

**Minutes of the
Village of Willow Springs Board Meeting
of the President and Board of Trustees
January 22, 2015**

President Nowaczyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order: 7:49p.m.

Present: President: Alan Nowaczyk
Trustees: George Bartik, Mario Imbarrato, Kevin Maloney, Jerry Strazzante
Absent: Trustees: Annette Kaptur and Kathy Stanphill

Also Present: Administrator William Murray
Police Chief Peter Kokkinis
Public Safety Director John Murray
Village Clerk Adena Baskovich

Public Hearing: None

Presentations: Kevin Merdoff from Mesirow Insurance spoke regarding the Village property and workman's compensation insurance. There will be a 3% annual increase. The Village is doing great with the losses coming down over the last two years.

Administrator Murray said the risk factor is figured across the county factoring in Police and Fire and we can't control that. The Village's increase of 3% equals \$2,400 and last year the Village saved \$72,000 by contracting out the Fire Department. Two years ago the Village's premium was \$151,000 and last October it was \$82,151 a savings of almost \$70,000.

Property insurance increased by 4%, building, public officials and cyber insurance - which was added last year. In 2014 the Village saved \$51,000 over 2013 and this year \$47,000 was saved. Two years ago we paid \$252,000 and now with contracting out the Fire Department we pay \$208,000 on the fire department building.

Not a lot of carriers will package together all the needs the Village has due to the risk factor. We have up to 3 million dollars of coverage. Most companies would have a cap of 1 million dollars.

Open Floor: Motion by Trustee Maloney to open the floor to the public, second by Trustee Strazzante. Voice Vote: All AYES. *Motion Carried.*

Jim Mc Callister from Reserve Drive said he has always contracted with an audit firm to find the best deal for insurance for his company. He asked why the Village put out a survey regarding video gambling?

President Nowaczyk stated the Board has always had the attitude they would keep the discussion on video gambling ongoing. The Village is watching both pros and cons on the video gambling. The Board felt the best way to gauge how the residents feel regarding this issue is to mail out the survey. As of today the Village has received 597 responses back. The Board agreed it would be best to have a third impartial party review the surveys and tabulate the results. The Board would have them turn in a report on the results.

Trustee Imbarrato thanked Mr. Mc Callister for the input regarding the insurance renewal. He appreciates when residents give input that could assist the Village.

Rick Mika asked if we could have video gambling put on the ballot in April. President Nowaczyk said it is too late. President Nowaczyk said he would be in favor of putting on a ballot in the future.

Minutes: Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2015 Committee and Board Meetings, second by Trustee Imbarrato. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Maloney, and Strazzante. Trustee Imbarrato abstained. *Motion Carried.*

President: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Ordinances: No report

Administrator: No report.

Attorney: No report.

Treasurer: No report.

Finance: Motion by Trustee Strazzante to approve the Warrants of January 22, 2015 as read, second by Trustee Imbarrato. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante. NAYS: None. ***Motion Carried.***

W.S. Family & Veterans Relief: Trustee Maloney had no items at this time, the committee will be meeting to further review future assistance.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Strazzante said the Village has received the one of the international trucks with a plow. The second truck will arrive in a week or two, the third truck will arrive in March.

Trustee Bartik said a resident suggested to use a speed bump for partial flood control. Administrator Murray said it wouldn't work, it would just run over the speed bump. The Village is confident with the Village improvements in the alley between Spring St. and Hill St. it should be okay.

J.W.S. Water Commissioner: No report

Police & Fire: Police Chief Kokkinis has used the first two weeks of his employment with the Village to do a review of the Police Dept. He will be evaluating polices and procedures and work on implementing some new policies and procedures for the betterment of the department.

Public Safety Director John Murray has used his first two weeks to audit the department regarding personnel and training. He will review areas that need further training and evaluating. Murray and Kokkinis will be reporting back on their findings.

Businesses: Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Imbarrato to grant a business licenses for Baltierres Dental at 8381 Archer. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante. NAYS: None. ***Motion Carried*** . The licenses for Healing Hands Physical Therapy will be on the next agendas for the Board to review.

Building: Motion by Trustee Maloney to approve the monument sign at Kay's Food and Liquor, second by Trustee Bartik. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante. NAYS: None. ***Motion Carried*** . Trustee Maloney wanted to make sure that the base of the monument sign was deep enough not to heave from freezing. Clerk Baskovich told Trustee Maloney that she emailed Keslin with his concerns, to make sure he addressed that matter with the contractor and Keslin said he would.

Motion by Trustee Maloney to approve the State Farm sign, second by Trustee Strazzante. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante. NAYS: None. ***Motion Carried.***

Village Clerk: Clerk Baskovich announced the Events Committee will host its Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast, Feb 14, from 8am to Noon at the Senior/Community Center. Please attend all the profits goes towards the events planned for this year. The Lioness are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner at the Willow Springs School, January 30th. The Lionesses are also having a fund raiser at all Chili locations in this area, you just need to take a voucher with you and a portion of your sales will go their organization.

Old Business: Trustee Bartik said he noticed new tables have been added to the Senior/Community Center. He also said due to the cost of replacing the carpeting that the Village should wait. The Village needs to have the carpeting cleaned twice a year.

New Business: None.

Executive Session: Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Imbarrato to go into Executive Session for the purpose of possible litigation and contracts VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. ***Motion Carried. 8:20p.m.***
Executive Session ended 9:17p.m.

Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Imbarrato to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Village Board Meeting. VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. ***Motion Carried.***

ROLL CALL: Present: President Nowaczyk, Trustees; Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney and Strazzante.
Absent: None.

Trustee Imbarrato made two comments, he heard concerns over the beeping noise at Nexeo. He wanted to know if there was anyway that the Township could change some boundaries so residents could get to dialysis. Clerk Baskovich said they wouldn't need to extend the boundaries, but make exceptions for dialysis because there are none in this area. The Village will check into this.

Adjourned:

Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Imbarrato to adjourned the meeting. Voice Vote:
ALL AYES: *Motion Carried* . 9:24p.m.