

**Village of Wonder Lake, McHenry County, Illinois
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

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

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held October 4, 2023

Motion by: Trustee Hilton
Second by: Trustee Houston
Discussion: None
Corrections: None
Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hilton, Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Learman
Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held October 18, 2023

Motion by: Trustee Houston
Second by: Trustee Hilton
Discussion: None
Corrections: None
Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hilton, Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Learman
Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 18, 2023

Motion by: Trustee Houston
Second by: Trustee Hilton
Discussion: None
Corrections: None...
Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hilton, Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Learman
Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of the Invoices to be approved for Payment Report dated November 1, 2023

Motion by: Trustee Palys
Second by: Trustee Hilton
Discussion: None
Corrections: None
Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hilton, Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Learman
Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Communications: None

Public Comment: None

President:

Approval of the 2023 Tax Levy Determination of 20.5%

Motion by: Trustee Hilton

Second by: Trustee Tollini

Discussion: Village Attorney Curran informed the Board that sent out the worksheet to review, new property comes in uncapped and only new once, new property is estimated by the County at 18 million, recommends 20.5%, 20% or somewhere around there to try to capture the new property; Village President Dycus informed the Board that only making sure we add in the new eav value of the new property to the Village taxable base ; Determination will be at 20.5%

Corrections: None

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hilton, Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Learman

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Fall Fest Update – President Dycus thanked Trustee Houston for all his work on this event, his energy and outreach to the community ; Thanked Village Administrator Beith, Chief Redlin, Deputy Chief Mandernack, the Wonder Lake Community Club, all the Sponsors that donated and Scott's participation ; received a lot of positive feedback about the event, Shout Out to Public Works - Public Works Director Bissell and the team went above and beyond before and during the Fall Fest, Brad and Nick drove the hay truck all day, all the hours and hard work is appreciated ; Thanked all the Police Officers involved in the event, appreciated the time and coordination to make it all happen ; everyone's hard work is appreciated and looking forward to this annual event

Greenwood IGA Update – did submit an IGA to Greenwood to transfer over a 677 ft portion of West Wonder Lake Road to the Village of Wonder Lake, communication with Greenwood and the County to make sure all supportive of the road work ; in addition as a second option to the IGA will add additional roads that are contiguous to the Village of Wonder Lake consisting of Thompson Road and W. Wonder Lake Road to end of Meadows of West Bay property, if second option agreed upon then Village of Wonder Lake will maintain the additional roads.

Clerk: Nothing at this time

Attorney:

- **Hancock Drive** – working on objectors and their Attorney, hoping to have resolved soon
- **Property Maintenance Ordinance** – working on

Ordinances: None

Resolutions: None

Report of Departments:

Engineering: Ryan Christensen, Robinson Engineering – Present

- **Hancock Drive** – survey crews out there now, working on soil borings
- **Stonewater** – conveyance of Phases 3 & 4, NRB wrapping up some warranty issues; NRB accepted bids for expansion of wastewater treatment plant, reviewing the numbers and having meetings with bidders to work out any issues, may see excavation in the Spring

Sewer and Water: Ryan Christensen, Robinson Engineering – Present

- **Flushing** – going on, had some issues last week that have been repaired
- **Irrigation Systems** - normal operations, will be blown out next week

Financial: Treasurer Dirr – Present

- **Fiscal Year Audit 2023** – audit has been delayed, new firm will be doing the work, Village Administrator Beith contacted the Comptroller and filed for an extension, Statewide shortage of auditors

Pollinator Habitat Restoration & Enhancement Department (PHRED): Trustee Palys- Present

- **Merchant Creek** – put dirt down and seeded the Village property by the bridge

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

Police: Chief Redlin – Present

- **Fall Fest** – 500 to 600 visitors came through with zero police response or any issues
- **Halloween** – went out and handed out candy along with Fire Chief Weber
- **RAM Trucks** – at the outfitters

General Affairs: Trustee Reinhard – Present

- **Josh Jason Seeburger** – perfect record in softball, moving from U10 to U12 next year
- **Soccer** – under new direction by Kelly Coots, 65 players this season, U12 at Woods Creek Park, U10 and U8 at Jacobsen Park
- **Infield Maintenance Jacobsen Park** - may be delayed due to weather

Public Works: Chuck Bissell, Public Works Director – Present

- **Briner** - picked up from Michigan, Langton will provide the chloride for the sprayer
- **Trunk or Treat** – crew liked working the event
- **Mowing Robot** – has been picked up
- **Snow Equipment** – have the equipment all set up
- **New Chevy 2500** – taken over to Knapheide

Communications/Public Relations: Trustee Tollini – Present

- **Public Interaction due to work by Trustee Houston** – now seeing increase in scam messaging; a nuisance but a good thing showing we are out there

Village Administrator: William Beith – Present

- **Civic Plus** – working to get website schedule, need suggestions now for anything to add
- **Unsewered Community Grants** – waiting to open so can apply
- **NIU Study** – reviewed first draft
- **B&F Construction Services** – met to begin process to update Building Code
- **Fall Fest** – Trustee Houston informed the Board that vendors appreciated Village Administrator Beith checking in with them throughout the event; Thanked Public Works, Police and First Lady Dycus for all the work put into the event

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

- **Fireworks** – Trustee Palys asked if there is an update ; Village President Dycus informed the Board that will need to talk during the Budget cycle ; will make it a separate line item in the Parks Budget

New Business:

- **Paid Leave for all workers Act** – Village Attorney Curran informed the Board that the new law is all employees earn 1 hour of paid time off for 40 hours of work, in effect January 1, 2024, will need to build policy to follow.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Trustee Hilton

Second by: Trustee Houston

Voice Vote Ayes: Hilton, Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Learman

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

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