

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WHEELING
COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS 60090
BOARD ROOM, 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER President Argiris called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wheeling to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE President Argiris led those present in the Pledge.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE Clerk Simpson called the roll and the following Board members were present:

Dean Argiris	Ken Brady	Mary Papantos	Joe Vito
Ray Lang	Mary Krueger	Dave Vogel	

Also present were: Jon Sfondilis, Village Manager; Mike Crotty, Assistant Village Manager; Jim Ferolo, Village Attorney; Michael Mondschain, Finance Director; Andrew Jennings, Community Development Director; Shari Huizar, Human Services Director; Mark Janeck, Public Works Director; Jamie Dunne, Police Chief; Todd Wolff, Deputy Police Chief; Keith MacIsaac; Fire Chief; and representatives of Daily Herald and Journal & Topics newspapers.

PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS AND AWARDS

Proclamation: Professional Social Work Month – March 2016. Clerk Simpson read the proclamation in its entirety. President Argiris presented the proclamation to Human Services Director Huizar.

Proclamation: Athletic Training Month – March 2016. Clerk Simpson read the proclamation in its entirety. President Argiris presented the proclamation to High School District 214 Athletic Director Dave Jerbi.

Awards: Police Department Lifesaving Awards. Clerk Simpson read the Lifesaving Awards for Officers Steven Komin and Devin Ladesic who are being awarded for intervening to save a juvenile attempting suicide. President Argiris presented the two awards to Officers Steven Komin and Devin Ladesic.

CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Gwen Kukla addressed the Board with concerns she has with the Police Department and burglaries at her home that she believes have gone unaddressed by the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION RE: 2015–2016 Strategic Plan Progress and Status

Village Manager Sfondilis gave an update on the progress of the Strategic Plan projects and explained that there is an internal database for staff to keep track of the progress of each of the projects.

Trustee Brady stated he would like to see a plan in place for improvements to the Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway intersection to alleviate traffic congestion.

There was a discussion about soliciting ideas for a new Village slogan. Manager Sfondilis indicated that ideas will be sought from all residents using the Village's social media platforms.

Trustee Krueger would like to see more of a push to engage residents through social media. Only a small portion of the residents are following the Village of Wheeling's Facebook page.

Trustee Krueger also stated she would like to see more of a diligent effort to keep sidewalks free of snow.

B. Resolution 16-24 Authorizing Execution of a Plat of Highway Which Would Dedicate Certain Village-Owned Property to Facilitate Improvements to Dundee Road and Community Boulevard

Clerk Simpson read the resolution to the Board.

Community Development Jennings explained that this dedication facilitates intersection improvements including a traffic signal and extension of Community Boulevard at the intersection of Dundee Road and Community Boulevard. This land is being dedicated to IDOT. Staff anticipates construction could potentially be completed by the end of the fall season this year.

A motion was made by Trustee Vogel and seconded by Trustee Krueger that Resolution 16-24 be approved.

On the roll call the vote was:

AYES: 7 – Trustees Vogel, Vito, Papantos, Brady, Lang, Krueger, & President Argiris
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

There being seven affirmative votes, the motion was approved.

C. DISCUSSION RE: Wheeling Town Center Restated Redevelopment Agreement

Attorney Ferolo informed the Board that the Redevelopment Agreement for Wheeling Town Center will need a restated version to address certain changes to the project including a change of six months to the project schedule, a refined definition of the improvements that the Village will take on, an allocation of detention storage in Heritage Lake to reduce underground detention storage onsite, requirements for an elliptical pipe construction, and changes to the language for the West Shore pipeline relocation agreement.

Trustee Brady stated that he is disgusted with this project and the length of time it is taking to complete. He expressed concern with losing the anchor tenant and increasing construction costs as the project continues to be delayed.

Brad Friedman, developer for Wheeling Town Center, indicated that Flix Brewhouse is still interested in the site despite the construction delay.

Trustee Vogel would like to see the timeline moved up and not take the full extra six months if possible.

Trustee Papantos also expressed frustration with the extended project dates.

Trustee Vito expressed concern with losing Flix Brewhouse if the development continues to experience delays.

Mr. Friedman stated that there are other movie theaters who have also expressed interest in the development.

Trustee Krueger stated she felt the delays are reasonable and thanked the developer for continuing to move forward despite road blocks.

President Argiris stated that he is also frustrated with the time it is taking to get a shovel in the ground on this project.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Krueger informed the Board that she and Deputy Chief Palmeri attended the RED Center budget subcommittee meeting on February 17.

Trustee Vito spoke in regards to the current Village slogan stating that he would really like to see it changed.

Trustee Lang informed the Board that a contractor is working with Homeland Security and is flying helicopters out of Chicago Executive Airport as well as doing training in the area. They have created a no fly zone north of the airport, unless in the case of an emergency.

Trustee Papantos inquired about The Whitley project. Manager Sfondilis answered that the project is currently stalled due to internal financial issues. The contractor is working towards a resolution. Staff expects that they will complete the project.

Clerk Simpson reminded everyone that on February 24 the Wheeling Historical Society will have their annual dinner and white elephant auction at Chamber Community Center.

Manager Sfondilis reminded everyone that the State of the Village event will take place on February 24 at Chevy Chase.

President Argiris asked staff to coordinate the annual meeting between the Board and the Plan Commission. He also suggested a review of the Comprehensive Plan to make sure it is still current with the Village's vision.

President Argiris also informed residents that an Outstanding Citizens Award will be created in honor of George Hieber who has volunteered for the Village in many ways for many years. This award will be granted on an annual basis.

President Argiris also thanked staff for their work on a residential fire that recently took place. Staff from the Fire, Police, Public Works, and Social Services Departments was involved.

Lastly, President Argiris informed the Board that the Chicago Executive Airport Board Chairman has resigned and a new Chairman is being solicited. Applications should go to Chicago Executive Airport and will be reviewed by President Argiris and Mayor Helmer.

ADJOURNMENT

President Argiris asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Krueger and seconded by Trustee Papantos that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried by voice vote.

On the roll call the vote was:

AYES: 7 – Trustees Vogel, Vito, Papantos, Brady, Lang, Krueger, & President Argiris
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

There being seven affirmative votes, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT 7:47 p.m.

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk

Approved this 21st day of March 2016 by the President and Board of Trustees