

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WAYNE CITY, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

• **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 Mike Lake 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:

Paul Bruinsma:	Present	Steve Buxton:	Present
Jarod Peyton:	Present	Tim Piper:	Present
Josh Greene:	Absent	Roger Noe:	Present

Also present at the meeting were Worker Kris Shreve, Worker Bert Clymer, Worker Austin Schuster, Worker Matt Fields, Sue Meyers, Ronnie Williams, Steve Caudle, Brian Rightnowar, Brandon Thomason, Mike Lake, Erin Fields, Bill Smith, Rob Greenwalt, Jerry Greenwalt, and Jarrod Pruitt.

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Ayes 5: Peyton, Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma. Approved.
Absent 1: Greene.

In Old Business, concerning the Re-Bidding for the Mary Neff property, Trustee Buxton is still having trouble with the attorney in Metropolis returning his calls. The board decided to have our attorney following up with him on this matter.

President Hedden stated that the opening bids for the truck would be tabled until next month.

Regarding the property by the fire station, the village has not gotten anything back regarding the survey from Round Table Survey.

The board discussed Ordinance #621 Being the Village of Wayne City, Wayne County, Illinois, Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024 and Ending April 30, 2025. Trustee Buxton made a motion to adopt Ordinance #621 and Trustee Piper seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Buxton, Piper, Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton. Approved.
Absent 1: Greene.

The board discussed Ordinance #425B an Ordinance Amending the Office of Chief of Police and a Police Department Ordinance. The ordinance did not receive a motion.

The board discussed the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Invoice. Option #1 was paying the bill in full by 11/15/2024 for \$61,875.51 and receiving a 1% discount. Trustee Noe made a motion to use Option #1 and receive the discount. Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Piper, Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton, Buxton. Approved.
Absent 1: Greene.

The board discussed a Donation Request Form from JT's Restaurant for \$200 donation for the Thanksgiving Meal. Trustee Peyton made a motion to donate \$200 to JT's Restaurant for the Thanksgiving Meal and Trustee Buxton seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Noe, Bruinsma, Peyton, Buxton, Piper. Approved.
Absent 1: Greene.

Worker Kris Shreve explained to the board about an algae issue he had been having in the reservoir. Shreve brought to the board a rough estimate of what it would cost for an ultrasonic treatment from Water Treat Technology and Sharp Electric for the electricity. The estimated total is \$7,459.24. Shreve explained that this would cut down on the amount of copper sulfate that is used. The village has spent \$10,819.95 with Barnard's for copper sulfate. Trustee Noe told the board that Vienna was shut down recently and has a "do not drink" order. Shreve also told the board that if this worked well, he wanted to try it with the sewer. Trustee Piper made a motion to purchase the ultrasonic treatment from Water Treat Technology and hire Sharp Electric for the electricity for \$7,500 to \$8,000 cost. Trustee Peyton seconded the motion.

Ayes 5: Bruinsma, Peyton, Buxton, Piper, Noe.
Absent 1: Greene.

Approved.

Trustee Peyton told the board that he thought the village should table hiring a police officer until the next election. President Hedden felt that a police officer needed hired now. There was much discussion from the crowd regarding this. Most of the consensus was that the village needed a police officer now and to not wait until the next election. It was decided that the Police Committee would schedule a meeting along with President Hedden and meet with the county sheriff's office. Bill Smith told the board that the people of Wayne City pay money for law enforcement and they deserved protection. Sue Meyers told the board that she had driven around town and had 17 on a list of properties that needed cleaned up around town.

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Public Comments:

Ronnie Williams told the board that the village should have a flashing red stop sign. The board said that this was a state highway.

Brian Rightnowar was still wanting to know about any properties that the village had for sale.

Steve Caudle told the board that he thought we needed a police officer now.

Employee Reports:

Worker Clymer told the board about an issue that the workers were having at the shop building where a business is putting stuff on the burn pile and the business has been told that this cannot be done. It was decided that the village would send a letter from President Hedden with a \$200 fine.

Worker Schuster told the board that he called about the street sign order and was told that the signs were still being made.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Peyton told the crowd that Wayne City citizens deserve to be policed and he wants to get the right person for the job. Also discussed was the ordinance for police being able to live 30 miles out of town. The board explained that it is difficult to get workers in the village limits. There was much discussion over where the new police officer should live. Bill Smith reiterated the importance of having police protection in the village.

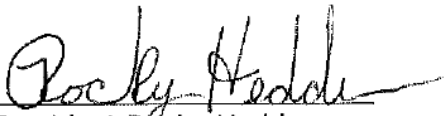
Trustee Piper thanked Brian Rightnowar for bringing gravel by the gas station and Ronnie Williams for spreading the gravel.

Trustee Piper asked what the billing cycle was for utility bills. It was stated that the meters are read on the 15th of each month.

Piper also stated that brick repair workers are currently working on the brick at the village hall. He also stated that they found some spots where the rubber is pulling away that will also need to be repaired.

Trustee Peyton made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. and Trustee Bruinsma seconded the motion.

Motion carried by a voice vote.


President Rocky Hedden


Clerk Staci Choate

Board Meeting Minutes
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