

**Minutes**  
**Village of Willow Springs Combined**  
**Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting**  
**March 12, 2015**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: Trustee Annette Kaptur

Also Present: Administrator William Murray, Police Chief Peter Kokkinis, Public Safety Director John Murray, Public Works Director Tom Sinagra, Village Clerk Adena Baskovich, Attorney Mike Mc Grath  
Village Engineer Matt Buerger

**Public Hearing:** None

**Open Floor:**

Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Imbarrato to open the floor.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. *Motion Carried.*

Judy Meissner, owner of the Friendly Tap, asked what is happening with the video gambling survey results.

It was explained the Village received approximately a third of the survey back. The results were slightly in favor of the video gambling. The Board hoped to receive a better return result. They are still analyzing the pros and cons regarding the effects on the communities.

Judy Meissner asked if she could hold bingo at her place. Attorney Mc Grath will research the possibility, they did comment to hold a bingo you needed to be a 501C organization.

Kathy Wendell spoke regarding Central Bark (dog park) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Opening Day. It will be held June 13 from noon to 3 p.m. The Animal Welfare will be out with cats and dogs for adoption and offer discounted rates for services.

Administrator Murray stated initially the Village had the rate for out of town people to use the dog park set at \$75 the sole purpose of this was to make sure the residents would not be crowded out. At this time the recommendation is to lower the rate to \$50. This was suggested for a future board meeting.

Discussion on adding a fence to create a small dog park adjacent to the existing dog park was discussed. More patrolling of the park is necessary to make sure all dogs are permitted through the Village.

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

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

**President’s Report:**

President Nowaczyk read a notice from the Southwest Conference of Mayors on the affect the LGDF impact would be on local municipalities. The amount of money that would be withheld from Willow Springs if the bill would go through would be approximately \$280,000 to \$300,000. The impact on the Village would be extremely harmful.

**Engineer’s Report:**

Matt Buerger reported the West Central Water Commission (WSWC) is reviewing the water main at Hill St. from Archer to Blackstone and the one on Cedar St. running from Forest Ave. to Elm St. He will be waiting for their review and take it into consideration for our street improvement projects. The Village has been working in conjunction with WSWC on multiple water/sewer/street repairs projects and in turn has saved both entities money.

Safe routes to school is wrapping up. Metra Parking Lot conceptual plan with layout, specifications and survey will be done soon. The Village feels that 77 spaces in the future Metra Lot would be adequate.

The Village will go out to bid for the Ravine Avenue drainage project. We are waiting to receive the results from MWRD pertaining to its findings for this project. This will affect Hill street and Matt Buerger stated the Village should do all of Hill Street.

Trustee Bartik expressed his concerns regarding flooding along the railroad, especially since the ground is frozen and the temperatures are rising fast. He wished the Canadian National Railroad would step up and maintain its property that borders our Lake Street.

It was explained the Village cannot touch this property because it belongs to the railway because of the liability.

**Administrator’s Report:**

Bill Murray said that the State has already been out checking out the Archer and Willow Springs Road intersection for the future improvements. Last year they did some preliminary work and the major work will be starting. There will be some lane closures in May ending in June.

The Village is being considered for the Illinois State Bike Race on Sunday July 19 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Being on Sunday eliminates the Monday – Friday rush hour traffic and the Village always works with the businesses to get their staff and patrons through. Sponsorship is available for this bike race.

The Village will sponsor a Senior Safety Outreach Program along with Cook County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarborough. If you wish to attend you can sign up at the Village Hall. It will be held March 23, Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Attorney:** No report.

**Treasurer:** No report.

**Ordinance Committee:**

Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve **Resolution 2015-R-03** urging the Governor and General Assembly to Protect the Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenue, second by Trustee Imbarrato. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. Nays: None. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve **Resolution 2015-R-04** Honoring Eagle Scout Malik Zuhair Thalji and declaring March 12, 2015 as Malik Thalji Day, second by Trustee

Imbarrato, Trustee Maloney, Trustee Stanphill and Trustee Strazzante. This is not a typo they all wanted to make the second. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. ***Motion Carried.***

Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve **Resolution 2015-R-05** Honoring Eagle Scout Gabriel Zuhair Thalji and declaring March 12, 2015 as Gabriel Thalji Day, second by Trustee Imbarrato, Trustee Maloney, Trustee Stanphill and Trustee Strazzante. This is not a typo they all wanted to make the second. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. ***Motion Carried.***

Gabriel and Malik were commended for their great achievements and the Board complimented the parents on what a great job they did raising their sons. These young men have helped out their community with projects and volunteering throughout the years.

Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve **Resolution 2015-R-06** for the temporary closing of roads in order to hold the Illinois State Bike Race on Sunday July 19 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. second by Trustee Maloney. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. Nays: None. ***Motion Carried.***

Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve **Resolution 2015-R-07** for the temporary closing of Archer Avenue and Flavin Ave. for the William R. Edmondson Post 832 for its Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., second by Maloney. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. Nays: None. ***Motion Carried.***

Motion by Trustee Bartik to approve **Ordinance 2015-R-10** adopting the Annual Zoning Map for 2015, second by Imbarrato. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. Nays: None. ***Motion Carried.***

Motion by Trustee Stanphill and second by Trustee Strazzante to approve the warrants of March 12, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. Nays: None. ***Motion Carried.***

**Willow Springs Family and Veteran's Relief:**

Motion by Trustee Stanphill and second by Trustee Imbarrato to give the USA Triathlon \$1000 to be used by local veteran's competing in their events. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. Nays: None. ***Motion Carried.***

**Streets and Alleys:**

Trustee Strazzante stated Public Works is working on the sewer and culvert clean out, to prevent back ups and flooding. They have been researching prices for fencing for Healing Waters and to create a small dog park at Lions Park. Also pricing for the water pump at Healing Waters. Public Works received a letter complimenting them on the snow removal.

***West Suburban Water Commission:*** No report.

**Police and Fire Committee:**

Police Chief Peter Kokkinis and Director of Public Safety John Murray have been working together on the betterment of the police and fire departments. They will be meeting with the Homeland Security and going over several items of concerns and will check out different scenarios with our departments. The police force will also go through fire alarm drills.

***Business Licenses Committee:***

Trustee Stanphill said Dark Water Studios is looking into locating into Willow Springs next to Imperial Oak Micro Brewery. They plan on having an art gallery and private tattooing studio.

***Building Committee:***

Trustee Maloney reported in February 2015 there were 6 permits pulled and the fees collected were \$1,623.62. He reminded the audience permits are important because they help protect the homeowner from sub-standard work and to assure the jobs are done to code.

Motion by Trustee Maloney to approve the permanent sign and temporary (60 days) banner sign for Score Fitness, second by Trustee Strazzante. ROLL CALL: Trustees: Ayes: Bartik, Imbarrato, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. Nays: None. ***Motion Carried.***

***Village Clerk's Report:***

Clerk Baskovich announced the vehicle stickers are being printed. The Egg Hunt location has been changed to Lions Park and will be held March 28 beginning at 10am. Anyone interested in helping out at the Clean Willow Days will be held on April 25. Check in will be at 10 a.m. at the Public Works Building located at 8261 Willow Springs Road, lunch will be served at noon.

***Old News:***       None

***New News:***

Clerk Baskovich wished Trustees Strazzante and Maloney Happy Birthday.

Administrator Murray announced that Score Fitness will be opening for basketball tournaments only. They will open the whole fitness center by the end of summer.

Adjourn:  
8:14 p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk