

**Minutes
Village of Willow Springs
Combined Committee and Board Meeting of the
President and Board of Trustees
September 26, 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, Chief James Ritz, Public Works Director Keith Grantland, Village Engineer Dan Lynch, and Treasurer Kelly Zabinski

Frank Mannella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

Clerk Mannella presented Keith Slouber with a plaque thanking him for his generous donation of time, equipment and expertise in moving the Willow Springs Village Center decorative rock to its new location at Archer and Willow Blvd.

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Moon, second by Trustee Posch to approve the minutes of the combined Committee and Board Meeting of September 12, 2019. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Carpino thanked everyone for attending the ground breaking for the Willow Glen project last night.

A Proclamation declaring October 6th through 12th as Fire Prevention Week in Willow Springs was presented by President Carpino.

Clerk Mannella read a proclamation recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention + Action Month/.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Motion by Trustee Kennedy, second by Trustee Birks to accept the Morton Salt contract bid on the Cook County contract. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Birks, second by Trustee Carr to authorize the purchase of a public works truck from the Village of Stickney for \$10,000. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

Administrator Woods explained the 3 cent non-home rule gas tax that would be added by ordinance tonight. Additional tax up to \$150,000 can be created annually to go toward road and drainage projects. This will allow the village to catch up on overdue projects much more quickly. All of our neighboring communities have comparable or higher tax rates.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Mannella announced that the newsletter would be out any day and Argo High School is having their homecoming next weekend.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Zabinski reported that the Fire Pension Board met for the final time and were able to dispose of all the assets of the fund appropriately.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Engineer Lynch reported that the annual MFT paving project was substantially complete.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Motion by Trustee Posch, second by Trustee Neddermeyer to approve **Ordinance 2019-O-30**, amending title 4, Business Regulations, Chapter 2, Business and Occupational Tax Regulations, by adding 4-2-6, Motor Fuel Tax. ROLL CALL: AYES: Trustees Kennedy, Neddermeyer, Posch, Moon and Carr. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Trustee Birks. *Motion Carried.*

Motion by Trustee Moon, second by Trustee Carr to approve **Ordinance 2019-O-31**, declaring 1999 International 4000 Series Truck (VIN 1HTSDAAN4XH638408) as surplus property. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE:

No report.

LICENSE AND FRANCHISE COMMITTEE:

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Motion by Trustee Posch, second by Trustee Moon to approve the warrants dated September 26, 2019 as read. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Trustee Neddermeyer let everyone know the Tri-State Fire Protection District open house will take place on 10/12 at their Darien location. The Willow Springs Police and Public Works open house will take place on 10/12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with hot dog lunch provided.

Chief Ritz gave an activity report and reported that we have been able to re-establish a DEA task force officer. He is looking into starting a Police Explorer program for 14 – 20 year olds and a Citizens Police Academy.

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Trustee Kennedy reported that the street project was largely complete and the punch list will be gone over with the contractor.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Motion by Trustee Birks, second by Trustee Kennedy to authorize the purchase of a new plow for Public Works truck not to exceed \$6300. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.*

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Krol (8235 Scenic Dr.) asked if something could be done about her neighbor's home having broken windows. The Administrator will work on this.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Moon, second by Trustee Posch. Voice Vote. ALL AYES. *Motion Carried.* 7:39 p.m.

Mary Jane Mannella, Village Clerk