



Date: May 15, 2018
To: Timothy J. Frenzer, Village Manager
From: Michael Braiman, Assistant Village Manager
Subject: Additional Agenda Material #3 for May 15th Meeting

Enclosed please find additional agenda material #3- communications from the public received since 1:30pm on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

From: [Anne Stevens](#)
To: [Braithman, Michael](#); [Bielinski, Bob](#)
Subject: Support Minimum Wage & Sick Leave ordinances
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 2:17:45 PM

Hello Mr. Braithman,

Could you please forward to the board on my behalf ? Thank you,

Anne Stevens

To the board:

It is critical that the board listen to the reasoned research of the working group, the experts who provided information to Cook County and to our village, and the many concerned citizens that continue to support this issue in the Village. I attended one of the working group meetings and was impressed by how thorough and thoughtful the working group's progress was on this issue.

I feel the board should have respected the Wilmette voters' desire to provide these benefits to the 1300+ minimum wage workers in Wilmette, and I urge you to see, on further examination, how sustainable this is for us and our neighboring communities. I am glad that the phone survey and hopeful that the working group report underscore the ongoing commitment of Wilmette citizens to support a sustainable wage in Wilmette.

Regardless of the outcome, I would like to request that the board require Bob Bielinski, Board President, to issue a formal written apology in the next issue of the Communicator to Wilmette residents who were unfairly maligned in an unnecessarily political letter in the Winter 2017 issue of the Communicator. As a Wilmette resident who has actively supported the minimum wage increase and sick leave ordinances since the board made their initial decision, I feel that the Board President shamed and maligned me and my efforts to support a more sustainable wage for Wilmette's lowest paid workers. The Communicator is not an appropriate platform for the Board President to share his opinions about the free speech of Wilmette residents. He owes me, and other neighbors, a formal apology in writing, and a formal clarification that the Communicator is not a political platform for the Village of Wilmette or the Board.

Thank you,

Anne Hayden Stevens
1128 Sheridan Road
Wilmette IL

From: [Bielinski, Bob](#)
To: [Frenzer, Tim](#); [Braiman, Michael](#)
Subject: Fwd: Request to Opt Back into Cook County Wage and Sick Leave Law
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 4:10:24 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: "E. Ekstrom" <ebe141@gmail.com>
Date: May 15, 2018 at 3:04:54 PM CDT
To: bielinskib@wilmette.com
Subject: Request to Opt Back into Cook County Wage and Sick Leave Law

Dear President Bielinski,

Thank you very much for your service to the Village of Wilmette. I am writing to you as a resident to kindly request that the trustees consider voting to opt back into the Cook County wage and sick leave law. As someone who also spends a fair bit of time in Glencoe, Evanston, and Skokie (which are all under the Cook County wage and sick leave requirements), they all have strong and thriving business. Evanston's restaurants are thriving even with the higher wages. Old Orchard is doing well even with the high wage requirements for the retailers. And Glencoe, with a similarly high rent downtown, is doing just as well as before. I think we can both be a more generous town and have still have strong businesses.

Thank you very much for your time,

Eileen Ekstrom

622 Greenleaf Ave.
Wilmette, IL 60091

From: [Eleanor](#)
To: [Plunkett, Senta](#); [Wolf, Julie](#); [Dodd, Kathy](#); [Sullivan, Dan](#); [Kurzman, Joel](#); [Bielinski, Bob](#); [Briman, Michael](#)
Subject: Village of Wilmette Minimum Wage
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 5:09:16 PM

HI all,

I am writing to request that you vote for the Village of Wilmette to opt back in to the County ordinance and to pay the employees of Wilmette a living wage and earned paid sick leave. I have been following the efforts and report of the working group closely and feel that the information they have gathered shows clear evidence for the Board to support this action.

Thank you,
Eleanor Lipinski
1243 Gregory Ave
Wilmette

From: [Bielinski, Bob](#)
To: [Frenzer, Tim](#); [Braiman, Michael](#)
Subject: Fwd: Minimum Wage & Sick Leave
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 4:10:44 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lynn Hornig <lynnandlily@me.com>
Date: May 15, 2018 at 3:27:44 PM CDT
To: bielinskib@wilmette.com
Subject: **Minimum Wage & Sick Leave**

Hello Mr. Bielinski,

I urge you to support the higher minimum wage and paid sick leave proposal before the village board. It is important that workers in Wilmette earn a living wage and receive benefits for their work.

Sincerely,
Lynn Hornig
2446 Iroquois Road
Wilmette, Illinois

From: [Stephen Schwartz](#)
To: [Braithman, Michael](#)
Subject: Please support increasing the minimum wage and providing paid sick leave for all Wilmette workers
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 4:46:16 PM

Dear Mr. Braithman,

Please forward this message to new trustee Pearce and include this message in the packet of materials presented to the board for this evening's meeting.

Thank you very much,

Stephen Schwartz

Dear Trustee Pearce:

As an 18-year Wilmette resident, I am writing to strongly encourage you to support increasing the minimum wage and providing paid sick leave for all workers in Wilmette.

I would gladly pay a very modest additional cost for goods and services purchased in Wilmette (as indeed I already do for businesses that provide these "benefits" to their low-wage workers)—estimated in one study as 30 cents or less. That's especially the case if I knew that by doing so I was helping to give more than 1,300 people working here a living wage as well as protecting their health and the health of others when they get sick or need to see a doctor.

This is a commonsense decision and the right thing to do. The concerns of some Wilmette business owners should not dictate what's best for the majority of workers and the community as a whole.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Schwartz
2446 Iroquois Road

From: [Sue Loellbach](#)
To: [Bielinski, Bob](#); [Dodd, Kathy](#); [Kurzman, Joel](#); [Plunkett, Senta](#); [Sullivan, Dan](#); [Wolf, Julie](#)
Cc: [Braithman, Michael](#)
Subject: Increasing Minimum Wage Increases Housing Affordability--Please Opt In
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 4:42:39 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Dear Trustees of the Village of Wilmette:

I would like to ask you to vote tonight in favor of opting in to the minimum wage increases and sick leave ordinances established by Cook County.

Connections for the Homeless sees the relationship between low wages and housing-cost burden every day. And we often serve people from Wilmette who have become homeless or are about to lose their homes.

We urge you to opt in, since higher wages are crucial to ensuring that every family in Wilmette can afford their housing and still have enough left over to thrive. Voting for the opt-in tonight is a **great way to keep the affordable housing fight going after the momentum that your vote in favor of Cleland Place created.**

I did not see mention of housing affordability in the research conducted in preparation for tonight, so I am including this link to a 2016 study called [The Impact of a Minimum Wage Increase on Housing Affordability in Illinois](#) by the Natalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement (at the University of Illinois at Chicago). One conclusion of the report is that "The need for a minimum wage increase is greatest in high cost-of-living regions with high housing costs." **You can find a good summary of findings and recommendations on page 55 of the report.**

Thank you for considering opting in. Wage issues are regional, as are housing issues, and we believe that **Wilmette should be at the head of the pack** in making this change that is needed so desperately across our region.

SUE LOELLBACH

Manager of Advocacy

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*** MY EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED AS OF 08/01/17. PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACTS.**

From: [Bielinski, Bob](#)
To: [Frenzer, Tim](#); [Braiman, Michael](#)
Subject: Fwd: Opt in- Minimum wage and sick leave
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 4:11:07 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Susan Fortier <susanfortier@me.com>
Date: May 15, 2018 at 3:41:48 PM CDT
To: plunketts@wilmette.com, wolfj@wilmette.com, doddk@wilmette.com,
sullivand@wilmette.com, kurzmanj@wilmette.com, bielinskib@wilmette.com,
braimanm@wilmette.com
Subject: Opt in- Minimum wage and sick leave

Dear Wilmette Village Trustees and Village Manager,

Please vote to opt in to support the living wage and paid sick leave for workers in the Village of Wilmette. As a Wilmette resident for over 14 years, I appreciate the quality of life that we have in our Village and hope you will do the right thing and support our workers. As one of your constituents, I am proud that the majority of Wilmette residents agree that this is the correct course through both voting and through your telephone survey. Please represent the beliefs of voters and opt in!

Thanks for your consideration.

Susan Fortier
1220 Greenwood Avenue, Wilmette