plan or have grants

that we could apply for. It was also stated that the Fire Chief would be in charge in case of a disaster.

Mark Dinsmore from Country Insurance reviewed the Employee Health, Dental, and Vision plan with the board. The plan is raising \$777 per month and the plan would be effective July 1. Trustee Noe made a motion to renew the Employee Health/Dental/Vision plan and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

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

The board discussed Ordinance #625, Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025 and Ending April 30, 2026 for the Village of Wayne City. Trustee Peyton made a motion to adopt Ordinance #625 and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

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

The board discussed Ordinance #626, Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025 and Ending April 30, 2026 for Wayne City Ambulance Service. Trustee Buxton made a motion to adopt Ordinance #626 and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

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

The board discussed Ordinance #627, an Ordinance for Sale of Personal Property. The property was two truck tool boxes. Trustee Buxton made a motion to adopt Ordinance #627 and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Buxton told the board that he had met with the Street Committee and they were all in agreement of the Proposed Road Work plan. The proposal had an estimated total of \$97,000 to \$98,000 and covered the southeast part of town. It was explained that the roads that had been rocked last time would now have oil and chip, with the exception of East Section Line Road. The board discussed working with the township and using their grader but a sweeper would need to be rented. Trustee Buxton made a motion to do the Proposed Road Work plan and Trustee Cline seconded the motion.

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

The board could not review an agreement with the Wayne County Humane Society because the Humane Society had not sent the village one.

The board reviewed the Donation Request Form from Southern Illinois Critter Fixers. The board decided that the organization would have to come to a meeting to answer questions before a decision could be made.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Steve Caudle asked the board about the hiring of a police officer. President Hedden said that this would be discussed in Executive Session. Caudle complained about the bushes and tall weeds at the gas station. He told the board that they obstructed the view when trying to pull out of the parking lot and that it was dangerous. Caudle did report that the liquor store had removed the signs that had been obstructing the view.

Mark Dinsmore told the board that he was having trouble at his office with water not draining and it was affecting his building. The workers will look at it but Worker Clymer explained that the workers cannot do anything if the problem is in the middle of someone's property.

Juliana Eastwood told the board that there were no ditches on short streets.

Brandon Thomason arrived at the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Employee Reports:

Worker Clymer told the board that the adjuster had come and looked at the village hall roof. Trico is sending someone to give the village an estimate for the adjuster.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Buxton reported that he had been asked if the village could put up signs at the trailer court banning off road vehicles. The board said that this was private property and that the village could not do this but the owner of the trailer court could.

Trustee Piper told the board that a hole needed to be patched on East Section Line Road.

Trustee Piper made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Piper made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and Trustee Cline seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to hire five people for the part-time summer help: Tanner McNeil, Javen Loker, Jacob Thomason, Logan Schuster, and Kayne Gregory. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.


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

The board discussed putting the tool boxes on Facebook to sell.

President Hedden explained that they were going to advertise again for a police chief. The applications would need to be turned in by May 28.

Trustee Noe made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. and Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

Board Meeting Minutes
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