

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER, 825 MIDWAY DRIVE, WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Frank Trilla.

2. ROLL CALL

Those physically present at roll call were Mayor Frank Trilla, Village Clerk Gretchen Boerwinkle, Trustees Mark Astrella, Sue Berglund, Umberto Davi, Michael Mistele, Gayle Neal, Gregory Ruffolo, Village Attorney Michael Durkin, Village Administrator Sean Halloran, Assistant Village Administrator Alex Arteaga, Director of Community Development Michael Krol, Director of Public Works Rick Valent, Chief Lauren Kaspar, Deputy Chief Benjamin Kadolph, Deputy Chief Gerard Wodka and Deputy Clerk Christine Mardegan.

ABSENT: Chief Financial Officer Lora Flori and Director of Parks and Recreation Dustin Kleefisch.

Also present was Superintendent Senior Services Teresa Mrozik.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Trilla asked Superintendent Mrozik to lead everyone in saying the pledge of allegiance.

4. VISITORS' BUSINESS

None present.

5. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

- a. WAIVE READING OF THE MINUTES (APPROVE)
- b. MINUTES - BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, JUNE 23, 2025 (APPROVE)

Mayor Trilla asked the Board if there were any items to be removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Davi and seconded by Trustee Berglund to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Astrella, Berglund, Davi, Mistele, Neal, and Ruffolo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

a. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPERTY AT 610 & 618 PLAINFIELD ROAD – DEMOLITION, DEVELOPMENT & SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Director Valent indicated that 610 and 618 Plainfield Road were acquired to support potential future uses, including expanded recreational opportunities, economic development, or stormwater improvements. While final use is unknown, demolition and land improvements will prepare the site for future project consideration.

The current request for demolition and site improvement includes the following with a total estimated cost for both properties of \$184,356.50 to be expensed from the Opportunity Reserve Fund:

- Utility disconnections (natural gas and electric)
- Tree, stump, and invasive growth removal
- Freon removal from HVAC systems
- Installation and maintenance of construction fencing
- Demolition of structures and asphalt driveway removals
- Backfilling of foundations and full site restoration upon project completion

Administrator Halloran added that it is most likely that staff will present the board with a holistic approach to development on these sites by the end of the year during the budget workshop sessions.

The Mayor questioned whether the cost of demolition and restoration was for both properties. Director Valent assured him it is.

b. DISCUSSION OF ADOPTING A LOCAL ORDINANCE TO ENFORCE THE CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS OF PROSTITUTION, SOLICITING FOR A PROSTITUTE, AND KEEPING A PLACE OF PROSTITUTION WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK

In December of 2023, the Village Board adopted an ordinance establishing an Administrative Adjudication to aid in creating an effective and efficient process for municipal code compliance and resolution.

Chief Kaspar explained that currently there are several criminal misdemeanor nuisances listed under Title 5 Police Regulations, Chapter 3 of the Village Code which allows for enforcement at the local level (Battery, Assault, Retail Theft, etc.), administrative adjudication.

With the Board's agreement, Police would like to add the following three

public misdemeanors that have been identified as beneficial to the Village Code of Ordinances, Title 5 Police Regulations, Chapter 3 Misdemeanors:

- 720 ILCS 5 Sec. 11-14. Prostitution
- 720 ILCS 5 Sec. 11 15: Soliciting for a prostitute
- 720 ILCS 5 Sec. 11 17: Keeping a Place of Prostitution

She noted that adding these three misdemeanors to the Village's municipal code will give officers another level of enforcement and aid in the efficient resolution of these criminal acts.

Trustee Davi asked if these types of misdemeanors were currently being prosecuted under state statute. Chief Kaspar concurred and noted that as with any criminal misdemeanor the department would use its discretion as to whether to charge this under local statute or state law. If the crime is not appropriate to be charged at the local level, such as the case with an additional history of battery or theft, the charges will be made more severely, such as at the state level.

The Board agreed to the proposition and provided consensus on moving forward with amending the Village Code ordinance.

#### c. POLICE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY CRIME UPDATE – Q2 2025

Chief Kaspar reviewed the following statistical data for the second quarter, April, May and June, of 2025:

- Total Dispatched Calls for the second quarter of calendar years 2021 through 2025  
*Similar to previous years - no major changes*
- Traffic Enforcement Summary the second quarter of calendar years 2021 through 2025  
*Similar to previous years - slightly lower than the second quarter of 2024*
- Traffic Accident Summary for the second quarter of calendar years 2021 through 2025  
*Again, similar to previous years - slightly lower than 2024 and 2023*
- Offense Trends from January 2024 to current  
*Presented information for January to June of 2024 and 2025 showing a significant downward trend for 2025. The report includes Group A offenses which include crimes against persons, property and*

*society. The significant downward trend is due in part to the downward trend in retail thefts.*

- A heat map overview for all calls requiring written reports during the second quarter of 2025

*The primary concentration of calls was made in areas of the Village with shopping districts and multi-unit housing.*

- Midway Drive Speed Data

*An update of the data collected monitoring Midway Drive since the installation of speed tables in June 2024. Overall reduction in number of drivers exceeding 31-35 miles per hour.*

When Chief Kaspar concluded the crime report update, she advised the Board that the police will begin the Neighborhood Roll Call program next week on August 12<sup>th</sup> at Willow Pond and provided full sized samples of the signs that would be displayed in the neighborhoods prior to the roll call events. She indicated that it would be a 15-30 minute event with give-a-ways for kids. She noted that the two sergeants assigned to the event are excited and looking forward to leading the program.

d. DISCUSSION REGARDING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS TO OFFER TRIPS FROM WILLOWBROOK'S ACTIVE ADULT PROGRAM

Superintendent Mrozik explained that beginning in March 2024 staff from the Village of Western Springs reached out to Director Kleefisch to discuss cooperative "co-oping" on programs. Although Western Springs hosts a Senior Center, they were interested in offering additional programming and trips to their residents.

After a year-long delay due to internal issues at Western Springs and a change in leadership, talks resumed this past spring to discuss the logistics of a partnership agreement. As proposed, the agreement will run from August 1st, 2025, to August 1st, 2026.

The agreement is identical in scope and function to the partnership agreements that are currently in place with the Village of Hinsdale and Darien Park District offering resident rates to their residents. The collaboration between Willowbrook and Western Springs will help better serve the residents and help both the Senior Center and the Active Adult program from a logistical and financial standpoint.

The Mayor praised Superintendent Mrozik for her hard work and congratulated the Director and the entire department for the progress made and the success of their programs.

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The Board agreed to the benefits of this agreement.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Trustee Ruffolo and seconded by Trustee Mistele to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at the hour of 5:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustees Astrella, Berglund, Davi, Mistele, Neal, and Ruffolo. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

PRESENTED, READ, and APPROVED.

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Frank A. Trilla, Mayor

Minutes transcribed by Administrative Assistant Jody Wegrzynski.