

**Minutes**  
**Village of Willow Springs Combined**  
**Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting**  
**May 14, 2015**

President Alan Nowaczyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call:**       **Present:** President Alan Nowaczyk, Trustees: George Bartik, Mario Imbarrato (arrived 7:12p.m.), Annette Kaptur, Kevin Maloney, Kathy Stanphill and Jerry Strazzante.

**Also Present:** Administrator William Murray, Clerk Adena Baskovich, Police Chief Peter Kokkinis, Public Safety Director John Murray, and Attorney Mike Mc Grath

**Public**

**Hearing:**       None

**Open Floor:**   Motion by Trustee Stanphill and second by Trustee Maloney to open the floor. Voice Vote: All Ayes. *Motion Carried.*

Dan Durkovich asked about the status on his neighbor with the metal roof. President Nowaczyk said our code book doesn't state that metal roofs need snow stops. Attorney Mike Mc Grath explained that the issue of property damage is a civil matter and Mr. Durkovich would have to take his neighbor to small claims court.

Administrator Murray stated Dan Durkovich promised to bring in a copy of a variance that the Village granted him years ago. The Village doesn't have a record of the variance and Dan has still not produced a copy to the Village. The variance is pertaining to the fact his shed is not in a legal location, if it was, the neighbors roof would not be a problem. Dan also commented that his neighbors have three apartments at their residency. The Village will check into this matter.

Barbara Rob from 8030 Howard Ave. stated that during the Bielby sewer project they damaged her bushes. Bill Murray assured her the company doing the sewer project will restore everything once the major construction is done.

Matt Buerger suggested they mill off the first 3" of the pavement, restore the base, full binder and fully resurface the streets in the Bielby area.

Motion by Trustee Stanphill to close the floor, second by Trustee Imbarrato. **ROLL CALL:** All AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. ***Motion Carried.***

**Minutes:**       Motion by Trustee Stanphill and second by Trustee Kaptur, to approve the minutes of the Combined Committee and Board Meeting held April 23, 2015.

**ROLL CALL:** ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. ***Motion Carried.***

**President:**       *President Alan Nowaczyk*

President Nowaczyk attended the WCMC Annual Dinner meeting and the main discussion was on the State withholding monies due to local municipalities. At this time State will not go through with that idea however; all municipalities will keep a close eye on this particular topic.

**Engineering:**       *Matt Buerger*

Engineer Matt Buerger reported on the following:

- The final stage of the Safe Routes to School have received the M.W.R.D.'s approval.
- Kean Ave. and 81<sup>st</sup>. St. sewer restoration is in its final stage.
- Waiting on M.W.R.D.'s approval on Ravine Water Shed Project.
- Buerger is working with the owner of 414 N. Rust Trail with their application to M.W.R.D. regarding the buy out program. The program in which M.W.R.D. will buy homes that can document they continually flood.

- Metra is reviewing the final layout of the new Metra Lot the Village will install.
- BNSF railroad line from UPS to Flagg Creek is working on its project to install more tracks. A fence that was removed will be put back in place. An overhead signal that was removed at Liberty Grove will be put back up during completion of this project.
- MS4 Permit the IEPA Village Permit for storm water permit allows the IEPA to monitor storm water.
- Once the Metra approves the Metra Lot design it will take 3 to 4 weeks to complete. M.W.R.D. is looking into the possibility of the Forest Preserve District in taking over the existing Metra Lot to use as Forest Preserve Parking.

Motion by Trustee Kaptur and second by Trustee Stanphill to approve the MS4 IEPA agreement. ROLL CALL: Trustees: ALL AYES: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.**

**Administrator: William Murray**

Administrator Murray said that Trustee Bartik had asked for Video Gambling to be placed on the agenda. The motion died on the floor due to a 3 to 3 vote. Murray reported that out of the towns located in Cook County 38 prohibit gambling and 82 allow gambling. Trustee Bartik said he would like to see it on the agenda again for a vote because the survey sent out had a strong count pro-gambling. Murray stated that 2,311 surveys sent out and the Village only received 796. The Board was hoping for a better response.

Trustee Strazzante felt the fair process would be a referendum and let the people decide.

Trustee Imbarrato's opinion was that as an actuary he believes the response were pretty accurate and that some people are wasteful with their money and they will gamble anyway.

Trustee Kaptur stated monies to local businesses are lost, due to the fact the money is spent towards gambling and that money doesn't circulate in the Village. In 2013, 1.9 million dollars were lost to gambling and in 2014, 3.5 million dollars were lost. She believes it is also a morality issue.

Trustee Stanphill would like to see the voters decide.

Trustee Bartik said he is not in favor of a referendum and believes the Board needs to help the businesses. He is against change; but he also said it is unavoidable.

Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Stanphill to direct the attorney to draft a Resolution to support a referendum for video gambling. ROLL CALL: Trustees: Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. NAYS: Trustee Bartik. **Motion Carried.**

President Nowaczyk said that he has helped businesses. Back when the State fined several of the local liquor licenses holders, he didn't impose a local fine. Nowaczyk didn't want to create an additional financial hardship. He has always supported businesses in town and will continue to do so.

<b>Attorneys:</b>	<i>Mike Mc Grath</i>	~	<i>No report</i>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<i>Arlette Frye</i>	~	<i>No report</i>
<b>Ordinances:</b>	<i>Trustee George Bartik</i>	~	<i>No report</i>

**Finances: Trustee Annette Kaptur**

Motion by Trustee Kaptur, second by Trustee Stanphill, to approve the warrants of May 14, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Trustee Kaptur, second by Trustee Stanphill to approve a payment of \$300,000 to the Police Pension. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.**

Trustee Kaptur stated the Board has worked very hard on achieving a good credit rating. Kaptur also said the Village has cut \$500,000 out of the Village budget in order to make ends meet.

**W.S. Family & Veterans Relief: Trustees: Kevin Maloney & Kathy Stanphill**

Motion by Trustee Stanphill, second by Trustee Strazzante to assist Lucyna Lisiak with medicals bills in the amount of \$500.00. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.* Two applicants did not provide the paperwork to complete their application for assistance.

**Streets & Alleys: Trustee Jerry Strazzante**

Motion by Trustee Strazzante, second by Trustee Imbarrato accept the proposal of Ridge Fence for \$21,000 for fencing for Healing Waters and Lions Park Dog Park improvements. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

**West Suburban**

**Water Commission: President Alan Nowaczyk ~ No report**

**Police and Fire: Trustee Mario Imbarrato**

Trustee Imbarrato said Tri-State Fire Chief Mancione said that Willow Springs fire rating is now a two. Mancione will give a copy of the finalized confirmation as soon as he receives it.

Tri-State fire Chief Jack Mancione has confirmed the ISO rating has improved to a two. He should receive a confirmation and formal report by the end of the summer.

The Archer and Willow Springs Road project should be done by the end of June.

Corporal Bennett, Officers Dow, Leone, Langelier and Gallero received an award for the above and beyond services as police officers.

Public Safety Director John Murray said he is currently working with the Senior Academy and they have 52 participants. Village personnel are going through driving classes. They presented Principal Karen Triezenberg of the Willow Springs Grade School with a plaque honoring her retirement. John is also working with the Prairie Bike Racing staff regarding its Championship Bike Race. They are expecting around 400 riders to participate in the race.

**Business Licenses: Trustee Kathy Stanphill ~ No Report**

**Building Committee: Trustee Kevin Maloney**

Trustee Maloney said he has been a resident for 30 years and he feels that the past three years being on the Board he has noticed great improvements within the Village and wanted everyone to know how he felt.

Trustee Maloney said there were 14 permits pulled in April and the fees collected were \$5,534.25. He encourages people to call the police if they notice no permit is on a job site.

**Village Clerk's Report: Adena Baskovich**

Clerk Baskovich felt the need to clarify to what extreme measures the Village has taken to assist local businesses. The dry cleaner wanted to move to Westmont and a place opened up and they moved. A lot of businesses had trouble with their landlord in the town-center so they moved. The economy took a turn for the worse and the effects were felt by many. The Chalet asked to extend its liquor licenses hours and the Board granted them permission. Ashbary's Coffee house came to the Board to ask for a liquor licenses; they stated it would save their business and the Board granted them the licenses as long as food was being served with the beverages. The businesses came to a Village meeting to ask for permission for A-frame signage and they were told okay. The Village Hall let the Willow Springs Business Counsel hold several meetings and even offered lunch to local businesses. The Village has given free ads in the newsletter and on the sign boards in town. The Village has held several events in order to help highlight our businesses. Clerk Baskovich commends the Board for being business friendly.

Clerk Baskovich invited everyone to attend the Coffee with the Mayor, this Saturday at the Village Hall from 10 a.m. to noon.

Baskovich announced the following:

- May 25<sup>th</sup>. Monday, the William R. Edmonson Post #832 will have its Memorial Day Ceremony in front of the Village Hall due to the construction at the Memorial Corner and asked everyone to attend. The ceremony is under ½ hour long.
- June 6<sup>th</sup>. Children's' Fishing Derby – check in at 10 a.m.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Dog Park Reopening – animals adoption and discounted services from the Animal Welfare league will be available that day
- May 12<sup>th</sup> the D.A.R.E. graduation was held at Willow Springs Grade school many dignitaries went to represent the Village.
- Clean Willow Day was the best ever and 43 were in attendance
- Clerk Baskovich congratulated the Class of 2015 wishing them success and nothing but the best!

Trustee Bartik wanted to add the Board done a very good job with the Village finances. He said Clerk Baskovich has worked very hard with the businesses. He does believe in what he stated earlier, but he did want to acknowledge the fact the efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

**Old News:** None.

**New News:** Administrator Murray said on May 30<sup>th</sup>, Imperial Oak Brewery wants to hold its 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party. They will pull all the proper permits regarding the events of the day.

Administrator Murray said Dave from Kay's Food and Liquor's son is getting married at the Village Hall on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Kaptur to hold Executive Session for the purpose contracts, personnel and possible litigation. VOICE VOTE: All AYES. **Motion Carried. 8:58 p.m.**

Motion by Trustee Kaptur and second by Trustee Stanphill to come out of Executive Session and resume the Regular Combined Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting. Voice Vote All Ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Roll Call: Present: President Nowaczyk and Trustees; Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Strazzante. Voice Vote: ALL AYES. **Motion Carried.** Time 9:28 p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk