

**Minutes
Village of Willow Springs
Combined Committee and Board Meeting of the
President and Board of Trustees
May 9, 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, Ernie Moon, Melissa Neddermeyer, and Fred Posch

Also Present: Administrator Brent Woods, Clerk Mary Jane Mannella, Attorney Erik Peck, Sergeant Michael Giorgetti, Public Works Director Keith Grantland, Building Commissioner Bruce Zartler, and Village Engineer Dan Lynch

Former Trustee Kathy Stanphill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

Village Clerk Mary Jane Mannella administered the oath of office to the newly elected Trustee Fred Posch who will serve a 4 year term (2019 – 2023).

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Birks, second by Trustee Kennedy to approve the minutes of the combined Committee and Board Meeting of April 25, 2019. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

PRESIDENT REPORT:

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Woods gave an update on the Nolton traffic situation. He sent a letter to the Cook County Highway Department requesting a stop sign at Nolton and Prospect based on data from the traffic monitor.

The contractor who had done damage in the Dineff subdivision to the roads will be repairing the damage done.

Administrator Woods presented a Certificate of Abatement for the board to consider reducing the annual tax levy by an additional \$50,000.

Motion by Trustee Neddermeyer, second by Trustee Moon to authorize the Village President to execute a Certificate of Abatement for an additional reduction of \$50,000 in the tax levy for the \$3,895,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2017A. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

CLERK REPORT:

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday May 27th at 11 a.m. at the corner of Archer and Willow Springs Roads. Please join us.

Low cost rabies shots are currently available from Cook County Animal and Rabies Control.

ENGINEER REPORT:

No report.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

On May 8th, the resident requested a side yard variance at 10813 Chaucer Dr from the Planning and Zoning Commission. They recommend the variance be granted.

Motion by Trustee Kennedy, second by Trustee Posch to approve **Ordinance 2019-O-15** An Ordinance granting a side-yard variance for the property located at 10813 Chaucer Dr. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

Attorney Peck explained that a settlement had been reached with Rowell Chemical to alleviate the asphalt smell plaguing many Willow Springs neighborhoods. Rowell would be adding a vapor recovery system to the truck loading area and will give the village a \$30,000 donation toward a new squad car. These actions will be taken within 30 days of the execution of the agreement. The village in turn will release the citations given to Rowell for the odors. The village does not lose its ability to issue future citations if this is still an ongoing problem.

Motion by Trustee Birks, second by Trustee Posch to approve the settlement agreement with Rowell Chemical Company with amendments added to include a vapor recovery system added to the top of the asphalt storage tank. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

TREASURER REPORT:

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE:

In April there were 63 permits issued for the construction value of \$1,203,196 and the fees collected were \$30,020. Total permits issued for the year are 88 for the construction value of \$1,477,066 and fees collected of \$37,804.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Motion by Trustee Posch, second by Trustee Moon to approve the warrants dated May 9, 2019 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

LICENSE AND FRANCHISE COMMITTEE:

Motion by Trustee Birks, second by Trustee Moon to approve a business license for Barkin Boutique, 8695 Archer Avenue, Suite 28. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried*

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Trustee Kennedy thanked Carol Mistretta and Rita Sprinkle for all the hard work done around the village hall and town center with the flowers and other landscape work.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Trustee Neddermeyer reported that the Willow Springs Police team was the Special Olympics Plane Pull top fundraiser, top team in their division, and top team overall.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Trustee Birks announced that branch pick-up has begun. Park District will be keeping up with the trash on their Willow Springs Rd property more diligently. Trustee Posch asked for resident patience on grass cutting. The rain has been excessive.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

OPEN FLOOR:

Joan Fries (215 Hill St) wanted to know if our 911 calling dispatch was 24 hours a day and where was it dispatched from. She was told it is done by Justice 24 hours a day. She also asked to have the road behind the canal to be monitored for ATV's and other non-street legal vehicles. Sergeant Giorgetti told her we do not have jurisdiction but will do our best to monitor.

Carol Valdez (107 N Nolton Ave) asked who was writing the questions and answers appearing on the TIF 2 website. Administrator Woods told her the questions come from residents and are answered by staff. Some questions have needed to be clarified. She also commented on an article in Crains Chicago Business and inquired as to whom among the board and staff are communicating with the developer, West Point Builder. President Carpino informed her that most of the communication is going through the TIF attorney Vince Cainkar. She also commented on Tom Walsh.

Darlene Belmares (243 Poston Rd.) does not support TIF 2 and does not want TIF 1 extended. President Carpino indicated that TIF one would not be extended. He also informed the audience that he has requested the TIF 2 be reduced to 13 years from 23 years. There will also be no bonds in the new TIF.

Tom Walsh (11120 Hess Ln) wanted to clear up misinformation given about him in the community. It is being said he did not meet his commitment to provide the village with a fire truck, yet in 2003 documents have been provided showing he did meet his obligation. The second thing being said is that he owns Grecos Restaurant, he emphasized his lack of any involvement in either the business or the land and is very disappointed in individuals who would try and harm a business in the community for no reason. The last lie being told is that he owes the community \$700,000. He discussed the ordinance in which he was released from his obligation to the village, signed by then Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. He then discussed what his developments have brought to the tax base of Willow Springs, stating that they represent 68% of the tax base of the community.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Moon, second by Trustee Posch. Voice Vote. ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.* 7:41 p.m.

Mary Jane Mannella, Village Clerk