



The Mayor noted Officer Gagle's 25 years of devoted law enforcement service, beginning with her career with the Burbank Police Department. Before retiring from the Burbank PD, Officer Barb spent 22 years assigned to Police Units including: Patrol, Criminal Investigations and Crime Prevention.

In addition, she served as her Department's School Resource Officer at Reavis High School. Officer Barb also attained formal training as a D.A.R.E. Officer and Seniors Investigations Officer.

Her outstanding service as a D.A.R.E. Officer most recently was recognized in a ceremony held in Peoria, IL in May 2015.

"The Willow Springs Police Department gained a Valuable Resource—and the Village of Willow Springs Residents gained a Valuable Friend— when Barb Gagle joined the Village in December 2010. Since then she has put her training to work by establishing and maintaining a successful D.A.R.E. Program for the Students of Willow Springs."

The Mayor continued, "Officer Barb's dedication and relentless pursuit of better educating our children through drug and safety programs has heightened the resolve of the Willow Springs Police Department to Ensure the Safety of All Children. The overall success of the Department's Mission is directly attributable to Barb's passion to infuse enthusiasm in both the students and staff alike." Mayor Nowaczyk said the local D.A.R.E. Program has been the best it has ever been since Officer Gagle took charge.

Also noted was Officer Gagle's work with Seniors and those who live alone in the Village, and also her constant participation in local community events. She was awarded a plaque and script with the "Sincerest Appreciation" of Chief Kokkinis and the Police Department and Mayor Nowaczyk and the Board of Trustees.

**OPEN  
FLOOR:**

Motion to open the floor to the public, by Trustee Jerry Strazzante, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Annette Kaptur, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.)

Resident Kathy Wendell, a resident of Willow Boulevard at Renaissance Station and a volunteer who has been instrumental in organizing the Dog Park and related events, commented that Public Works did a fantastic job at the annual opening day at Central Bark Dog Park. She added that Animal Welfare participated in the opening and was able to place pets with families at the event and provide discounted services to pet owners. Animal Welfare, she said, would like to come back next year. By Board consensus it was agreed to have Mrs. Wendell contact Animal Welfare to participate again next year.

No other public comments.

Motion to close the floor to the public, by Trustee Mario Imbarrato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Annette Kaptur, voice vote: (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes dated June 11, 2015 by Trustee Jerry Strazzante, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kathy Stanphill. Trustee Imbarrato noted he was absent for the June 11, 2015 meeting. His name will be removed from the record. (All ayes, Trustee Imbarrato abstained, and the MOTION CARRIED, 5-0.)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Nowaczyk reported that we are only weeks away from the annual Benefit Car Show on August 6. He thanked the volunteers, staff and Trustees who have been working very hard to plan the Show.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Engineer Buerger reported on the following construction projects:  
The Village received 7 bids ranging from \$135K to \$190K. The lowest was \$135,612 from J&R Asphalt. The Engineer's recommendation is to accept and award street repairs at Bielby, Howard and 80<sup>th</sup> to J&R.

Ravine Avenue Watershed storm sewer plans are read to go out to bid. The first phase of this project improved the alleyway off Blackstone between Spring and Hill. This is the second phase which will be funded as part of MWRD's local charter to improve drainage projects within their jurisdiction.

The Village has added an additional grant application to obtain assistance in planning and design of a Complete Streets Policy. Such a policy will aide in future grant applications for bike amenities and encourage IDOT to include such provisions when funding road improvements in the Village. The Village had originally applied for a CMAP grant which required a 90-10 split with the Village providing the lessor contribution. The second application is with Active Transportation Alliance, which is offering a 100% funded grant.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S  
REPORT:**

Administrator Murray reported that the Village would be meeting with IDOT next week to discuss possible funding for a roadway to from Willow Springs Road to Route 83.

**ATTORNEY'S  
REPORT:**

Attorney McGrath reported that a person who was involved in a traffic accident involving a former Police chief has reached a settlement regarding a legal claim against the Village. Attorney McGrath recommended the Board approve the negotiated settlement, which will pay for injuries sustained in the accident. The Village's insurance carrier will pay most all of the settlement.

**TREASURER'S  
REPORT:**

Treasurer Frye reported that the annual Appropriations Ordinance discussed in the Public Hearing will come up for a vote in the Ordinance Committee.

**ORDINANCE  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Bartik reported that the Village annual Appropriation Ordinance is ready for the Board to vote on in the amount of \$11, 282, 759. Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-O-13 by Trustee Bartik, 2nd by Trustee Kaptur (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.)

Trustee Bartik proposed the adoption of an ordinance amending the Village policy for handling the Police Forfeiture Account. Treasurer Frye explained that new policies in the proposed ordinance came as a result of a recent audit of the account. Trustee Imbarrato suggested record-keeping include email documentation to make reporting easier when information is requested. Administrator Murray explained that the Fund now will be part of the same process used for all other Village funds. Treasurer Frye and he have been trying to implement this procedure for more than a year. Trustee Bartik made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-O-14, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Imbarrato (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.)

**FINANCE  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Kaptur read the warrants for June 25, 2015 and July 9, 2015 into the record. Motion to approve the warrants dated June 25, 2015, by Trustee Kaptur, 2nd by Trustee Stanphill, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.)

Motion to approve the warrants dated July 9, 2015, by Trustee Kaptur, 2nd by Trustee Stanphill, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.)

Trustee Kaptur noted that the Finance Committee will begin work on a refunding proposal from Speer Financial to reduce bond payment amounts and save the Village money.

**BUSINESS LICENSE  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Stanphill in her capacity as a Board representative on the Veterans and Family Relief fund discussed two applications for relief from local residents. Trustee Stanphill made a motion to approve a \$1,000 payment toward rent for Melanie Matula, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strazzante, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.) Trustee Stanphill also reported that the Board received a thank you card from Margaret Barnick who received assistance to purchase hearing aids. She has been using the hearing aids successfully and thanked the Village for its help.

**STREETS & ALLEYS  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Strazzante made a motion to approve the Bid of J&R Asphalt of \$135,612 for the Bielby Subdivision road work, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Imbarrato (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.)

**POLICE & FIRE  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Imbarrato reported the Police Department has been upgrading its Capers reporting software system and officers are in the process of training on the system.

Trustee Stanphill reported that the Police Department had followed on the detour route on 91st Street near the Windings Subdivision where NICOR is updating and maintaining its equipment. It was agreed to post the information for residents on Village electronic media.

**BUILDING  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Maloney gave the June Permits Report. A total of 20 permits were issued for a construction value of \$250,143 and a permit value of \$8,443.16. The 2015 cumulative amount equals 104 permits, \$1,329,194 construction value, and \$42,715.97 permit value.

Trustee Maloney made a Motion to return road and landscaping bonds of \$2,250 for work done at 302 Beech which Building Consultant Keslin has signed off on, 2nd by Trustee Kaptur, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.)

Trustee Strazzante asked that staff look into the status of the new sign installation at Kay's Liquors.

**CLERK'S  
REPORT:**

Administrator Murray reported that the Clerk's Office received a solicitor's license request for a local resident who represents Edward Jones investments. The Board reinforced that the Police ensure our local ordinances are adhered to regarding soliciting at homes. Attorney McGrath opined that he didn't believe we could restrict the type of soliciting allowed in the Village.

Also noted was that the Police have been working diligently to put up signage and arrange traffic control for the Illinois State Bike Race on Sunday July 19, between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. More than 600 riders have signed up so far for the day. Those numbers are way up from previous years of racing in Willow Springs, probably due to the event being held on a weekend.

Another co-sponsored local event, the Midwest Brewer's Fest, will be held in the Village Center on August 22.

The Board agreed to amend the agenda to discuss new and old business prior to an executive session.

**NEW  
BUSINESS:**

Trustee Kaptur noted that the Cal-Sag Trail has reopened. The Cal-Sag has been renovated and plans are to connect it the trail systems including the Centennial and I&M.

**OLD  
BUSINESS:**

Trustee Bartik wanted to make sure the entrance to Old Willow Shopping Center was still on schedule to get a sign installed at the entrance when IDOT construction is completed.

Trustee Strazzante wanted to follow up on the status of the demolition of the former Sma's Hot Dogs on Archer at Willow Boulevard. Attorney McGrath said his office would revisit contacting the owners to notify them of the hazard the building poses. Administrator Murray noted that the unpaid property taxes far exceed the property valuation.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

Trustee Kaptur made a Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of acquisition of land and litigation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Imbarrato, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.)

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to come out of Executive Session, by Trustee Imbarrato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kaptur, Voice vote, all ayes. Roll Call: Mayor and all 6 Trustees are present.

Trustee Kaptur made a Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Imbarrato, Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.