

**Minutes
Village of Willow Springs Combined
Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting
January 14, 2016**

President Alan Nowaczyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: President Nowaczyk, Trustees: Mario Imbarrato, Kevin Maloney, and Jerry Strazzante.

Absent: Trustees: George Bartik, Annette Kaptur and Kathy Stanphill

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

Public

Hearing: None

Presentation: Administrator Murray said the presentation for “Complete Streets” has been moved to January 28.

Minutes: None

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

Engineering: *Engineer Matt Buerger* ~ *Absent*

Administrator: *William Murray*

Administrator Murray stated the (MWRD) Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will not purchase Mr. Russo’s home at 412 N. Rust Trail. They can only purchase so many homes at one time. They have not given a reason for its decision. Tollway Highway Authority has allocated 1.7 billion dollars to reconstruct parts of the toll road. Residents have stated flooding began after construction work on the tollway. The Village is working with the different entities regarding the flooding.

The newly constructed Metra Lot is up and running. The system to collect the fees has been working well and feedback has been positive.

Attorney: *Mike Mc Grath* ~ *No Report*

Treasurer: *Arlette Frye* ~ *Absent*

Finances: *Trustee Annette Kaptur* ~ *Absent*

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato, second by Trustee Strazzante, to approve the warrants dated January 14, 2016 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

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

The Committee met and at this time denied the application supplied by Mr. Epps.

Streets & Alleys: *Trustee Jerry Strazzante*

The Archer and Willow Springs Road project will be completed soon. The Village has asked I.D.O.T. for the following: 1) not to park construction trucks under the bridge 2) to use bigger signage 3) to fix the sidewalk east of Market Street along Archer, they raised the grade creating an access problem 4) to clean up at the end of each day 5) to repair any damage to Willow Boulevard.

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

Business Licenses: *Trustee Kathy Stanphill* *Absent*

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Maloney to approve the Capri Sport’s Business License for a restaurant and bar. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Imbarrato,

Maloney and Strazzante. NAYS: None. **Motion Carried.** President Nowaczyk stated the liquor licenses Class D was still on the books therefore it was available for Capri Sport.

Trustee Imbarrato asked about the progress on Winchester Brewing Company. Clerk Baskovich said during the creation of Liquor License Class G & H the hours were overlooked. The board recommended 10a.m. to 11p.m. for Class H. The Village will continue the overview of all the Village licenses. Direction to the attorney from the Board to amend the Class H Liquor License to include to hours of operation from 10a.m. to 11p.m.

Building Committee: *Trustee Kevin Maloney*

Trustee Maloney reported that in December 2015 there were 21 permits pulled and the fees collected were \$8,759.42. Trustee Maloney will give totals for the last three years at the next meeting. Motion by Trustee Maloney and second by Trustee Imbarrato to grant St. Patricia Church permission to place temporary signs from Jan. 11th. to Feb. 8th advertising its Super Bowl Fund Raiser event. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante NAYS: None. **Motion Carried.**

Village Clerk's Report: *Adena Baskovich*

The Events Committee is working on its annual fund raiser Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 13 from 8am. to Noon. The Lionesses will host the Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 26 at Willow Springs School. Baskovich wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

Joe Russo asked for a letter from the Village stating the purchase of his home was denied from F.E.M.A. Administrator Murray asked Joe for his email and he would forward the contact information for M.W.R.D. President Nowaczyk said he talked to the Administrator Murray and asked if the Village couldn't also reach out on Mr. Russo's behalf.

Curt Paterek from 9049 Archer Ave. complained about the snow on the sidewalks along Archer Avenue. Administrator Murray stated the sidewalks west of Willow Springs Road are not plowed and the businesses are plowing and blocking the sidewalks. The businesses will be contacted to remove the snow. The Village put the sidewalks in east of Willow Springs Road for the school children. When the Village requested sidewalks on Archer we agreed to snow removal for the sidewalks.

Irene Haugen did not sign in however she asked about the sidewalks on Vinewood not being plowed. The school is responsible for the snow removal from the sidewalk by Vinewood and the Village will try to plow Vinewood Ave. better.

Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Imbarrato to close the floor. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. **Motion Carried.**

Ordinances: *Trustee George Bartik* ~ *Absent*

Motion by Trustee Strazzante, second by Trustee Maloney to approve Ordinance 2016-O-1 a Village Code pertaining to property maintenance. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.**

Resolutions:

Motion by Trustee Strazzante, second by Trustee Imbarrato to table Resolution 2016-R-01 regarding the Complete Streets. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.**

Executive Session:

Motion by Trustee Strazzante to close the floor, second by Trustee Imbarrato to go into Executive Session for the purpose of contracts and personnel. ROLL CALL: All AYES: Trustees: Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.** *7:37a.m.*

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Strazzante to come out of Executive Session and resume the Regular Board Meeting. ROLL CALL: Voice Vote: ALL AYES.
Motion Carried. **8:41p.m.**

ROLL CALL: Present: President Nowaczyk, Trustees: Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante.
Motion Carried.

Old News: Trustee Imbarrato commented that he has noticed a significant decrease in the train noise. The Board commented that they would like to hold a Committee Meeting on the landscaping issues along the train property and the quiet zone. Administrator Murray said Trustee Imbarrato is in a quiet zone. The train that he is hearing is the CN Railroad. The Metra Lot completion will be added to the application for the CN Railroad for the quiet zone. The Village will have to do electrical updates for the railroad as another stage for the quiet zone. The Village will be seeking financial help from the Congressman for financial assistance.

The Board will try to hold the liquor and business licenses at the next meeting.

Trustee Maloney asked if public works could do something to clean up the property along Tec Air Road. Administrator Murray said that Tec Air left a real mess and did a lot of damage to its property that they sold to the Illinois Pallet Company.

A culvert on East Rust Trail and Louis was smashed and the Village will eventually repair it.

There is a yellow gate on Rust Trail that is owned by the Village through a no cash bid. The Village wants to clean up the area and make it accessible. The utilities want access to that area and they stated they were being charged by residents to use that property.

New News: The Southwest Conference of Mayor will be hosting their annual business expo on March 5, 2016 anyone wishing to attend contact Clerk Baskovich and she will respond for everyone.

Clerk Baskovich said the Willow Springs School held their first open house. They did a very nice job and it was very interesting. She attended with her daughter and grandson that also graduated Willow Springs Grade School. Several people were in attendance.

Trustee Maloney stated the Senior Center sign needs light bulbs. President Nowaczyk is working on funding for a new sign.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Maloney.
Voice Vote: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.* Time 8:40 p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk