

**Village of Wonder Lake, McHenry County, Illinois
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

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

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held November 1, 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: None
Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held November 15, 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: None
Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held November 15, 2023

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

Approval of the Treasurer's Report dated October 2023

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

Approval of the Invoices to be approved for Payment Report dated December 6, 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: None
Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Communications: None

Public Comment:

- **Bob Anderson, 5515 E. Lake Shore Drive, Hickory Falls 1 & 2** – discussed annexation of Wonder Center, glad to see it moving forward; would like to see a more aggressive approach to incorporating other areas into the Village, showed a post card from 1960 that was sent out and presented information about annexation; discussed how unincorporated money enhances other people in the state and not necessarily the community.

President:

Police Department Awards Presentations by Chief Redlin

- **Officer Brian Howard – Honorable Mention Award Life Saving Efforts** – for his Life Saving efforts when came upon a traffic crash while off duty that reflected highly on the Wonder Lake Police Department
- **Detective Richard Vance – Officer of the Year 2023** – his exceptional dedication, exemplary service, unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of law enforcement, his courage, integrity, professionalism have significantly contributed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community
- **Lori Bissell – 25 Years of Service** – in honor of exemplary service for the Village of Wonder Lake, recognition of unwavering commitment, dedication, and outstanding contributions to the success of our organization, her hard work and loyalty have been instrumental in shaping success and growth of Wonder Lake and commend your positive impact on the entire team

Presentation by Richard Heipp – concerned about public safety, discussed a noise complaint and how noise can have long term health implications, read from the Illinois State Constitution about a noise nuisance, has contacted the Police Department multiple times and is looking for a resolution to this issue

Motion to Open the Public Hearing on 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance

Motion by: Trustee Hilton
Second by: Trustee Reinhard
Discussion: Village President Dycus asked if there was any public comment, one person commented, see below
Corrections: None
Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hilton, Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Public Comment 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance:

- **Bob Anderson – 5515 E. Lake Shore Drive, Hickory Falls 1 & 2** – here concerning what was in the paper, the black box notice, disservice to annexation when people see 20.5%, the notice is confusing and people think taxes are going up by that percentage when it is about new property, levy notice 17% and then 20.5%, which is correct, would like to have someone on the Board to reach out to State Representatives about reducing spending.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing on 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance

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

Clerk: Nothing at this time

Attorney:

- **Tax Levy Ordinance** – informed the Board that 20.5% is correct for the Tax levy, first two years the Village has done a Black Box Notice due to picking up the new construction in Stonewater and Meadows of West Bay, error in notice on the newspaper's part and was republished right away

Ordinances:

Approval of Ordinance No. 564, 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance \$617,500.00

Motion by: Trustee Hilton

Second by: Trustee Reinhard

Discussion: Village Attorney Curran informed the Board that last year the tax levy was \$500,000.00 range and this year due to new construction in Stonewater and Meadows of West Bay going up to \$617,500.00, Village rates are reasonable, recommends approval

Corrections: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of Ordinance No. 565, Senior Water/Sewer Discount Ordinance

Motion by: Trustee Hilton

Second by: Trustee Houston

Discussion: Village Attorney Curran informed the Board that worked with Village Administrator Beith and Village President Dycus on this ; 20% Sewer & Water Discount for Residents and Non-Residents age 65 and over ; this is a permanent discount ; concern for people on a fixed income ; seemed to be the right thing to do in our community ; Application for the discount will be posted on the Village Website.

Corrections: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Resolutions:

Approval of Resolution No. 23-023, a Resolution Accepting Social Security Coverage

Motion by: Trustee Houston

Second by: Trustee Tollini

Discussion: Jennifer Snelton informed the Board that Village is contributing to Social Security, the Section 218 Agreement around for a long time, no record of the Village putting this agreement in place, In July 1991 a new law automatically enrolled all public employees in Social Security ; Village looking into enrolling in Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) for future full-time employees; Village needs agreement so employees can have both Social Security (already participating in) and IMRF, this resolution needs to be set up before IMRF is set up for the Village to participate in both

Corrections: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Report of Departments:

Engineering: Jacob Wellbank, Robinson Engineering – Present

- **Stonewater and Meadows of West Bay** - waiting for more information to support final acceptance of neighborhood public improvements; continue to receive and review plats of survey
- **Hancock Drive Sewer and Water Improvements project** - the field work is complete and currently being drafted and when complete design will be started

Sewer and Water: Ryan Christensen, Robinson Engineering – Present

- **Pump Houses at Meadows of West Bay and Stonewater** – recommending purchase of chlorine analyzers, monitor chlorine residual leaving pump houses and control chlorine pumps; received quote from Swan Analytical Instruments and it is \$15,000.00 for both installed. expecting one more quote to come in
- **NIU Water Tower Demolition** – quote for \$108,000.00; Village will need to take down some trees for access \$10,000.00 that is not included in the quote, contractor requesting Fire Protection assistance due to the torch cutting of the exterior; will check into grants
- **Iron Filter Media Replacement** – recommending replacing at both pump houses, will reduce iron content from wellhouse into the system; currently collecting proposals; filter media is 18 years old and at end of life; a proactive measure
- **Meadows of West Bay Flushing** – will start tomorrow
- **MS4 Permit** – started process to review permit for Stonewater Wastewater Treatment Plant, cost will be approximately \$10,000.00
- **Hydrant Repairs** – in Sunrise Ridge being pre dug today and water will be shut off tomorrow for repair work ; Village President Dycus informed the Board that there is a list of hydrant repairs throughout the Village and will continue working on the repairs as long as the weather will allow.

Financial: Treasurer Dirr – Present

- **New Auditor** – met with the new auditor and established a plan of what will be doing, they will come in next week to do some field work
- **Fire Impact Fee Payouts** – these two checks going out are not on the Invoices to be Approved report. McHenry Township Fire Protection District for \$48,000.00 and the Wonder Lake Fire Protection District for \$32,581.00

Pollinator Habitat Restoration & Enhancement Department (PHRED): Trustee Palys – Present – Nothing at this time

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

Police: Chief Redlin – Present – Nothing at this time

General Affairs: Trustee Reinhard – Present

- **Jacobsen Park** – infield work completed, removed ridge between grass and parking area, Public Works Director Bissell removed 8 to 10 loads of dirt

Public Works: Chuck Bissell, Public Works Director – Present

- **Brining Roads** – takes about 8 hours to do entire Village, makes snow easier to push off the road, use less salt ; Village President Dycus informed the Board that constructed brining mixing system in-house saving money

Discussion about Equipment:

Approval of Used Skid Steer Purchase for up to \$30,000.00

Motion by: Trustee Tollini

Second by: Trustee Hilton

Discussion: Skid Steer is safer and faster to load salt into the brine mixing system, looking for something used under \$30,000.00, will be able to use in other capacities for the Village

Corrections: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of Purchase of Truck \$49,294.26

Motion by: Trustee Hilton

Second by: Trustee Houston

Discussion: Village President Dycus informed the Board that this is the 4th truck that was discussed at a previous meeting; same price as 4 Door Truck we purchased before, will finish out our ARPA spending

Corrections: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of Purchase of a Used Lawn Mower up to \$10,000.00

Motion by: Trustee Hilton

Second by: Trustee Houston

Discussion: Village President Dycus informed the Board that looking for a used 60" – 72" Diesel Zero Turn Mower; will be kept at Public Works and used in Jacobsen Park so will not have to pay for mowing in the park

Corrections: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of Purchase of Samsara Tracking Software - Annual Cost \$10,000.00 per Review of Contract by Village Attorney Curran

Motion by: Trustee Tollini

Second by: Trustee Hilton

Discussion: Village President Dycus informed the Board that will be used for Public Works and Police vehicles, will be good for tracking vehicles out and not out for snow plowing, etc. ; Public Works Director Bissel informed the Board that will help out immensely; Police Chief Redlin informed the Board that more advanced than what have through the County ; all vehicles will have forward facing cameras as part of installation; equipment is part of the contract, leasing equipment so will be replaced easily if issues

Corrections: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Communications/Public Relations: Trustee Tollini – Present – Nothing at this time

Village Administrator: William Beith – Not Present – Nothing at this time

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

- Village President Dycus informed the Board that Trustee Fred Learman passed away last week, the service was today; did notify the Board Members last week

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Trustee Houston

Second by: Trustee Hilton

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

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