

**Village of Wonder Lake, McHenry County, Illinois
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call Present: Dycus, McIntosh, Dirr, Hilton, Houston, Palys, Reinhard, Tollini, Beith
Absent: None
A quorum was established with 5 Trustees
Attorney Present

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held December 6, 2024

Motion by: Trustee Palys
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 December 20, 2024

Motion by: Trustee Palys
Second by: Trustee Tollini
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 December 20, 2024

Motion by: Trustee Palys
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 Treasurer's Report dated November 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: None
Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Approval of the Invoices to be approved for Payment Report dated January 3, 2024

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: None

President:

- **Presentation by Lou Ness – Cancelled**

Clerk: Nothing at this time

Attorney:

- **2023 Tax Levy** - filed with the McHenry County Clerk
- **Administrative Reports for SSAs** – filed with the McHenry County Clerk and recorded
- **300 New Laws** – a couple relate to Police; Schools make quicker access for Police, Accountability if you allow minors to drink and someone injured,

Ordinances: None

Resolutions: None

Report of Departments:

Engineering: Jacob Wellbank, Robinson Engineering – Present

- **Stonewater and Meadows of West Bay** - received and reviewed as built for the latest earthwork phase and have not found any issues within construction tolerances.

Sewer and Water: Jacob Wellbank, Robinson Engineering – Present

- **NIU Water Tower Demolition** – seeking an additional quote
- **Hydrant Repairs** – 50% complete, digging portions on pause due to frost

Financial: Treasurer Dirr – Present

- **Payroll** – working on year-end reporting and getting W-2s out to employees
- **Paid-Time Off** – set up tracking for the accruals

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

- **Holidays** – no major incidents to report
- **Pre-Trial Fairness Act** – all officers have been trained on all the changes
- **New Ticket Software** – Clerk's office has new ticket software, software uploaded, training coming, may be able to get new ticket printers for the squads through the Clerk's office
- **School Access Law** – aware of this in advance, worked with school and already set up with the school
- **Vaping Indoors Violation** – may need to address this new law with an ordinance

General Affairs: Trustee Reinhard – Present

- **Meadows of West Bay** – looking into possible Disc Golf Course of 5 to 9 holes, like to order some equipment on do this year's budget, need to find out if the developer or the Village has jurisdiction of the parks, Attorney Curran informed the Board will need to look at the plat of subdivision will identify the parks and open space
- **East Side Parks** – Trustee Hilton asked if any plans for the East Side parks such as pickleball

Public Works: Chuck Bissell, Public Works Director – Present

- **Small Snow Event** – trial run of tracking system on Langston trucks , getting Village trucks set up
- **Brining** – did more prior to snowfall

Communications/Public Relations: Trustee Tollini – Present

- **American Legal Resource Links** – lost the search links for Code Book during the transition from American Legal to Civic Plus, working on this website issue

Village Administrator: William Beith – Present

- **Building Code and Zoning Code** – working on updates
- **Senior Water Discount** – document designed application for discount and general water account application that will be included in new home packets to set up water
- **Website Update** – due in Mid to Late January for next website update

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Stonewater Parkway Speed Limit** – 35 mph, resident requesting Village to consider reducing the speed limit, Chief Redlin offered to complete a speed limit study to see what the actual speed is at different times of the day and different days of the week
- **Migrant Arrivals & Potential Responses** – the Village does not have a Metra station, but communities nearby do and are setting up ordinances, the Village may want to consider an ordinance, Village Attorney will be sending out the Elburn Ordinance to review since approximately the same size community as the Village ; Chief Redlin informed the Board that the Police Department position without an ordinance is that we are a community caretaker looking for the best interest of the people inside the bus and that the bus driver is the one who is vacating the bus (cold weather, food, etc) so can act on that, an ordinance will provide more for the Police to work with to make sure the people are safe and get to a place that can provide shelter and food.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Trustee Houston

Second by: Trustee Reinhard

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries with 5 Trustees

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

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