

Minutes
Village of Willow Springs Combined
Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting
August 13, 2015

President Alan Nowaczyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m. President Nowaczyk asked for a moment of silence in honor of the lives lost do to the terror attack on the Tennessee Military Base.

Roll Call: **Present:** Trustees: George Bartik, Mario Imbarrato, Annette Kaptur, Kevin Maloney, Kathy Stanphill and Jerry Strazzante.

Also Present: Administrator William Murray, Clerk Adena Baskovich, Public Safety Director John Murray, Public Works Foreman Ton Sinagra and Attorney Elizabeth Shine

Public Hearing: None

Presentation: Leslie Phehmeister from Active Transportation explained the importance of the Complete Streets Plan. It is a street concept that would include all kinds of travel on streets, bike, walking and cars. By making streets with all concepts in mind it will increase the quality of life for everyone. There is a grant the Village can apply for and there would be no cost to the Village. This is a great opportunity and once other entities know the Village is compliant it would open other doors to the Village. It doesn't necessarily mean adding bike lanes to preexisting streets but widening would also work.

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

Mark Radulski from 10933 Ursula Dr. stated the railroad is dumping railroad ties on the back of his property, and feels this will create flooding.

Anna Campos was disappointed as many of the audience that was present for the purpose of the Railroad extending its tracks.

Tom and Linda Palizinski asked if the Village could write the Railroad tickets for blowing the horns on the trains.

Yvonne Palow complained about the smell over by Ursula Drive.

Ken Schroeder from 10935 Ursula Dr. stated that ever since the viaduct was put in he hears more train noise.

The Board explained multiple times that the Village does not have jurisdiction over the Railroad. The Railroad owns the property and can basically do what they want on its property. The Village cannot write tickets for the train whistles. The trains are required by law to blow their horns for a certain amount of time or they could be fined. They don't even blow the horn as long as they are required to.

The Village has been working for 8 years on getting a quiet zone. It is a long and lengthy process and the Village has committed to seeing this through.

The Board has directed Administrator Murray to contact the Railroad to see if they would meet with the Village to discuss the removal of trees and their plans for expansion.

The Railroad has been working with the Village regarding the replacement of a sound wall behind the Windings subdivision. The Board tried to explain the Railroad does not contact the Village ahead and let them know their plans. They have to understand there is a security matter involved.

The Board said they would see what they could do.

The smell at Ursula Dr. is the drainage area by the retention pond. They will check into this matter further.

Linda Kawluzinsk from Forest Woods Drive said the Village doesn't look good due to all the overgrown grass and weeds.

Penelope Sokolowski of 11040 Forest Woods Dr. also said the Village needs to let the residents know what the Railroad Company is doing. The Board explained again, the Railroad doesn't inform the Village regarding its operations. Penelope is a retired employee of the railroad, she called them and they did not return her call. She also expressed concern on what the Railroad is transporting.

The Board asked if she would be the point of contact for the Village and to the residents, she agreed but didn't leave her contact information.

Ryan De Paola, from 8605 Dunbar Street, asked when they will be patching his street. Public Works will be starting patching tomorrow.

Linda Arturi asked if the speed bump will be put back on Liberty Grove Drive. The Board has received no calls asking for them to be put back in. They would have to be removed for winter. They will see if that area warrants a speed bump. The Police have monitored that area with the L.E.D. trailer sign and Police and there were just a couple of violators.

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

Minutes: Administrator Murray will have the July 9, 2015 minutes done for the next meeting.

President: *President Alan Nowaczyk*
President Nowaczyk reported the West Suburban Water Commission has recently repaired six water main breaks.

President Nowaczyk read a thank you note from Police Officer Barbara Gaggle. She was extremely touched and humbled by the Village acknowledgement of her years of service.

Engineering: *Engineer Matt Buerger*
Engineer Buerger reported on the following:

- Willow Walk the GEO technical work is complete
- Kean Ave. sewer lift project is done
- A bicycle plan will be created for C-Map pertaining to the Green Corridor
- Crescent Court sewer work will cost \$52,000 it is emergency repair it is a section that is 20' by 25'.
- Completion date of August 18 and 19 for Bielby, Howard, 80th Place and Joyce Lane. They will have a final walk through and create a punch list for those projects.

Administrator: *William Murray*
Administrator Murray reported on the Midwest Brew Fest. It will be Saturday and run from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. They will have the whole grounds cleared by 11 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Stanphill and second by Trustee Kaptur to accept the Midwest Brew Fest agreement. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.**

Attorneys: *Elizabeth Shine* ~ *No report.*

Treasurer: *Arlette Frye* ~ *No report.*

Ordinances: *Trustee George Bartik* ~ *No report.*

Finances: *Trustee Annette Kaptur*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur, second by Trustee Strazzante, to approve the warrants of August 13, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

W.S. Family & Veterans Relief: *Trustee Maloney & Stanphill* ~ *No report.*

Trustee Stanphill said the Car Show was well done and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Motion by Trustee Stanphill to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session for the purpose of possible litigation. ROLL CALL: Voice Vote: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*
9:18 p.m.

Motion by Stanphill and second by Strazzante to come out of Executive Session and resume the Combined Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting. ROLL CALL: VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES:

Minutes: Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Kaptur to release the following Executive Session Minutes: 3-10-2011, 3-31-2011, 4-29-2011, 8-11-2011 and 2-16-2012. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Streets & Alleys: *Trustee Jerry Strazzante*

Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Stanphill to award the bid for the Ravine Watershed Project phase two to Lifco for the amount of \$146,464. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Police and Fire: *Trustee Mario Imbarrato*

The following police update was reported:

- Capers installation is in the final stage
- Field training is on going for the Police Dept.
- The Senior Citizen Academy will have their final outing on Sept. 4th
- 30 Officers have received their recertification for taser and rifle training
- In September there was an attempted robbery, 3 offenders were caught and charged, Officers involved were Bencik, Leone and Soltis.

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Stanphill to declare the Fire Department Smoke Trailer only as surplus VIN#1F9TK36253M217450. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

The contents of the trailer will be on the next agenda.

Fire Chief Jack Mancione reported on Safety Readiness plans for Willow Springs. Mancione attended a hazmat meeting with 10 State representatives. They discussed a telephone application that you can download and take a picture of a trailer and it will tell you the specs and contents and speed of the trailer. There will be a Hazardous Training in Mc Cook this November.

Tri-State protects 6 municipalities and covers two counties. They have strategic plans in place in case of an emergency. The Police, Fire, Public Works and the Administration work together in case of an emergency. Tri-State will be passing its budget August 31st.

Business Licenses: *Trustee Kathy Stanphill*

Trustee Stanphill was please to announce the M Salon and Day Spa is working on locating in the town center. The Board was very welcoming to the aspect the new business.

Building Committee: *Trustee Kevin Maloney*

Trustee Maloney thanked the residents for coming out to the Board Meeting. He said there were 26 permits pulled in July and the fees collected were \$12,427.75.

Village Clerk's Report: *Adena Baskovich*

Clerk Baskovich thanked all the volunteers, staff and department heads for making the car show such a great success this year. She also said the River Thru History will be September 12 and 13th.

Old News: The Board was asking when the Centennial Bike Trail will reopen. The Board also wants to discuss the property maintenance ordinance. That ordinance would deal with recreational vehicles, trailers and boats.

The Board wants follow up on Kay's Food and Liquor Sign. They were allowed a temporary permit to install the base last Autumn before the ground started to freeze, however they have not brought in their permit for the sign approval as to date.

New News: Trustee Kaptur heard that the State is holding back the revenues owed to towns from the video gambling machines until the State can balance its budget.

Governor Rauner has allowed liquor establishments to hold "Happy Hour" if the municipality allows it. This is an issue the Board needs to determine.

Trustee Kaptur would like to see a bicycle safety day to educate adults and children on proper bike usage.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Imbarrato.
Voice Vote: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.* Time 10:57 p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk