

Minutes
Village of Willow Springs Combined
Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting
December 10, 2015

President Alan Nowaczyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.
President Nowaczyk asked for a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Present: President Nowaczyk, Trustees: Annette Kaptur, Kevin Maloney, Kathy Stanphill and Jerry Strazzante.

Absent: Trustees: George Bartik and Mario Imbarrato

Also Present: Administrator William Murray, Clerk Adena Baskovich, Police Chief Peter Kokkinis, and Attorney Mike Mc Grath

Public

Hearing: None

Presentation: None

Open Floor: Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Stanphill to open the floor. Voice Vote: All Ayes. *Motion Carried.*

Kim Barker, from 10849 Chaucer Dr. expressed concerns regarding train horns. She stated the trains blow their horns at all hours.

President Nowaczyk stated he has been preoccupied with a health situation at his home and is behind with several items and has been unavailable. Nowaczyk stated he and staff have been working for years on trying to obtain a quiet zone for Willow Springs.

Mike Rak from 8631 Dunbar stated he also wanted to talk about train noise and wanted the Board to call him at home.

Administrator Murray stated the staff does not give out personal numbers or emails as he had told him before. The Board Meeting is the proper place to bring up any matters of concern. F.O.I.A. laws are very strict on response time, making yet another reason not to send emails.

Administrator Murray explained the Village has moved the Metra Parking next to the Village Hall. This is one of many steps the Village has taken to comply with Metra for the quiet zone. The Board and staff will continue to work on the quiet zone. They announced the phone number for BNSF Railway 1 800 795-2673. BNSF Railway is located in Dallas, Texas.

Trustee Stanphill stated she has noticed the train noises have eased up since Spring.

Trustee Kaptur said this is the peak time for train services due to the holiday season. More and more businesses are offering delivery at record time creating more train traffic. She told Mr. Rak that he has never called her regarding the train noise matter and he has her number.

The Board sympathized with the train concerned group and the Board has been working on this matter for years and hopefully soon the Village will achieve the quiet zone status.

President Nowaczyk said they had a conference call which included Mr. Radulski, a resident from the area of concern, and he was very pleased with the outcome of the call.

Clerk Baskovich will send out a test email to the train noise group. The last time they came to a meeting they left 6 emails and only 5 emails were actually good emails. One email bounced back.

Mr. Rak did say he was not trying to blame anyone and he knew working for the Village was a thankless job. Clerk Baskovich responded that "No, working for the Village is not a thankless job, it can be very rewarding."

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

Minutes: None.

President: *President Alan Nowaczyk*

Motion by President Nowaczyk to appoint Brandon Hudnut full-time. His duties will be a mechanic and assist public works when needed, second by Strazzante. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. NAYS: None. *Motion Carried.*

Engineering: *Engineer Matt Buerger*

Engineer Buerger said the binder and stripes are done on the new Metra Lot. We have received the bike racks and benches. It was requested that the police don't allow anyone to park in the lots until the signs go up and lighting is in place. The lights were on back order and they came in. The far west lot is done.

Administrator: *William Murray*

Administrator Murray has no report he will only have a few items for executive session.

Attorney: *Mike Mc Grath*

Motion by President Nowaczyk to approve the payment of \$5,000 for the settlement of Phil Wiseman vs. Alexander & the Village, second by Trustee Kaptur. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. NAYS: None. *Motion Carried.*

The Board directed the attorney to prepare an ordinance for Video Gambling to be placed as a referendum item at the next Board Meeting.

Treasurer: *Arlette Frye* ~ *No Report*

Ordinances: *Trustee George Bartik (absent)*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur to approve Ordinance 2015-O-17 approving the tax levy for the fiscal year 2016, second by Trustee Strazzante. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur to approve the amendment of the Liquor Licenses chapter to create a Class H category, second by Trustee Stanphill. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Finances: *Trustee Annette Kaptur*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur, second by Trustee Strazzante, to approve the warrants dated November 26, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Kaptur, second by Trustee Strazzante, to approve the warrants dated December 10, 2015 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES: Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. *Motion Carried.*

Trustee Kaptur stated the next budget meeting will be rather intense. There are several challenges. The total revenue is down, the EAV have declined since 2010, and the current value is below the value of 2005. The police fines are down to the level of 2005 and the Board continues to absorb legal fees from 2005. All these factors will make it a difficult year.

The bond rating for the Village is triple B+. The Village will have to evaluate many fees the Village currently charges and revisit the services to see where they can trim money from the budget.

Police and Fire: *Trustee Mario Imbarrato*

The board will table discussion in the Village liability insurance until the next meeting.

W.S. Family & Veterans Relief: *Trustee Maloney & Stanphill* ~

The Board will be reviewing the family relief guidelines in the future.

Streets & Alleys: *Trustee Jerry Strazzante* *No Report.*

West Suburban Water Commission: *President Nowaczyk* *No Report.*

Business Licenses: *Trustee Kathy Stanphill*

Motion by Trustee Stanphill to approved the attached list of businesses for 2016, second by Trustee Strazzante. ROLL CALL: Trustees: AYES: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. NAYS: None. **Motion Carried.**

Cook County has raised its health inspections fees and the Village will have to pass the increase on. The fees will now be \$140 per inspection as of July 1, 2015.

Building Committee: Trustee Kevin Maloney

Trustee Maloney reported that in November 2015 there were 19 permits pulled and the fees collected were \$37,003.85

Motion by Trustee Maloney and second by Trustee Stanphill to release the Road Bonds for 306 S. Oakwood and 9000 Orchard. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. NAYS: None. **Motion Carried.**

No discussion on property maintenance was held at this time.

Village Clerk's Report: Adena Baskovich

Motion by Trustee Kaptur and second by Trustee Stanphill to approve the schedule of Village Meetings for 2016. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. NAYS: None. **Motion Carried.**

Clerk Baskovich gave a brief summary of items the Board need to review regarding liquor licensing. The number of licenses per class, residency requirements, adding Basset training required by the State, Village ruling on Happy Hours, Beauty Salon Liquor Licenses is not used, perhaps eliminate it, fees, and excess signage by all businesses in general.

The Christmas Festivities went well on Saturday, December 5th. Several children attended, she thanked the Willowbrook Ballroom, Sarah's Ponies, Angie the D.J. and all the volunteers and the people that donated to make the party possible.

Tri-State Fire Dept. is looking for volunteers for the Santa Run next Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. anyone wishing to help should contact the Fire Dept.

Clerk Baskovich appreciated the gathering the Village held for her 30 years of service. She was definitely surprised. She thanked everyone and wishes the Village Board the best!

Baskovich reminded the Board the Village Employee gathering will be on Dec. 19th at the Irish Legend from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Old News: None.

New News: The Village will place on the next agenda an additional pension, Illinois Public Pension Association (IPPA) that employees can opt to join.

Executive Session:

Motion by Trustee Strazzante, second by Trustee Stanphill, to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of real estate and personnel. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante. NAYS: None. **Motion Carried. 9:36 p.m.**

Motion by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Stanphill to come out of Executive Session and resume the Regular Board Meeting, Voice Vote: ALL AYES. **Motion Carried.**

Roll Call: Present: President Nowaczyk, Trustees: Kaptur, Maloney, Stanphill and Strazzante.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Strazzante and second by Trustee Stanphill. Voice Vote: ALL AYES. **Motion Carried.** Time 9:58 p.m.

Adena Baskovich, Village Clerk