

**Minutes**  
**Village of Willow Springs Combined**  
**Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting**  
**March 26, 2015**

President Nowaczyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Roll Call:** President Alan Nowaczyk, Trustees: George Bartik, Mario Imbarrato,  
**Present:** Annette Kaptur, Kevin Maloney and Jerry Strazzante.

**Absent:** Trustee Kathy Stanphill

**Also Present:** Administrator William Murray, Police Chief Peter Kokkinis, Public Safety Director John Murray, P.W. Director Tom Sinagra, Clerk Adena Baskovich, Attorney Mike Mc Grath and 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.* No one spoke from the floor. Motion by Trustee Kaptur and second by Trustee Imbarrato 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 12, 2015 by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Strazzante. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Kaptur, Maloney, and Strazzante. Abstain: Trustee Imbarrato. *Motion Carried.*

**President:** *Alan Nowaczyk*

Nowaczyk stated as his role of West Suburban Water Commission, he is not allowed to collect a stipend for his services. He can however designate a charitable cause to donate his \$2,000 fee to. The check is sent to the Village of Willow Springs Family and Veteran's Relief Fund. The fund has assisted many residents and various Veteran's Organizations over the years.

**Engineering:** *Matt Buerger*

Buerger reported there was a conference call with Administrator Murray, Winding Trails Home Association representative and himself with the BNSF Railroad. The topic of discussion was the rail road tracks and fencing that separates the Windings and the railroad tracks. The railroad will be adding an 8' fence, its sole purpose is to block the view of the tracks and train. The homeowners of the Windings will be taking on a portion of this project's expense. The association expressed concern and wanted to be assured that the soil that would be added to that area would be clean fill.

Buerger stated that M.W.R.D. is currently working on the Tributary D Drainage along Tec Air Road.

Emergency repair was done to a sewer main on Kean Ave.. The Village will have an I.G.A. on the next agenda with Justice regarding a sewer project.

**Administrator:** *William Murray*

Administrator Murray will have personnel and contracts for Executive Session.

Administrator Murray said the Midwest Brew Fest is looking into holding its fest at Imperial Oak Brewery. The date would be August 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 5:00 p.m. The Board welcomed the event. They like events that highlight our businesses.

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

**Treasurer:**                      *Arlette Frye*                      ~                      No report.

**Ordinance:**                      *Trustee George Bartik*                      ~                      No report.

**Finances:**                      *Trustee Annette Kaptur*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur and second by Trustee Imbarrato to approve the warrants of March 26, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney and Strazzante. NAYS: None. ***Motion Carried.***

Trustee Kaptur stated that the Village will look into reissuing some of the Village bonds. This process would save the Village \$350,000. The budget process has begun and Kaptur will be looking for input from the Department Heads. Currently there is no news on the “Revenue Sharing” that the State of Illinois is proposing.

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

Trustee Maloney reported the WSFR will meet and have items for approval at the next meeting.

**Streets & Alleys:**                      *Trustee Jerry Strazzante*                      ~                      No report.

**West Suburban**

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

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

Trustee Imbarrato said the Village partnered with Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Lyons Township and West Suburban to host a Senior Outreach program. The Village had Attorney Elizabeth Shine and Village Department Heads present to field questions. Approximately 65 seniors were in attendance. This outreach focused on property scams and general safety facts.

Public Safety Director John Murray and Police Chief Kokkinis reported they will be hosting Senior Police Academy course for the seniors soon. They also will be taking advantage of free emergency training titled “Rapid Response” held by Homeland Security & Cook County assisting supervisors in different emergency situations and the proper way to respond.

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

John Flores spoke on behalf of Jose Perez owner of Dark Water Studios. Currently they have two locations Bridgeview, IL. and Manhattan, New York. He is closing the Bridgeview location and wants to move to 501 Market Street in Willow Springs. They will have high end antiques and art for resale and a private tattoo studio. The operating hours would be noon to 8 p.m.. Jose has his own line of inks in stores now and is acquiring more corporate sponsors. He has items in Walgreens stores now.

Motion by Trustee Strazzante to approve the 2015 Business Licenses for Dark Water Studios with the contingency they pay all fees and meet all inspections prior to receiving the business licenses certificate, second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: Trustees:

AYES: Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney and Strazzante. NAYS: None. ***Motion Carried.***

Trustee Imbarrato stated the Board has wanted destination businesses and that Dark Water Studios appears to fit that profile.

**Building Committee:** *Trustee Kevin Maloney* ~ No report

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

Clerk Baskovich announced the Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday at Lions Park check in is 10 a.m. Clean Willow Days will be held on April 25th. 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. Anyone interested can sign up by calling the Village Hall.

**Old News:** Trustee Bartik commented he liked how the bike race last year looped through the Town Center neighborhood and asked if they could do that again?

Administrator Murray said it is a different group and the final laps will not be the same as last year; however the Renaissance Station is trying to plan a cook out and get the neighborhood to come out and enjoy the day.

Comments were made that the Village's new web-site looked nice. The Village still has a few things to add. It was also mentioned that in addition to the web-site the Village also has a facebook page for those that didn't know.

**New News:**

Trustee Kaptur announced the USA Triathlon foundation has spent \$70,000 assisting several children and Veterans. This is a fairly new foundation and they are doing great things to help several people. Currently they are helping are two women veterans that served in Iraq with training for the Olympics.

Trustee Imbarrato stated there is a lot a debris due to the Winter and asked if the Village could do something about it.

Clerk Baskovich said "Clean Willow Days" is coming and hopefully some of those areas will be addressed. She also said Safety Director John Murray has been looking into the possibility of having the S.W.A.P. program come out to help. More will follow on this topic.

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato and second by Trustee Kaptur to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and contracts. VOICE VOTE: All AYES. ***Motion Carried.***  
8:02 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Kaptur to come out of Executive Session and resume the Combined Committee and Board Meeting. Voice Vote: All AYES.

**Roll Call:** President Nowaczyk, Trustees; Bartik, Imbarrato, Kaptur, Maloney  
**Present:** and

**Absent:** Trustee Kathy Stanphill

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Kaptur.

Voice Vote: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

8:37 p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk