

**Minutes**  
**Village of Willow Springs Combined**  
**Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting**  
**April 23, 2015**

Motion by Trustee Strazzante 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.*

President Pro-tem George Bartik led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

**Absent:** President Alan Nowaczyk

**Also Present:** Administrator William Murray, Clerk Adena Baskovich, Police Chief Peter Kokkinis, Public Safety Director John Murray, and Attorney Mike Mc Grath

**Public**

**Hearing:**           None

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

Judy Meissner passed out statistics on video gambling in local villages. She reached out to all the liquor establishments: Greco's didn't want video gambling, Royalty West wasn't for or against it, all the other establishments welcomed video gambling.

Rick Mika congratulated Trustees: Imbarrato, Stanphill and Strazzante on their re-election. He said that out of 796 surveys sent pertaining to gambling that the majority of the people wanted to allow the video gambling. He wants the Village to move forward and allow the establishments to have machines and feels the voters want it too.

Teddie Doogan feels the election results represented the amount of people for Video Gambling. Teddie wants the Board to allow video gambling she believes it would only help the businesses financially and the Village needs to help the local businesses.

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

**Minutes:**           Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Stanphill, to approve the minutes of the Combined Committee and Board Meeting held April 9, 2015.

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

**President:**                        **President Pro-Tem George Bartik**

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato, second by Trustee Stanphill, to approve the following appointments:

Part-time Police Officers - Luke Opeka, Michael Hostensy and Kevin Paluch

Part-time Police Dispatch - Linda George

Part-time: Community Service Officer - Latisha Brunell.

ROLL CALL: All AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

**Engineering:** *None Present*

Report deferred until May 14, 2015 Board Meeting. The State’s project of the improvements on the intersection of Archer and Willow Springs Rd. is going well and on target for completion date of June 30, 2015. This is weather driven and could change.

Trustee Imbarrato asked why trees were cut down along Archer Ave. west of Willow Springs Road. Clerk Baskovich explained that Com Ed was clearing ground in order to add electric to the Forest Preserve’s new Bull Frog Campgrounds. Trustee Kaptur added that they are also working on the improvements to the bike trails and hopefully they will eventually connect trails as far away as Wisconsin and Indiana.

**Administrator:** *William Murray*

Administrator Murray stated the Village will be working on a property maintenance ordinance, as requested by residents. The fines are currently \$50. The Board will look to increasing them to \$75 and \$125. The Village uses the 2003 Illinois Boca Code and the Village needs to adopt a more current version. Murray stated, at the last meeting, Trustee Strazzante had brought up a good point regarding residents putting up structures that impede waterways. The structures work as dams during down pours and create flooding to areas already troubled by water. The Board will look into an ordinance regarding such issues.

**Attorneys:** *Mike Mc Grath* ~ *No report.*  
**Treasurer:** *Arlette Frye* ~ *No report.*

**Ordinances:** *Trustee George Bartik*

Motion by Trustee Bartik and second by Trustee Imbarrato to approve **Ordinance 2015-O-11** accepting the Police Sergeants’ agreement. ROLL CALL: All Ayes: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Bartik and second by Trustee Kaptur to approve **Ordinance 2015-O-12** accepting the Beary Landscaping agreement. ROLL CALL: All AYES: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.* Their fees have remained the same for the past five years. They will be adding one more employee and one more day to assist the Village.

**Finances:** *Trustee Annette Kaptur*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur, second by Trustee Stanphill, to approve the warrants of April 23, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.* Kaptur will have a streamlined finance report for the Board at the next meeting.

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

Motion by Trustee Stanphill and second by Strazzante to approve the assistance of \$500 to Shaun Mitchell and \$121.50 to Peter Stranad. These individuals were assisted before and the amounts above reflect the balance they qualify for. ROLL CALL: All AYES: Trustees; Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

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

Trustee Strazzante stated chipping on the south-side has begun. Strazzante has received two quotes for fencing the Village needs.

**West Suburban**

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

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

Officer Barbara Gagle will be receiving a longevity award for her 24 years of dedication as a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Imbarrato said Officer Barb is definitely an asset to the department and he has witnessed her working with the children and she is very effective.

Willow Springs Police Dept. has donated old computer surplus equipment to a town in Indiana that is in need.

Sergeant Murrillo and Officer Michael Jurak received a unit citation and medal on April 16, 2015, for their roles in helping find the murderer of Kelli O'Laughlin. The awards were presented by Indian Head Park's, Mayor Richard Andrews and Chief John W. at a ceremony in Chicago Ridge.

**Business Licenses:** *Trustee Kathy Stanphill*

Motion by Trustee Stanphill and second by Trustee Imbarrato to approve the 2015 Business Licenses for Happy Ice Cream Truck. All their fees are paid and they have supplied the Village with a Cook County inspection report on its truck. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. ***Motion Carried.***

Trustee Stanphill said Dark Water Art & Tattoo Studio is hoping to be open the first week in May. She stated they are a high end establishment and states this is the type of destination businesses that the Village needs.

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

Trustee Maloney said there were 14 permits pulled in March and the fees collected were \$15,561.87. He stated that permits are important and they help protect the homeowners.

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

Clerk Baskovich reported the following:

- Clean Willow Day has been rescheduled due to rain. It will be held May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers are still needed and can contact the Village to sign up.
- The W.S. Lions Club will hold its Pork Chop Dinner Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.
- The Police Dept. is hosting a Senior Law Enforcement Academy. Interested parties may John Murray at the police dept. or the Village Hall.

Clerk Baskovich stated she is glad to see Police Chief Peter Kokkinis and Director of Public Safety John Murray working hard to reach out to the seniors and the residents on safety issues.

**Old News:** There was a consensus of the Board to add Video Gambling to the next Committee of the Whole as an agenda item for discussion. Trustee Bartik stated the Village Board is a good board and has done a good job with running the Village; however he feels the Board owes it to the businesses to revisit Video Gambling since there is more information available.

Trustee Kaptur stated she had supplied information in the past and is willing to resend the information that she has sent.

Administrator Murray announced that the Brew Fest is coming to Willow Springs. It will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2015. The hours are from 1 p.m. to 5p.m. They will have a preferred customers allowed to come at noon. They will have 3 to 4 bands and will be a great drawn to the Town Center.

**New News:** Trustee Kaptur asked to Police to contact Burr Ridge about an abandoned vehicle parked in a driveway of an abandoned house on German Church Road in Burr Ridge. The Police will check into it.

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Stanphill to cancel Executive Session. VOICE VOTE: All AYES. ***Motion Carried.***

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Stanphill. Voice Vote: ALL AYES. ***Motion Carried.*** Time 7:57 p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk