

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of every month and will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always welcome to attend the regular semi-monthly meeting and all committee meetings. Committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for these committee meetings and any special board meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall. Please check the board for any updates or on the website: www.williamsvilleil.org

Approved minutes of the regular monthly meetings and agendas may be viewed on the website or at the village office.

VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSED

The village office will be **closed** on **Monday, January 21, 2008** in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

WARMING CENTER

In the event the village loses power, the Community Center is equipped with a generator and will be used as a warming center.

SNOW REMOVAL

Snow will be falling soon and the village employees will be working hard to keep the roads clear and in good condition for your safety. When possible please remember to move vehicles that are along the side of the roads during snow removal time. It is also very important that you let your children know to keep away from playing in the snow drifts along the side of the streets. At times, this is very difficult for the village employees removing snow to see them playing and they could easily bury them in the snow drift! We appreciate your cooperation regarding this matter.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION-JUNE 29TH

Plans are getting underway for the July 4th Celebration. Your input is very much needed. Please let us know what you would like to see at next year’s celebration. Call or e-mail Janice at 566-3307 or Jsk774@aol.com with your ideas or comments.

Vendors and any groups that would like to participate are also asked to get in touch with Janice.

Village President
William "Bill" McCarty
566-9336

Trustees

Finance
Bill McCarty 566-9336

Economic & Residential
Development
John Swinford 566-2465

Streets, Alleys & Drainage
Mark Esker 566-3357

Water & Sewer
Rusty Edwards 891-2997

Public Safety
Norval Melton 299-0476

Public Bldgs., Grounds & Sidewalks
Larry Barregarye 566-2098

Community Relations
Janice Beyers 566-3307

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
OCTOBER 22, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President McCarty. Present: President: William McCarty. Clerk: Carol Beal, Treasurer: Heidi Dowell, Attorney: Randy Segatto. Trustees: Norval Melton, Mark Esker, Rusty Edwards, Larry Barregaraye, Janice Beyers, John Swinford. Employees: Karen Humphres, Robert Harris, Chief Edwards. Guests: Ray Beal, Kevin Kuhn, Mary & Alvin Brewer, Judy Krell, Bill Hill, Rick Rump, Hugh Moore.

President McCarty reported to the board that the minutes of October 8, 2007 and the executive session minutes were not ready to approve. They will be approved at the next regular board meeting.

President McCarty reported that the directional signs have been ordered. The order will take about 5 weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT: William (Bill) Hill, a resident of Williamsville, spoke to the board concerning police issues. He feels the village should have more police officers. President McCarty said the village is looking for a third officer and plans to hire two part time officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Budget formulation will begin in November. President McCarty said since Trustee Barregaraye will be gone from December through March they will try to get the General Fund done before the end of November.

ECONOMIC & RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (John Swinford): No report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & SERVICES (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers requested a snow fence be placed along the park. Trustee Esker said Bruce Constant had no problem with placing the fence at the edge of his field and the park.

WATER, SEWER, AND DRAINAGE (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker made a motion for authorization for President McCarty to sign the EPA Construction Permit, second by Trustee Melton. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (Rusty Edwards): Trustee Edwards reported that Terminex would be at the community center to take care of the spider problem.

The summer league requested the village to help with the cost of dirt for the ball diamonds. Because the funds are exhausted at this time, the village may be able to help in the spring.

Trustee Edwards reported that the water fountain in the community center will have to be replaced.

STREETS, ALLEYS & SIDEWALKS (Larry Barregaraye): Trustee Barregaraye reported that he is still looking for someone to do the sidewalks. Trustee Barregaraye said he had a couple of people to contact for next year.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Norval Melton): Trustee Melton reported the new siren in Knollwood was not working again. He said it has been checked and is now working properly.

The regular board meeting recessed at 7:35 pm. President McCarty and Attorney Segatto met with Mr. Gary Burgard regarding the purchase of real estate.

The regular board meeting reconvened at 7:45 pm.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: The newsletter was reviewed.

Trustee Swinford discussed replacing some of the members on the Board of Appeals. Attorney Segatto explained the state statutes allowing an appointment of someone. Trustee Swinford said he has found some who are interested in being on the Board of Appeals but, the appointment of someone to do the job could be an option to consider.

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President McCarty presented a Property Tax Rebate Program for 2008 to the board of trustees. He explained the rebate was due to receiving more gas and sales tax money than was anticipated. The rebate will be 75-100% of the municipal portion of the property tax and will be for residential properties only. In order to receive the rebate, the owner will have to provide documentation to the village office. Rental properties will not be eligible for the rebate. President McCarty stated this is a one time gesture but, could be revisited every year. The Property Tax Rebate Program will be introduced at the second meeting in November.

Trustee Barregarye moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:18 pm, second by Trustee Swinford.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol J. Beal, Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
NOVEMBER 12, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President McCarty. Present: President: William McCarty. Clerk: Carol Beal. Treasurer: Heidi Dowell. Attorney: Randy Segatto. Trustees: Janice Beyers, John Swinford, Norval Melton, Mark Esker, Rusty Edwards, Larry Barregarye. Employees: Karen Humphres, Robert Harris, Chief Edwards, Kent Thompson. Guests: Diane Thompson, Tut Greening, Ruth Ann Mitchell, Norma & Louis Darovec, Bill Gray, Alvin & Mary Brewer, Judy Krell, Tom Yokley, Mike Yokley, Jeremia Noyes, Rick Rump, Mark Mierzejewski, Jennifer Brennan, Dave Carter.

Trustee Melton moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 8, 2007, second by Trustee Swinford. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Melton moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 16, 2007, second by Trust Edwards. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Melton moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 22, 2007, second by Trustee Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dave Carter said he felt the tax rebate money could be used in other areas.

Tom Yokley said the TIF District has crippled our school district. He feels extra money should be used to help the school, to hire more police officers or use it for a leaf pickup program.

Diane Thompson, representative for the Williamsville High School Youth and Government Program asked the village board to show their support by contributing to the program. She explained that it is an extra curricular program. The students learn hands on about our government. About 350 students from all over the state come here the first Saturday in December and our school feeds them lunch. She said they are asking local government for support and would like the village board to make a line number for this each year in their budget. President McCarty said he saw no problem with working something into the budget. Sherman donated \$200 and Williams Township donated \$500. The Village of Williamsville will donate something between \$200 and \$500.

Mark Mierzejewski thanked the board for maintaining the soccer field and for their support of the soccer program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Trustee Melton moved to extend the property tax levy in the amount of \$72,347, second by Trustee Swinford. Roll: Ayes, Trustees Esker, Edwards, Barregarye, Beyers, Swinford, Melton. Motion passed.

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President McCarty asked the board to look over the purchase agreement for 125 W. Harpole Street with an added lease at the end of it. The purchase price is \$54,900. Trustee Esker moved to give President McCarty authorization to sign the contract, second by Trustee Swinford. Roll: Ayes, Trustees Melton, Esker, Edwards, Barregarye, Beyers, Swinford. Motion passed.

ECONOMIC & RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (John Swinford): Trustee Swinford reported that Mr. Norman Doty resigned as the Chairman of the Board of Appeals. Mr. Doty submitted his resignation and it is on file. Some of the members expressed they wanted to step down. Trustee Swinford presented recommendations based on the vacancies to the village president. President McCarty asked Trustee Swinford to try to get the resignations. He would look the list over and make the recommendations at the next meeting.

Trustee Swinford reported that there may be some question regarding the number of lots specifically at the end of the temporary dead end street that is referred to on page 25 of the Subdivision Regulations. Trustee Swinford said he would investigate to determine if it does comply with the regulation.

Trustee Swinford said he received a complaint regarding the vacant house at Jones and Walnut. The complainant talked about rodents and raccoons gaining access to the roof of the complainant and the general condition of the place.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & SERVICES (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers gave copies of the Small Town Christmas that the foundation is sponsoring on December 1 from 4:00-8:00 pm. In conjunction with the fire department, there will be a breakfast with Santa from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the fire house. There will be pictures taken. The foundation is looking for volunteers to help decorate down town on November 17th at 1:00 pm. They also need help on December 1 at 8:30 am.

WATER, SEWER, AND DRAINAGE (Mark Esker): No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (Rusty Edwards): Trustee Edwards reported that there was a joint committee meeting with Community Relations & Services and Public Buildings & Grounds to meet with the 4H and review the Community Center policies. The agreement of the committee was to change the language on the Community Center Agreement to allow the 4 H to use the facility. Trustee moved to amend the policy, second by Trustee Barregarye. After discussion, the board voted. All ayes, motion carried.

Rusty asked Bob Harris to have Cilco check all the lights. The lights at Pine & Jones are on all the time.

Trustee Edwards said he waiting for an estimate from Bacon & Van Buskirk Glass Co. for the replacement of the back door in the Community Center.

STREETS, ALLEYS & SIDEWALKS (Larry Barregarye): President McCarty stated the reason for the purchase of the house at 125 W. Harpole is to eventually tear it down. The village plans to acquire the property across the street when it becomes available and tear it down also. It is the plan to try to straighten the road out so it isn't so dangerous.

Trustee Barregarye asked Bob Harris to run the sweeper along Main Street especially where the storm sewers are so the rain water isn't standing.

Trustee Barregarye will schedule a committee meeting to discuss budget requests.

Bob Harris reported that Kent Thompson and David Smith placed 30 mph speed limit signs on Elm Street due to complaints by people walking about people driving too fast.

Tom Yokley asked if the board had considered formally renaming US 66. Trustee Barregarye said he would add that to the agenda for his committee meeting along with the proposed budget. Attorney Segatto said the street name change would have to be in an ordinance.

President McCarty reported on a document from Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding replacing of signs for reflectivity. As soon as the final regulations are approved by the federal government, there will be 2 years allowed to do an assessment and form a replacement plan. Then another 7 to 10 years to actually replace the signs that are mandated to be replaced.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Norval Melton): Trustee Melton reported the Burning Ordinance is going well. There have been a couple of violations. He received a couple of call and personally went out and spoke to the people. There has been confusion over what days to burn. They had no problem with it and put out their fires.

President McCarty said that Chief Edwards would like to advertise now for police officers. He and Chief Edwards went over a schedule to see what it would take to get a full time department. Four full time officers would do it. Chief Edwards would like to advertise for a full time officer

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and part time officers with no set limit to beef up our police department right now and a more full time department down the road. The board gave Chief Edwards permission to move forward with this.

The village is planning to buy another police car next year in anticipation of hiring more help.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President McCarty addressed a letter from Lee Miller regarding the Property Tax Rebate program. He offered a rebuttal to the items mentioned in the letter.

Trustee Swinford moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Barregarye. The regular board meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
NOVEMBER 26, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by President McCarty. Present: President: William McCarty. Clerk: Carol Beal. Treasurer: Heidi Dowell. Attorney: Randy Segatto. Trustees: Mark Esker, Rusty Edwards, Larry Barregarye, Janice Beyers, John Swinford, Norval Melton. Employees: Karen Humphres, Robert Harris, Chief Edwards. Guests: Kevin Kuhn, Michael Yokley, Mindy Poehls, Heidi Dowell, Natalie Albers, Paul Osman, John Woodrum, Lee Miller, Jerry Friedrichs, Judy Krell, Mary & Alvin Brewer, Adam Walsh, William Cooper, Thomas Yokley, Bill Turner.

Trustee Melton moved to accept the regular board meeting minutes of November 12, 2007, second by Trustee Swinford. All ayes, motion carried.

Mindy Poehls asked the board to waive the Community Center rental fee for the girl scouts cookie distribution. The board agreed to waive the fee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Trustee Melton moved to approve Ordinance 2007-13 regarding the lease of property at 125 W. Harpole Street, second from Trustee Edwards. Roll: Ayes, Trustees Barregarye, Beyers, Swinford, Melton, Esker. Motion carried.

President McCarty introduced the Property Tax Rebate Ordinance into the record and referred it to committee where it will remain pending more interest.

Trustee Edwards move to accept the library tax levy in the amount of \$31,867 requested by the library board for library purposes, second by trustee Esker. Roll: Ayes, Trustees Beyers, Swinford, Melton, Esker, Edwards, Barregarye. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC & RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (John Swinford): Referring to Tut Greenings subdivision Trustee Swinford stated that the Subdivision Regulations state on page 25 a turn a round is required for more than 4 lots. Tut has 4 lots, therefore a temporary turn a round is not required.

Trustee Swinford received an e-mail from Mr. Bob Wheln regarding the burning ordinance. He had a very fruitful discussion with Mr. Wheln. Trustee Swinford introduced the letter for the record. Mr. Wheln brought up some very good points that need to be watched.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS & SERVICES (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers reminded everybody of the Small Town Christmas events going on December 1.

WATER, SEWER, AND DRAINAGE (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker reported on the committee meeting regarding Athens tying onto our water system at the tower in Sherman. Andrew wants to have water and eventually tie into Bud's Corner. Athens will pay all the expense. Down the road we will let them tie onto our system and will charge them for water. Springfield would like to eventually tie on by the airport. If we would ever have any water system failure at the river on Business 55 we would have a backup system. Right now we are just in the talking stages nothing has been set.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (Rusty Edwards): Trustee Edwards reported that we were accepted for the Solid Waste Management Grant program. It will be reviewed and put on the agenda For the December 10 meeting for passage.

The directional signs are in.

The park bathrooms have been closed for the winter. Chief Edwards requested the hours to be changed at the park due to vandalism. The request will go to committee.

STREETS, ALLEYS & SIDEWALKS (Larry Barregarye): Trustee Barregarye reported on the name change for Route 66. Due to insufficient data President McCarty suggested going back to committee and ask Mr. Yokley to be present for discussion.

Trustee Barregarye stated the committee recommended \$ 15,000 be placed in the general revenue budget for 2008 sidewalks and \$5,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax for a total of \$20,000 for sidewalks.

Trustee Esker will be in charge of Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks while Trustee Barregarye is gone for the winter.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Norval Melton): Trustee Melton reported applications for the police department are being accepted until December 14, 2007.

Trustee Melton informed the board that the village only has a contract on the new siren. If we sign a contract with Griffin Tower through 2009 in the amount of \$2,940 they will forgo the \$680 that was charged for the Knollwood siren. President McCarty's recommendation is to see what was spent during the last year or two. He also recommends in the future when someone complains that a siren isn't working we should check it before we call for service.

President McCarty said he & Chief Edwards have been in talks with a Logan County Sheriff's Deputy who is interested in working for the village part time. In order to do so we have to present a Hold Harmless letter to the Logan County Sheriff. President McCarty asked for authorization to sign the letter for former officer Bruce Smith. Trustee Melton moved to authorize President McCarty to sign the Hold Harmless letter for part time officer Bruce Smith, second by Trustee Barregarye. All ayes, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: The newsletter will be reviewed by the trustees.

President McCarty said he would be realigning the committees and would be assigning trustees to the committees.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Yokley inquired about the property lease. President McCarty explained that it would be leased for a couple of years until more property is acquired.

Mr. Cooper thanked the fire department, police department, the board and the community for their help during the fire at his restaurant.

Judy Krell stated a neighbor was legally burning yard waste. Someone called Sangamon County and they called Williamsville Fire Department. They came and put the fire out. President McCarty said he was aware of the problem and stated the burning ordinance was still a learning process.

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Lee Miller spoke to President McCarty regarding his rebuttal of Mr. Miller's Tax Rebate letter. Mr. Miller requested copies of all committee meetings for the past six months.

Bob Harris thanked everyone for the 35 year recognition, the reception and gifts.

Paul Osman explained some of the things to be done for the Disaster Mitigation Plan. A link will be put on our website to link to the Hazard Mitigation website. A poster will be on display in the village hall for a month or two. The survey will be put in the newsletter.

Dave Knox discussed the school's financial difficulty. As the school board president he asked for any help possible. Without help cuts will have to be made. President McCarty said he would try to set up a meeting with Dave Root and Dave Knox to see what can be done.

Rick Rump asked why the Main Street project wasn't moving forward. President McCarty said the village cannot afford the payments. The project is not dead. The village will try to obtain outside funds to help with the project.

Billy Cooper said until his building is rebuilt he will run his business from Antonio's location in Sherman.

Trustee Swinford moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Melton. The regular board meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk

WILLIAMSVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 8	Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm in the Board Room at the Community Center
January 8	Bingo at 7:00 pm at the Community Center
January 12	Community Foundation Jr. High Dance 6:30-10:00 pm
January 14	Williams Township Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall Village Board Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall
January 28	Village Board Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall
February 5	Primary Election from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Community Center Library Board Meeting 7:00 pm in the Board Room at the Community Center
February 9	Community Foundation Jr. High Dance 6:30-10:00 pm
February 11	Williams Township Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall Village Board Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall
February 12	Bingo at 7:00 pm at the Community Center
February 25	Village Board Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall