

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
OCTOBER 8, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President McCarty. Present: President: William McCarty. Clerk: Carol Beal. Trustees: Mark Esker, Rusty Edwards, Larry Barregarye, Janice Beyers, Norval Melton, John Swinford. Employees: Karen Humphres, Robert Harris, Chief Edwards. Guests: Tut Greening, Ruth Ann Mitchell, Norma & Louis Darovec, Bill Gray, Alvin & Mary Brewer, Judy Krell, Tom Yokley, Mike Yokley, Jeremia Noyes, Rick Rump.

Trustee Melton moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 24, 2007, second by Trustee Swinford. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Melton moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of September 24, 2007, second by Trust Swinford. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Regarding the Burning Ordinance, Tom Yokley asked the board to reconsider the dates for burning. He said November 15 is too early to stop burning leaves. He suggested the board change the date to November 30.

Mr. Yokley has a concern about Main Street. He said in the Comprehensive Plan there is a plan to have an overpass by the fire department and school over to old 66. He said if there is a major train derailment all the emergency vehicles and support would be on the other side of the tracks. There would be no way to get to this side of the tracks. He said he understood there are still federal funds for overpasses and underpasses for the railroad.

Mr. Yokley is concerned about public safety. He says the police department is ineffective. He believes the village needs 4 or 5 police officers due to the growth of the community.

Regarding the Tif District, Mr. Yokley said he replaced his driveway. He would do all the labor and didn't think it was out of line to ask the village to pay for the concrete for the approach between the city and his property.

President McCarty responded by saying there was money in the Tif Fund, not much was spent this year. Regarding the police department, he said the board was going to interview an applicant soon and that the board was talking about hiring 2 part time officers. He said the Main Street expansion is under a study.

Mr. & Mrs. Brewer asked why they didn't have sidewalks on their street. Trustee Barregarye said he has been in charge of streets and sidewalks for several years. He said the funds are limited each year. He went on to say the Safe Routes to School program is being reviewed. If these funds are granted, sidewalks will be placed where there are none currently.

Bill Gray suggests having a wind meter. Trustee Edwards said there was one at the Ag Center. Mr. Gray asked if the village thought about having an environment inspector to enforce the burning ordinance.

Ruth Ann Mitchell asked what the residents should do with the leaves after November 15. President McCarty replied that there is leaf pickup all year. She is also concerned about vehicles speeding from the wood shops.

Mr. Greening said he will prepare something regarding the planning commission before the next board meeting.

Judy Krell thanked the committee for the burning compromise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & SERVICES (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers said there was a very good turn out for the movie. Between 100-150 people attended. She said Mr. Kording, Dave Knox and Dave May helped with setting things up for the movie.

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President McCarty said Trustee Melton found a projector that the police department and the Community Relations Committee could use.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve Ordinance 2007-11, Open Burn Landscape Waste Ordinance, second by Trustee Melton. At the request of Mr. Yokley, Trustee Edwards suggested moving the burning date of November 15 to November 30. Trustee Beyers moved to change the burning date from November 15 to November 30, second by Trustee Esker. Roll: Trustee Barregarye, no; Trustees Beyers, yes; Swinford, yes; Melton, yes; Esker, yes; Edwards, yes. Motion carried. The ordinance passed as amended.

ECONOMIC & RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (John Swinford): Trustee Swinford said the streets and curbs are done in Tut's subdivision. Bob Harris asked if there could be a turn around. Mr. Greening said he had a disastrous experience and doesn't want a repeat. He said he understood the problems. He said the problem may take care of itself.

Trustee Swinford moved to approve the Nuisance Ordinance 2007-12, second by Trustee Melton. Several items in the ordinance were questioned and sufficient explanations were provided. Roll: Trustees Barregarye, Beyers, Melton, Swinford, Esker, Edwards. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Swinford asked about sign replacement. Trustee Melton said there were 250-300 signs to be replaced. He said there may be grants available.

Trustee Swinford reported on the Board of Appeals. He said a few have asked to step down and he has spoken to a few people about replacing the others.

WATER, SEWER, AND DRAINAGE (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker reported Brittin Place was done. Trustee Esker moved to pay \$53,253.45 to Central Subsurface Contracting second by Trustee Barregarye. Roll: Trustees Beyers, Swinford, Melton, Esker, Edwards, Barregarye. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Esker and President McCarty met with Athens regarding a connection to Williamsville's water system. Athens is concerned about providing water to customers. They would like to connect to our town and purchase water from us if necessary. President McCarty said the City of Springfield would like to see this happen.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (Rusty Edwards): Trustee Edwards reported the preliminary paper work was sent to the county for the CAC grant.

In regard to the Directional/Informational signs, President McCarty said he has worked with ID signs for the past month. The village will purchase the posts and signs and will place the signs. Trustee Edwards moved to accept the bid as presented. Roll: Trustees Swinford, Esker, Edwards, Barregarye, Beyers, Melton. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Edwards reported that there was a Hometown Helper Grant sponsored by Hamburger Helper. He said this grant would be used for play ground equipment and bleachers. Trustee Edwards will look into it.

STREETS, ALLEYS & SIDEWALKS (Larry Barregarye): Trustee Barregarye reported that there is no news yet regarding Safe Routes to School.

Trustee Barregarye said the contractor for the remaining sidewalks has other commitments. He will look for another. Trustee Barregarye requested the remaining funds be added to next year's budget if not used this year.

Robert Harris reported the Children at Play signs came in. He will place them on Flagg Street by the end of the week.

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PUBLIC SAFETY (Norval Melton): Trustee Melton thanked the Community Foundation for the 2 portable defibrillators. He reported that he, President McCarty and Chief Edwards had talked to someone to take Officer Fawn's position. He stated next month they would start looking for 2 part time officers.

Trustee Melton reported the siren didn't work. Griffin Tower said it was ok. The siren is not working again. Griffin Tower will check it again.

Trustee Melton said he would be talking to a couple of companies about the cost of the signs to be replaced around town.

FINANCE: Trustee Barregarye moved to pay the bills as presented, second by Trustee Swinford. Roll: Ayes, Trustees Swinford, Esker, Edwards, Barregarye, Beyers, Melton. Motion carried

President McCarty will present his property tax relief plan at the next meeting.

Trustee Melton moved to go into Executive Session under Section C5, second by Trustee Barregarye. The regular board meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:55 pm.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President McCarty, Trustees Barregarye, Beyers, Swinford and Esker will attend the IML Conference in Chicago during the October 17-19.

Trustee Barregarye move to adjourn, second by Trustee Melton. The regular board meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk