

**Minutes
Village of Willow Springs Combined
Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting
September 24, 2015**

President Alan Nowaczyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

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

Absent: **Trustee:** Mario Imbarrato

Also Present: Administrator William Murray, Clerk Adena Baskovich, Police Chief Peter Kokkinis, and Attorney Mike Mc Grath

Public

Hearing: None

Presentation: None

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

Mary Lou Edwards, from 8135 Westport Ln., said she had planted Willow Trees by the retention pond. The trees died and she would like the Village to replace them. The Village does not allow Willow Trees, they are against our ordinance, however the Board will look into the matter in the Spring of 2016. Ms. Edwards also said the dog park is the best she has ever seen and thanked the Board. President Nowaczyk acknowledged the Wendells for their hard work on helping create the dog park.

Mark Radulski, a resident, was included in a conference call amongst, Engineer Buerger, Administrator Murray and Andy from BNSF. BNSF intensions are to build two more rail lines. Their projected end of construction is scheduled for November 2015. They were told the wall will be put back up along with the signals, as mandated.

Administrator Murray said they are trying to get a meeting in town. The conference call did address several items of concern. There will be a flood guard built to mitigate flood water, since water drainage is a concern of the Village. The BNSF will work with the Village regarding these matters. The Board discussed the possibility of a letter to all the residents pertaining to the train situation.

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

Minutes: Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Stanphill to approve the minutes of the Sept. 10, 2015 Combined Committee and Board Meeting. ROLL CALL: Trustees: ALL AYES: Bartik, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Stanphill to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2015 Combined Committee and Board Meeting. ROLL CALL: Trustees: ALL AYES: Bartik, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

President: *President Alan Nowaczyk*

President Nowaczyk read a letter from the Wounded Warriors Project thanking the Village of Willow Springs for its generous donation of \$1,000 to their cause.

Engineering: *Engineer Matt Buerger*

Engineer Buerger reported on the following: the construction of the Metra Lot has started and there may be a week or two delay in receiving the permit from the Railroad. The Hill St. project is near completion, and the first pay request is in. A Complete Streets workshop was held last Thursday and Friday. Early in 2016 they will be looking for a Resolution pertaining

to the Complete Streets Project. They will put together a letter for the commuter next week pertaining to the Metra entrance being moved and the lot being temporarily closed.

Administrator: *William Murray*

Administrator Murray met with B.N.S.F. Railroad, Cook County Forest Preserve District, President Nowaczyk and Terry O'Brien from K-Plus regarding a frontage road along the Cal-Sag. They followed up immediately to present a concept to the Plan Commission regarding the frontage road. I.D.O.T. does have some available funding and the Village is hopeful they can acquire some of those funds.

Attorney: *Mike Mc Grath* *No Report*

Treasurer: *Arlette Frye* *Not Report*

Ordinances: *Trustee George Bartik*

Motion by Trustee Bartik to accept **Ordinance 2015-O-16** regarding Planning and Zoning regulations, second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Bartik to table **Ordinance 2015-O-17** until the language has been worked out in the ordinance this will assist enhancing the auditing procedures, second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Bartik to accept **Resolution 2015-R-10** Opposing the disconnection of United Parcel Service property 52 acres along Willow Springs Road, second by Trustee Stanphill. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Finances: *Trustee Annette Kaptur*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur, second by Trustee Stanphill, to approve the warrants dated September 24, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Trustee Kaptur stating the Tax Levy will be coming up for approval shortly.

W.S. Family & Veterans Relief: *Trustee Maloney & Stanphill*

Trustee Maloney said Lyons Township Mobile Food Pantry will be in Justice on Oct. 20 and in Summit in November at St. Blaze Church. More information can be found on the Lyons Township and Village web-site and facebook. More information can be obtained by contacting 773 247-3663.

Streets & Alleys: *Trustee Jerry Strazzante* *No Report*

West Suburban

Water Commission: *President Alan Nowaczyk* *No Report*

Police and Fire: *Trustee Mario Imbarrato* *No report*

Business Licenses: *Trustee Kathy Stanphill*

Motion by Trustee Stanphill and second by Trustee Strazzante to accept the 2015-2016 Business Licenses for Headbang Warehouse (hair salon and photography studio). ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Building Committee: *Trustee Kevin Maloney* *No Report*

Village Clerk's Report: *Adena Baskovich*

The Village will be hosting Wicked Willow on Oct. 3rd. Saturday from 4p.m. to 8p.m. at Lions Park. The Committee has planned a bonfire, games, a D.J., hayrides and more.

October 10th the Police Dept. and Tri-State is planning a wonderful open house. S.W.A.T. Team and multiple organizations will be there.

The Drug Take Back will be Saturday from 9a.m to 2p.m. at the Willow Springs Police Department. The State runs this program once a year giving the opportunity to dispose old prescriptions at local Police Departments.

Clerk Baskovich received a letter requesting a discount on the sewer and refuse bill from Rebecca Courtright due to a water leak at Courtright's Restaurant. The Board has always denied any request stating it is the property owner's responsibility to watch over their property. The Board does sympathize with their situation, but the Board agreed they cannot due anything about the bill. People have come to the Board in the past and they all have been denied. The Water Dept. at their own expense had a plumber check into the problem and the finding was no fault of the water dept. or State's construction. The Board agreed to waive the late fees but Courtright's will be responsible for the remainder of the sewer and refuse bill.

Clerk Baskovich asked Attorney Mike Mc Grath is he could look into a resolution that would allow the Village to destroy tapes from Executive Session Minutes once the minutes are processed and released. Mike will check into the matter.

Old News: Administrator Murray stated the bike trail is scheduled to reopen on Oct. 17, 2015.

New News: The State has had a problem with the retaining wall west of Willow Springs Road and Archer Ave. The utilities in the easement have created a problem.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Kaptur. Voice Vote: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.* Time 8:34p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk