

**Minutes**  
**Village of Willow Springs Combined**  
**Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting**  
**September 10, 2015**

President Alan Nowaczyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Roll Call:**       **Present:** President Nowaczyk, 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, Police Chief Peter Kokkinis, and Attorney Mike Mc Grath

**Public**

**Hearing:**       None

**Presentation:** President Nowaczyk acknowledged Meagan Monteleone for her charitable donation of \$125 that she earned at her lemonade stand. She held it during the car show and wanted the money to go to the Willow Springs Family and Veterans Relief Fund. This is the second year the Meagan has done this.

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

Joan Fries from Hill Street thanked the Board for working on the drainage problem by her house. She said so far it has helped.

Engineer Matt Buerger reported that the storm sewer project under School District 108 parking lot is done with the exception of restoration. The north-side of Hill Street the grading is being done and the restoration will follow.

Motion by Trustee Strazzante to close the floor, second by Trustee Stanphill. 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. Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Kaptur to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 Combined Committee and Board Meeting. ROLL CALL: Trustees: ALL AYES: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

**President:**        **President Alan Nowaczyk**

President Nowaczyk reported he attended the Bull Frog Campsite ribbon cutting ceremony. This area will be geared toward Civic group's families and they will hold outdoor activities. Nowaczyk commented on how well done the area was.

President Nowaczyk told everyone that the River Thru History will be held this weekend at Columbia Woods and encouraged everyone to attend.

**Engineering:**     **Engineer Matt Buerger**

Engineer Buerger reported on the area of Healing Waters. He stated that the properties there are in a flood plan area and the drainage is overland. The water continues through some backyards and drains in the Healing Water Retention Pond. Public Works dug some of the debris out from the area. The problem stems from illegal fly dumping. The debris slowly rots and smells and eventually turns into dirt that clogs the natural drainage area. The police was directed to patrol more, however the area is hard to see from the street so the Village will be depending on residents to report anyone dumping.

The Board stated they want no dumping signs with the fine amount clearly posted so it wouldn't be a judgment call on behalf of police personnel.

**Administrator:**   **William Murray**

Administrator Murray reported the B.N.S.F. Railroad doesn't have a representative in the Chicagoland. They are based out of Texas. Murray did make contact with the railroad and they said a contact person for the area would be calling him Monday.

Metra Lot bids came in rather favorable for the Village. There were five bids with Abbey paving submitting the low bid of \$337,879.

Active Transportation and Complete Streets is well underway. The first steering committee will attend a meeting on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> in Orland Park. In March of 2016 the Village will pass an ordinance that will cover the Complete Streets issue.

On September 2, 2015 the Urban Land Institute (ULI) came to Willow Springs to work on the MWRD Business District area. They interviewed President Nowaczyk, Administrator Murray and the businesses located along the river and railroad tracks. They worked through the day and gave the Village a report of its findings that evening. They were impressed with the Willow Springs location. They thought the area was extremely unique and like no other; due to the fact this section of industry offers three types of transportation, by land, rail and water. They will submit a final report once it is completed.

Administrator Murray said he needs an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

**Attorney:** *Mike Mc Grath*

Attorney Mc Grath explained Ordinance 2015-O-15 is solely for the purpose of housekeeping issues. The ordinance will state the Village Board needs to take action within 90 days of accepting a Planning and Zoning Recommendation. This means the Board can accept, deny, table issues coming from the P.Z. Commission. Many towns do have an ordinance like this. It stops the developer from not moving forward on an issue and also aides in the Board to take action to move items along and not to become dormant.

**Treasurer:** *Arlette Frye* ~ *Not Present.*

**Ordinances:** *Trustee George Bartik*

Motion by Trustee Bartik to table the Ordinance 2015-O-15 until the verbiage is worked out in the ordinance, second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve the Proclamation Declaring October 2015, as Fire Safety Month, second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve the Proclamation Declaring December 2015, as National Anti-Impaired Driving Month, second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Bartik to accept the Planning and Zoning Recommendation to create an ordinance regarding the Village Board taking action within 60 days after the Planning and Zoning recommendation is approved at a Village Board Meeting, second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

**Finances:** *Trustee Annette Kaptur*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur, second by Trustee Stanphill, to approve the warrants dated August 27, 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 the warrants dated September 10, 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.*

**Streets & Alleys:** *Trustee Jerry Strazzante*

Trustee Strazzante reported Cedar Street residents have been notified the West Suburban Water Commission is beginning the water restoration project. The link is on the water department web-site for information pertaining to the project.

Motion by Strazzante and second by Trustee Stanphill to award the bid for the Metra Lot to Abbey Paving at \$337,879 but not to exceed \$362,000 and the Village will request additional patching while they are in the area. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

**Police and Fire:** *Trustee Mario Imbarrato*

The Village of Willow Springs has achieved a fire rating of 2. The Village will link the statement to our Face Book and Web-site.

The Police and Fire Depts. will go through training in September. The Police Department will take part in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, held Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the time of year to rid your medicine cabinet of all unwanted and/or out of date medicines.

The Fire and Police Departments are working hard on their Open House, scheduled for Saturday, September 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Several activities are planned for the day.

Officer Bennett received a commendation for the apprehension of armed robbers. Officers Leone, Opeka and Lanham also received recognition for the efforts in the apprehension of the armed robbers.

Investigator Specialist, Maggie Murray, was commended on the good job drawing the composite picture of the rapist from Darien.

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

**Building Committee:** *Trustee Kevin Maloney*

Trustee Maloney reported that in August 2015 there were 26 permits pulled and the fees collected were \$12,086.64.

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

Clerk Baskovich thanked all the volunteers, staff and department heads for taking part in the September Candle Vigil.

Baskovich announced that on Oct. 3 the volunteers will host Wicked Willow. There will be a bonfire, hayrides, pumpkin hunt and refreshments for all. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> in the Public safety area there will be an Open House. The fire department is looking for volunteers.

**Old News:** Trustee Imbarrato asked if the Village could check out why there is water at the corner of Chaucer and Willow West Dr. Trustee Strazzante said the water commission has been out there and there is not a water leak. Clerk Baskovich mentioned it could be a natural spring. Trustee Strazzante said he commends Burr Ridge, because the lots in Burr Ridge that border Willow Springs, the Village made them clear the lots of the weeds. Strazzante said we need to do the same in Willow Springs.

**New News:** The Board said the fine for dumping should be stated minimum fine \$250.

Trustee Kaptur announced the I.T.U. World Championship will be held in Chicago. Several athletics from all over the world will be there. It is a great chance to see them compete and those competing will receive credit towards the Olympics held in 2016. Tom Kaptur will be competing in his category and will represent team U.S.A.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Kaptur.  
Voice Vote: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.* Time 9:58 p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk