

**Minutes  
Village of Willow Springs Combined  
Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting  
April 9, 2015**

President Pro-tem George Bartik led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

**Absent:** President Nowaczyk

**Also Present:** Administrator William Murray, Public Safety Director John Murray, Clerk Adena Baskovich, Attorney Mike Mc Grath and Engineer Matt Buerger

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Stanphill to appoint Senior Trustee George Bartik as President Pro-Tem in the absence of President Nowaczyk. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. ABSTAIN: Trustee Bartik. ***Motion Carried.***

**Public**

**Hearing:**       None

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

Mike Kennedy congratulated Trustees: Imbarrato, Stanphill and Strazzante on their re-election.

Jim Pluta also congratulated the Trustees on their recent re-election.

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

**Minutes:**       Motion to approve the minutes of the Combined Committee and Board Meeting for March 26, 2015 by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. ***Motion Carried.***

**President:**                ***Alan Nowaczyk***                       ~                       ***No Report***

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

Buerger reported there will not be an IGA with the Village of Justice at this time. The plans to deal with the sewers on 81<sup>st</sup>. Street have changed. They will be meeting with Justice to further review the situation.

The cost for improving Cedar Street is \$105,000 to resurface. To fix Pine Street would cost approximately \$26,000. They will meet with the West Suburban Water Commission regarding the street improvements on Hill St. Buerger and the Village will be meeting with Demetrious, from Metra, to discuss the new parking lot along the west side of the Village Hall. The old Willow Springs road (under the bridge) that leads to the Forest Preserve lot will require some patching. The Bielby subdivision will need paving after all the water and sewer projects. Buerger recommended the Bielby roads need 3" of top layer added, the base of the road needs touching up and the possibility of widening the roads are all concerns. He will get estimates and report back to the Board.

The Board stated two of the streets done last year; Ursula Drive and Liberty Grove Drive already have cracks. Engineer Buerger will check the streets.

**Administrator:** *William Murray*

Administrator Murray requested Executive Session for the purpose of Contracts, Personnel and Possible Litigation.

**Attorneys:** *Mike Mc Grath* ~ No report.

**Treasurer:** *Arlette Frye*

Treasurer Frye reported the Village is running a deficit of \$178,203.21 part of the deficit is the Village is waiting on receiving property tax money. Frye stated compared to last year, police fines are down by \$200,000; however the building permit fees are up \$100,000. The Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF) will not be touch by the State as discussed earlier this year. The Board will watch for developments on this in the future.

**Ordinances:** *Trustee George Bartik*

Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve the Proclamation Declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. ROLL CALL: All Ayes: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

**Finances:** *Trustee Annette Kaptur*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur and second by Trustee Stanphill to approve the warrants of April 9, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.* Kaptur stated the budget process is ongoing.

**W.S. Family & Veterans Relief:** *Trustees: Kevin Maloney & Kathy Stanphill*

The Committee will be meeting this month to review applicants for possible assistance.

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

Trustee Strazzante said the Village will be reviewing two proposals pertaining to fencing. Fencing is needed at Healing Waters retention pond on Chaucer; and fence to be added to the dog park on Park Street.

Public Works constantly cleans and maintains the lift station pumps. Some of the pumps are at the point that they need to be replaced in the very near future.

The Village has removed all speed bumps throughout the town. They will replace some on an as need basis. The Village has purchased two resin speed bumps that can be put down and taken up when needed.

**West Suburban**

**Water Commission:** *Alan Nowaczyk* ~ No report

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

The police will attend a three day juvenile training course with Village of Justice. Public Safety Director, John Murray said he will be sending officers to participate in a defensive driving course. Murray said it is a great program and is offered to the Village free through our insurance carrier.

Over the last three months the police had 9,000 dispatch calls. These are mostly premise checks, this number has increased due to the fact that the police department has been encouraged to take more initiative to be more proactive. That averaged out to 2 to 3 calls per shift.

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

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

Trustee Maloney congratulated Trustees Imbarrato, Stanphill and Strazzante on their re-election.

The fees of \$15,561.87 were collected in March for 14 building permits.

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

Clerk Baskovich announced vehicle stickers are on sale. The Village will be hosting the Clean Willow Days interested parties can contact the Village Hall. The Willow Springs Lions Club will be hosting its annual Pork Chop Dinner later this month.

**Old News:**            Trustee Imbarrato said last meeting he commented on the debris left over from the winter months and he has noticed an improvement.

Trustee Kaptur said they need to revisit the ordinance pertaining to RVs, boats and trailers parking. She suggested allowing summer time parking and prohibit winter parking. Kaptur wants the Board to bring this up for discussion and come up with solutions to help everyone.

Trustee Bartik felt that this election results has sent a message to the Board. Bartik said the Board has to revisit the video gambling issue. He wants the gambling issue on the agenda in the future.

**New News:**

Trustee Strazzante received many complaints on the lack of property maintenance in the Village. There are old tires and work trucks on properties; the tires are a well known breeding grounds for mosquitoes and can lead to health problems. The residents have asked the Board to look into an ordinance regarding these issues.

Trustee Strazzante said the Village needs to create a fence ordinance pertaining to properties border natural waterways. People erect fences and the fences act like a damn during down pours blocking natural drainage and adding to the problems of flooding. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) does not have the ability to fine, therefore the Village will need to establish some ordinance pertaining to this matter.

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Trustee Bartik and second by Trustee Imbarrato to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, contracts and possible litigation. VOICE VOTE: All AYES. *Motion Carried.*

8:15 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Bartik and second by Trustee Strazzante to come out of Executive Session and resume the Combined Committee and Board Meeting. Voice Vote: All AYES. Time 8:40p.m.

**Roll Call: Absent:** President Nowaczyk **Present:** Trustees; Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante.

**Adjourn:**            Motion to adjourn by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Kaptur.  
Voice Vote: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.* Time 8:43p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk