

**VILLAGE OF WILLOW SPRINGS  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Village Clerk Baskovich is absent.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees : Present: George Bartik  
Mario Imbarrato  
Jerry Strazzante

Absent: Annette Kaptur  
Kevin Maloney  
Kathy Stanphill

**Staff Present:**

Administrator: William Murray  
Attorney: Elizabeth Shine-Hermes  
Police Chief: Peter Kokkinis  
PW Foreman: Tom Sinagra

**Consultants Present:**

Building Com: Chuck Keslin  
Engineer: Matt Buerger

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**PUBLIC**

**HEARINGS:**

There were no public hearings conducted.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

There were no presentations. A legislative update by Robert Molaro was postponed.

**OPEN**

**FLOOR:**

Motion to open the floor to the public, by Trustee Strazzante, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Imbarrato, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED, 4-0.)

Resident Joan Fries on Hill Street thanked Village Engineer Buerger on roadway and alley improvements. She also commented that lights near the Metra walkway have been not working. Administrator Murray informed that Metra and Com Ed has been working along

the railroad and hit wires that controlled lights in the Metra Lot and in the Village Center. Com Ed hopes to have the repairs and the light back working soon.

There were no other public comments.

Motion to close the floor to the public, by Trustee Imbarrato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strazzante, voice vote: (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED.)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

There were no minutes approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Mayor Nowaczyk asked for confirmation of the following appointments the Police Department of : CSO/PT Officers: Kyle Berg, Tamara Cushin, Joseph Ellingham, Bogdan Hodorowicz, Jordan Koster, and Erica Martin.

Motion by Trustee Imbarrato, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Strazzante, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED.)

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Engineer Buerger reported that the cost of road construction for the Bielby subdivision and Joyce Lane came in under the estimated amount. Kplus Engineering is monitoring sewer connections in the subdivision for permit compliance. MWRD has inspected the new sewer line and the Village is awaiting final approval which should arrive in the mail shortly.

A final walk through was conducted for the Ravine Watershed Drainage improvements. The final contract cost was 135,185. Motion by Trustee Strazzante, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Imbarrato, to approve the payment, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED).

Seven bids were received for road maintenance on Cedar and Hill streets. The low bid was received from J&R Asphalt of Hickory Hills for \$115, 487.35. Motion by Trustee Strazzante, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Imbarrato, to accept the bid, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED).

Six bids were received for sewer maintenance at Crescent Court. The low bid was received from Mauro in the amount of \$49,795. Motion by Trustee Strazzante, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Imbarrato, to accept the bid, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED).

**ADMINISTRATOR'S  
REPORT:**

There was no report.

**ATTORNEY'S  
REPORT:**

Attorney Shine-Hermes gave an overview of new legislation, Public Act 099-0006 Emergency Services Mandate, which mandates consolidation of emergency services and 9-1-1 call centers. The Act creates a statewide 9-1-1 Board and takes the administration away from the Illinois Commerce Commission and gives it to the State Police. It mandates that Dispatch Centers serve a minimum of 25,000 residents beginning July 1, 2017. Administrator Murray noted that Willow Springs currently dispatches for the Village of Hodgkins, which recently took action to join a different dispatch center. That move results in a loss of approximately 60 percent of the budget funding for the Village's dispatch services. Besides the new mandate, it makes sense for the Village to make its own move now, rather than operating a loss for next year.

**TREASURER'S  
REPORT:**

There was no report.

**ORDINANCE  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Bartik made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-O-17, an ordinance approving an IGA with the Village of Justice, IL for Police Dispatching and Prisoner Detention, 2nd by Trustee Strazzante, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED.)

**FINANCE  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Imbarrato read the warrants for October 22, 2015 into the record. Motion to approve the warrants dated October 22, 2015 as read, by Trustee Imbarrato, 2nd by Trustee Strazzante, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED)

**BUSINESS LICENSE  
COMMITTEE:**

There was no report.

**STREETS & ALLEYS  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Strazzante announced that leafing season has begun for Public Works. The PW has been hot-patching potholes in several Village streets. Administrator Murray noted that he has asked PW to list repaired roadways to better inventory repairs. Patching will be combined in the Engineer's annual assessment and rating of all roadways in the Village.

The Village is in the process of requesting pricing for road salt. The Village will again not use the State Purchase program due to the failure of the vendor to deliver ordered amounts two years ago. That led to the Village constantly borrowing from other towns. The board also discussed the pros and cons of a new product known as "hot salt." Administrator Murray explained that typical road salt has no effect on ice below 20 degrees. The new, more expensive hot salt is touted as working below zero degrees. Trustee Imbarrato questioned whether the Village should use the product until it is known how it affects or wears on the pavement.

**POLICE & FIRE  
COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Imbarrato reported the Police/Fire Department Open House. It was very well run and Trustee Imbarrato complimented the department heads and volunteers on the success of the event.

**BUILDING  
COMMITTEE:**

Building Commissioner Chuck Keslin discussed the proposed adoption of the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. The purpose is to consolidate and make it clearer for enforcement purposes. Right now the Village has property maintenances codes in several areas of the Village Code. The new Maintenance code will reference all existing statues, existing ordinances and certain nuances specific to the Village that may not be in national codes, for example.

The Board discussed various applications of the new Code, which will serve to clean up the Village and make it safer from hazards. There will be a period of public education and then steps of enforcement to bring properties into compliance.

Commissioner Keslin will supply Code information for the Board to review before adoption.

Also discussed were lots along the south side of Archer Avenue, between Charlton and just west of Cliffside affected by the Village's Archer Overlay Ordinance. Commissioner Keslin gave an overview of the Overlay Ordinance and explained that certain current and former residential properties have been hard to improve or develop for business use due to the steepness of the geography and the difficulty of qualifying for curb cuts. The lots may be better utilized for residential development which will enhance the Village's property

valuation. He will continue to research the subject and provide recommendations for the Board.

**CLERK'S  
REPORT:**

The Children's Christmas Party is at The Willowbrook Ballroom from 12-3 p.m. and the Village Tree Lighting is in the Village Center from 3-4:30 p.m.

**NEW  
BUSINESS:**

Mayor Nowaczyk reminded the Board that the Lion's Club annual Las Vegas Night is November 4.

Trustee Bartik suggested the Village discuss in an upcoming purchasing new signs to replace The existing Village Signs at the Senior Center and at the Public Safety complex.

**OLD  
BUSINESS:**

Business signs were discussed at Old Willow Shopping Center and throughout the Village. Signs that are in poor condition, temporary signs and A-frame type signs will be addressed at the same time a new property maintenance code is adopted. Trustee Bartik would like to see additional parking lot lights installed at Old Willow.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

Mayor Nowaczyk requested an executive session for the purpose of Contracts and Litigation. Motion by Trustee Strazzante, 2nd by Trustee Imbarrato, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED) at 8:22 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Strazzante, 2nd by Trustee Imbarrato, (All ayes, MOTION CARRIED) at 9:50 p.m.