



**Board Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2025 – 6:00 pm
Community Center
600 N. Main Street, Wauconda, IL**

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
At 6 pm Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call: Commissioners –Berrelez, Carr, Bianco, Tallman, and Starkey
Commissioners Tallman, Carr, Bianco, Berrelez, and Starkey were present along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. The following members of the public attended the meeting: JoAnn Freeman.
3. Approval of Minutes – July 8, 2025 – Public Hearing Minutes - Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2025-04
A motion to approve the July 8, 2025, Public Hearing Minutes- Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2025-04 was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll call: All aye

July 8, 2025 – Regular Session Minutes

A motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from July 8, 2025, was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll call: All aye
4. Comments from the Public
None
5. Communications
Thank you from the Wauconda Chamber for assistance and participation with the Chamber Golf Outing.
6. Approval of Disbursements – July 9, 2025 – July 22, 2025, = \$185,756.16
A motion to approve the disbursements from July 9, 2025-July 22, 2025, in the amount of \$185,756.16 was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll call: All aye
7. Committee Reports
 - A.) Recreation
Director Babicz mentioned Rec Staff is finishing up summer programming while also starting on fall programming. Fall Program Guide goes to the printer tomorrow with many new programs.
 - B.) Finance

Wes Levy from L&A has been talking with Director Staton on interest rates for our money market accounts. Director Staton feels he has been receiving better financial direction from L&A in recent months.

C.) Park Maintenance

The Parks Department has been busy Installing playgrounds at Osage Park, setting up for Triathlons, mowing grass, and cleaning up after events. Several of the Parks staff has been taking vacation time the past few weeks.

D.) W-Fest

Director Staton will be planning a recap meeting in August. Commissioners should email him with any recommendations they have by August 1.

E.) Comprehensive Plan

No report

F.) Administration

Director Staton reviewed his written report. Highlights included Triathlons this weekend, Bangs Lake Marina Project, 9/11 Exhibit with the Moose Lodge, Director Staton's upcoming vacation.

Discussion: Comments on the 9/11 event- did we need to close the launch area and could it have fit at the police station. Director Staton commented that this was a one-time event and will most likely not be back next year.

8. New Business

A.) Discussion – Osage Park Redevelopment Update

Director Staton has been updating the status of Osage Park on the website. Commissioners and Director Staton reviewed the progress and what still needs to be done. Progress needs to be made on electrical work, fencing for the soccer court and sound proofing for the pickleball courts.

Discussion- Commissioners would like Director Staton to reach out to Schroeder regarding the electricity that is needed. Commissioners are overall happy with the progress. Director Staton discussed a Grand Opening idea for the park. Conversation was held on signage at the park; what needs to be established and what needs to be updated.

B.) Discussion– General Obligation Tax Bonds, Series 2025 Planning Packet

Director Staton reviewed the planning packet provided by Speer Financial, Inc. Aaron Gold will be at the August 12 Board Meeting.

9. Unfinished Business

A.) Approval – Public Comment Policy

A motion to approve the Public Comment Policy as provided by staff with revisions that have been noted was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll call: All aye

Discussion- Director Staton checked with legal on a few questions the Board had from the last meeting regarding the policy. A few additional changes with wording were suggested. Commissioner Starkey asked where the policy will live and how it will be addressed in future

agendas. Director Staton noted it will be on our website, in the Program Guide and on the bottom of the agenda. Staff will also need to update the sign-in sheet for the meetings.

10. Commissioners Comment

None

11. Executive Session – If needed for the

1. Litigation – Pending or Imminent 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)
2. Personnel – Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)
3. Real Estate – Purchase or Lease (Buy) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
Setting Price for Sale/Lease 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)

12. Issues to be voted on by the Board that were discussed in executive session

13. Adjournment

At 6:50 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Voice vote: all aye, none opposed.

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