

Village of Wonder Lake, McHenry County, Illinois
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:18 pm

Roll Call Present: Dycus, McIntosh, Dirr, Hilton, Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini
Absent: Learman
A quorum was established with 5 Trustees.

Attorney Present

Public Comment: None

Department Updates

Engineering – Jacob Wellbank, Robinson Engineering – Present

- **Stonewater** – large mass earthwork project ongoing and seeing single family home permits for Phases 3 & 4

Sewer and Water –Jacob Wellbank, Robinson Engineering– Present

- **Stonewater** – operating normally, began submitting reports to IEPA
- **Meadows of West Bay** – Village President Dycus asked about the iron issue in MOWB; Jacob informed the Board will check in to the problem

Village Attorney – Richard Curran – Present

- **Tax Cap** – it will be at 5% again this year
- **Ordinance** – will bring at next meeting, consumption of alcohol will be taken out of Business Regulations and move to General Offenses in the codification
- **Appropriation Ordinance** – filed with the County Clerk along with the Certification of Revenue Estimate
- **Stonewater Golf Cart Use** – been approached about use on sidewalks, sent a memo to Andy Teegan, NRB Land, to explain Village Golf Cart Ordinance for use on streets and does require subdivision approval.

Public Works – Chuck Bissel, Public Works Director – Present

- **Case Loader** – brought back over to main office for service and clean up
- **Tree Down Fire Lane** – tree service removed the tree

Police – Chief Redlin –Present

- **Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program** – applied for a grant and have been awarded it, will cover the cost of the process, first part-time agency in the State of Illinois to gain accreditation; Thanked Treasurer Dirr for all she does, this was a long process

General Affairs – Trustee Reinhard – Present

- **Disc Golf Course** – installation going slower than expected due to excessive rock and vandalism issues; Trustees and Village President Dycus discussed how vandalism should not deter the completion, how excessive rocks have slowed the project and that people are excited about the course

Financial – Treasurer Dirr - Present

- **Treasurers Group** – attending meeting tomorrow

Pollinator Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Department - Trustee Palys – Present

- **Yacht Club Island** – work continues, \$5,000.00 grant from NICOR used for high quality prairie plants on all 3 islands
- **Merchant Park** – wildflowers are blooming

Planning & Zoning Commission – Chairperson Cavanaugh – Not Present Nothing at this time

Communications / Public Relations – Trustee Tollini – Present

- **Website** – will start with the basic website migration to the new platform; will be seeing a demo on additional components for meeting management and document management

Trustee Reinhard left the meeting at 7:42pm.

Village Administrator – Bill Beith – Present

- **Website** – codification component will help with easier searches for ordinances, etc.
- **Funding Request** – spoke with Rep. Schneider’s office, indicated may find out more in December for 3.5 million for Hancock
- **Firewall** – received new firewall and will be installed next week

Business:

- **Nippersink Watershed Association Bridge** – nearly complete, concrete approaches will be poured later today, plantings will be going along the walkways
- **Annexation of Hancock Business District** – Attorney has plat, legal description, and signed petitions, now working on annexation agreement and other documentation needed

New Business:

- **Hydrant Repairs** – Robinson put together a list of needed repairs for \$165,000.00 ; can fund with water reserve money, the hydrants are not for Fire Department use but for maintenance of the water system

Motion to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion by: Trustee Hilton

Second by: Trustee Houston

Voice Vote Ayes: Hilton, Houston, Palys, Tollini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Learman, Reinhard

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 PM

Minutes submitted by /s/ Jo-Ellen McIntosh, Village Clerk