

**Minutes
Village of Willow Springs
Combined Committee and Board Meeting of the
President and Board of Trustees
April 25, 2019**

President John Carpino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: President John Carpino, Trustees: Thomas Birks, Terrence Carr, Michael Kennedy, Melissa Neddermeyer, and Kathy Stanphill. Trustee Stanphill vacated her seat and Trustee Moon took his seat at approximately 7:12 p.m. **Absent:** Trustee Fred Posch

Also Present: Administrator Brent Woods, Clerk Mary Jane Mannella, Attorney Erik Peck, Public Works Director Keith Grantland, Building Commissioner Bruce Zartler, Engineer Dan Lynch and Police Chief Jim Ritz.

Trustee Kathy Stanphill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Motion by Trustee Carr, second by Trustee Neddermeyer to appoint Robert Sprinkle to the Fire and Police Commission for a term ending April 30, 2020. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Kennedy, second by Trustee Birks to appoint Steven Bylina to the Police Pension Board for a term ending April 30, 2022. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

PRESENTATIONS:

Trustee Stanphill was presented with a plaques and flowers thanking her for her many years of dedicated service to the village. Mayor Carpino thanked her for her service. Trustee Stanphill thanked the citizens of Willow Springs for the honor of serving them for the last almost 14 years. She appreciates the confidence and vote she was given by the community. She always tried to make the right decision and do what she believed was right and not always what was popular, while still listening to her constituents. She wished the current board the best of luck.

At that time, Trustee Stanphill left her seat.

Cook County Judge John Allegretti administered the oath of office to the newly elected Trustees. Trustees Terry Carr and Ernie Moon will serve 4 year terms (2019 – 2023).

Trustees Carr and Moon took their seats.

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Birks, second by Trustee Kennedy to approve the minutes of the combined Committee and Board Meeting of April 11, 2019. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Traffic statistics coming out of the speed trailer show an extraordinary amount of traffic during morning and evening rush hours. This information will be used to make a case with the county for a stop sign at the corner of Nolton and Prospect Avenues.

West Suburban Water Commission:

Contracts have been signed with Airy's for this year's project.

The pre-construction meeting for the high tower water main reconstruction project will be held on May 2nd here at the village hall.

The water commission will be acquiring a base station and software needed to take full advantage of the new electronic meters that have been installed. The cost for this is approximately \$80,000.

Paul Gal was hired back to the water commission after completing his associate's degree.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Mannella thanked everyone for attending the Village Easter Egg Hunts which took place on Saturday 4/13. Thank you to the Easter Bunny for making an appearance for the children.

Willow Springs Lions Club will have its annual Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday 4/28 from noon to 5 pm in the Community Center.

ENGINEER REPORT:

No report.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Peck explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission met and had a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance. They recommend the passage of the ordinance. The ordinance moves the sign regulations out of the zoning code and into the building code. This allows changes to be made to our sign ordinance without holding a public hearing and posting the change for 30 days.

Motion by Trustee Neddermeyer, second by Trustee Kennedy to approve **Ordinance 2019-O-14** repealing Title 9A, Chapter 8 of the Willow Springs Village Code regarding sign regulations and creating Title 8, Chapter 5 of the Willow Springs Village Code. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

TREASURER REPORT:

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE:

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Motion by Trustee Kennedy, second by Trustee Birks to approve the warrants dated April 25, 2018 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

LICENSE AND FRANCHISE COMMITTEE:

No report.

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Clean Willow has been cancelled due to inclement weather. Please continue to save pop tops until September. Coming up is the Special Olympics Plane Pull at Lewis University with our team of 10 police officers currently the leading fund raising team.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Branch pick-up begins on Monday. The lift station at Renaissance Station was fixed last week.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Werner with Toys for Tots presented the board with a plaque thanking the village for placing a collection bin and filling it twice last holiday season for Toys for Tots.

OPEN FLOOR:

George Bartik (610 Charleton) found it a problem that Trustees were not sitting at the dais during the public hearing this past Monday. He wants the Trustees to understand that their vote on the TIF may be the most important thing they vote on while in office.

Joan Fries (215 Hill St) wanted to know the status of the house at 105 Hill St. She was informed that the asbestos was removed in the appropriate manner and the house will be razed as soon as the utilities have been shut off.

Don Baar (8148 Rosemere Ct) gave demand letters to the members of the board, the administrator and the clerk. Mr. Baar read from the Des Plaines Valley News and gave his opinion on the article he read.

Dave Patterson (206 E Ravine) talked about his understanding of the TIF financing being suggested. He also discussed potential aspects of TIF funding.

Carole Valdez (107 N Nolton) asked Trustee Carr if TIF 1 would be done at the expiration date. She also wanted to know when Westpoint Builders asked for the TIF and what method of communication was used between the developer and the village. She also wanted to know where the money was coming from for the TIF. She also requested another public meeting.

David Grzesnikowski (207 Oakwood) feels the TIF meetings have had irregularities. He did not like the conditions of the public hearing. He does not like the way the village has communicated about the project.

Clarence Zima (110 Kazwell St) gave his thoughts on the utility improvements needed for the TIF.

Ray Shwaz gave his thoughts on the school funding from the TIF. He believes there is a loss of trust due to the TIF.

Mark Walus gave his opinion on the public hearing. He also complained about property taxes.

Kevin Maloney reported lots of damage and mess from the trucks working in his area. He was assured the contractor will repair the streets when done.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Kennedy, second by Trustee Moon. Voice Vote. ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.* 8:00 p.m.

Mary Jane Mannella, Village Clerk