

**Village of Wonder Lake, McHenry County, Illinois**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

**Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm**

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Department Updates**

**Engineering – Ryan Christensen, Robinson Engineering – Present**

- **Meadows of West Bay and Stonewater** – reviewing final grading
- **Stonewater** – NRB will be coming to the Board to turn over infrastructure soon

**Sewer and Water –Jacob Wellbank, Robinson Engineering– Present**

- **Stonewater Hydrant** – hydrant hit by plow, broke away like it should, need a bit of a thaw to fix
- **Cold Weather** – keeping watch on everything (heat in buildings, etc.)

**Village Attorney – Richard Curran – Present**

- **Tax Levy Ordinance and Abatement Ordinances** – filed with County, next step is the Tax Levy Confirmation Report from the County – Village Attorney Curran checked the report and all SSAs matched except in SSA 2 (maybe due to some consolidations), David Taussig will confirm SSA 2, all others will be sent in tomorrow
- **Hancock Update** – working with Horizontals, maybe close to a final draft

**Public Works – Chuck Bissell, Public Works Director – Present**

- **Streets** – still cleaning up
- **Thanked the Police Department for assisting with getting cars off the streets**
- **Thanked the Fire Department for being patient**
- **Thanked Two Residents that surprised drivers with goodies**
- **Snow Event** – 13.5"

**Police – Chief Redlin – Present**

- **Thanked Public Works for all their work**

**General Affairs – Trustee Reinhard – Present**

- **Budget Planning** – some money left over from this year, possible ideas
  - Meadows of West Bay Disc Golf - \$6,000, have map of possible paths for the course
  - Oak Savannah Walk – savannah area in MOWB, no houses built in it, work not done until August
  - Resurfacing courts – needs to be done
- **Eastside Parks** – need ideas and to do some planning for larger projects

**Financial – Treasurer Dirr – Present**

- **Field Work** – with auditors will be next week

**Pollinator Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Department - Trustee Palys – Present**

- **Some Seed Down** – slow will help with that
- **Wooded Lot** – tree leaning in wires, placed 2 calls to Com Ed and no response yet ; Village Administrator Beith will reach out but will need photos and pole numbers
- **Community Garden** – other Village lots next to it discussed pickleball courts, parking and need ideas of what to set up in the wooded area ; lot between the wooded area and the community garden is still for sale

**Planning & Zoning Commission – Chairperson Cavanaugh – Not Present – Report by Village Administrator Beith**

- **Vacation Rental** – 7903 Bay View application will be submitted soon
- **Variance** – 2805 E. Lakeshore Drive documentation coming soon

**Communications / Public Relations – Trustee Tollini – Present**

- **Website** – did receive notice that Civic Plus is working on their migration of the website

**Village Administrator – Bill Beith – Present**

- **Building and Zoning Codes** – working on updates
- **NIU Study** – will be receiving first final draft of the study to review
- **Website** – Trustees need to let Trustee Tollini and Village Administrator Beith know what would like to add to the website

**Old Business:**

- **Community Development Block Grants** – Trustee Reinhard informed the board released money for houses in unincorporated McHenry County, one eligible lot is on Lucy, a house will be built there
- **Fireworks** – Trustee Palys asked if Village is considering funding the Fireworks, Village President Dycus informed the Board will seek a department to put in the budget, Trustee Tollini informed the Board will need \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 to fully fund the fireworks without donations

**New Business:** None

**Motion to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Motion by:** Trustee Hilton

**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 7:40 PM

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