

**Minutes of the
Combined Committee & Board Meeting
of the President and Board of Trustees
February 26, 2015**

President Nowaczyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order: 7:15p.m.

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

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

Public Hearing: None

Presentations: None.

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

Ted Landers, from the Windings Homeowners Association, thanked the Board for adding refuse carts. He said they no longer have blowing debris and he attributes it to the closed carts.

Ted Landers stated that the BNSF Railroad clear several trees off its property and will be adding two new lines which will give them four lines. They will add an 8' fence, however in his opinion that will not be high enough to cover the trains. Another concern was he was told it is not a sound absorbing fence. He thanked Trustee Stanphill, Administrator Murray and K Plus Engineering firm, for meeting with the railroad to discuss those matters of concern.

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

Minutes: Motion by Trustee Kaptur to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2015 Committee and Board Meetings, second by Trustee Strazzante. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, and Strazzante. Abstained: Trustees: Kaptur and Stanphill. *Motion Carried.*

President: No report.

Engineer: No report.

Administrator: Administrator Murray stated the Village will renew the lease for the Metra Lot for six months. This will be covered in Ordinance 2015-O-02 tonight. The Village will be constructing a new lot for Metra users in the Spring/Summer of 2015.

Administrator Murray announced Willow Springs been chosen to host the Illinois State Bike Road Race series for 2015. The race will be held on a Sunday this year to help avoid rush hour traffic delays. The date of the race will be July 19, 2015.

Attorney: Attorney Mc Grath recommended passing all the G.O. Bond Ordinances.

Attorney Mc Grath recommended approving the tax objections for 2007 and 2008. Motion by Trustee Kaptur and second by Trustee Maloney to accept the attorneys recommended to approve 2007 tax objection for \$121 and 2008 tax objection for \$191. ROLL CALL: All Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Treasurer: Treasurer, Arlette Frye, explained when the Village issues bonds they are filed with the county. The county will then place them on the tax rolls effecting property taxes. Each year after they are filed the Village reviews the bonds and decide whether or not to abate the bonds. The Village will abate 7 different General Obligation Bonds, as stated in Ordinances 2015-O-03 through 2015-O-09.

Ordinances: Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve Ordinance 2015-O-02 entering into a six month lease agreement with Metra pertaining to the Willow Springs Metra parking lots, second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: Trustees: All Ayes: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. **Motion Carried** .

Motion by Trustee Bartik and second by Trustee Kaptur to approve the following G.O. Bond Ordinances:

Ordinance 2015-O-03 G.O. Bond 2004B for \$285,620.00

Ordinance 2015-O-04 G.O. Bond 2006 for \$46,848.00

Ordinance 2015-O-05 G.O. Bond 2009B for \$350,300.00

Ordinance 2015-O-06 G.O. Bond 2012B for \$181,875.00

Ordinance 2015-O-07 G.O. Bond 2008A for \$119,038.00

Ordinance 2015-O-08 G.O. Bond 2009A for \$225,050.00

Ordinance 2015-O-09 G.O. Bond 2012A for \$91,238.00

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

Finance: Motion by Trustee Kaptur and second by Trustee Stanphill to approve the Warrants from February 12, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: Trustees: All Ayes: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Trustee Kaptur and second by Trustee Stanphill to approve the Warrants from February 26, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: Trustees: All Ayes: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.**

Trustee Kaptur stated the Village has worked diligently the cut spending to balance the budget, while still repairing infrastructures, such as streets and sewers in the Village. Kaptur expressed her dismay with the State. The way they want to balance their budget is to keep up to 50% of the money that the Village would receive from the State. Kaptur encouraged everyone to go onto the IML.org web-site and express they are opposed to such an action. Administrator Murray commented he doesn't believe it is 50%, but still agreed that money withheld from the Village would be detrimental to the operations of the Village.

W.S. Family & No report.

Veterans Relief:

Streets & Alleys: No report.

West Suburban

Water Commission:

President Nowaczyk said the WSWC conducts repairs in Willow Springs in the odd years. In 2011 they repaired a water line and repaired Park St., 2013 they added a larger water line in the Bielby subdivision and the Village added sewers. For 2015 they are planning work on Hill St. from Archer to Blackstone. The commission hired Mike Kawalko last year and he recently received his Operator C Licenses. He is bi-lingual which is very helpful. The Commission is also finalizing the reverse 9-1-1 system.

Police & Fire: Public Safety Director John Murray the Sheriffs, FEMA and US Coast Guard will be meeting on March 2 with the Willow Springs Police and Tri-State Fire District to discuss safety matters. John Murray and Police Chief Peter Kokkinis will attend the Willow Springs Senior Club Meeting in March and bring speakers to talk to the Seniors.

Police Chief Kokkinos plans on more police presents at the different public events in town.

Police Chief Peter Kokkinis and Public Safety Director John Murray will bring in speakers to talk to the Seniors on safety matters at the March senior meeting. There will be a safety inspection done on March 10th at the Police Department and Fire House.

Businesses: Motion by Trustee Stanphill to approve the 2015 Business Licenses for Laborers 225, Healing Hands and Kens Landscaping, second by Strazzante. ROLL CALL: Trustees: All Ayes: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. **Motion Carried.**

Building: Trustee Maloney said the Village had 8 permit in January. The fees collected were \$4,613.09.

Village Clerk: Clerk Adena Baskovich thanked all that helped out the Events Committee with the Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast. In spite of the weather people came out to support the Committee. The event was done well. The Committee will have the annual Egg Hunt on March 28. Baskovich asked the audience if they could help getting volunteers to help with Clean Willow Day on April 25th.

Old Business: The Video Gambling Survey was tallied by Mc Gladrey Auditing Firm. The draft results were 796 responded, yes - 410, no - 347 and 39 - abstained. The respond was approximately 1/3 of the total of the surveys sent out. No action will be taken at this time.

New Business: None.

Executive Session: Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Kaptur to go into Executive Session for the purpose of possible litigation and contracts VOICE VOTE: All Ayes. ***Motion Carried. 8:11p.m.***
Executive Session ended 8:47p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Present: President Nowaczyk, Trustees; Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante.

Adjourned: Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Imbarrato to adjourned the meeting. Voice Vote: All Ayes. ***Motion Carried . 8:50p.m.***