

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
JUNE 8, 2009**

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Yokley. Present: President Tom Yokley. Clerk: Carol Beal. Treasurer: Heidi Dowell. Trustees: Mike Barnett, Mark Eksler, Lisa White, Janice Beyers, Valerie Patterson, Scott Butterfield. Employees: Karen Humphres, Chief Edwards, Kent Thompson. Guests: Linda Hughes, Judy Krell, Tut Greening, Shannon Stott, Phil Koeberlein, Josh Coats.

Trustee Scott Butterfield moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2009 subject to the corrections (could be set up from a cell, could be valid comments, and a double paragraph under Public safety), second by Trustee Janice Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Eksler moved to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 21, 2009, second by Trustee Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE (Lisa White): Trustee White moved to approve the bills as presented, second by Trustee Butterfield. Roll: Trustees Eksler, Beyers, Patterson, Barnett, White, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley said he met with Treasurer Heidi Dowell to discuss his concerns regarding some of the expenditures. He said some of the expenditures are tapped out on some of the line items. Some line items are over considerably. Under Economic Development, Professional Dues and fees, \$3,000 was budgeted and \$5,426 was spent. President Yokley asked Karen to see what the money was spent on. He said other line items are near or way over 50% with only 5 months into the year. He asked that each department review their expenditures. If adjustments need to be made President Yokley said he would like to discuss it in the very near future.

President Yokley asked what line items are to be used for the camera and radar under the Police Department budget. Treasurer Dowell said evidence and video is under 01 21 830 (capital outlay equipment) with a total budget of \$5,000. Trustee Butterfield said the cost of the camera is \$4,000 and the radar is \$2,000. The total of everything is \$6,560. So far \$2,271 has been spent leaving a budget balance of \$2,729. President Yokley said this would be discussed further under Public Safety.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): Trustee Patterson moved to pay Dig-It-All of Springfield the remainder of the balance due for the website (\$3,365), second by Trustee White. Roll: Trustees Butterfield, White, Barnett, Patterson, Beyers, Eksler. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Patterson gave the board copies of the standards and guidelines which were developed for the website Forum. She said Lisa White has volunteered to moderate the comments from 8-5pm Monday through Friday and Carol Beal volunteered to moderate the comments all other times (evenings, over night and weekends). Trustee Patterson asked the board to review the standards before the next board meeting. Trustee Patterson said when the site goes live, Lisa White will be the lead for the project.

President Yokley said each board member should put something on the website about his/her committee or the community monthly or at least bi-monthly. He thinks an employee should be featured each month and may also feature committees that are not within the board such as the Planning Commission, Veteran's Committee and others.

President Yokley asked the board if they had any questions regarding the realignment of the committees. Trustee Patterson moved to approve the committees as written, second by Trustee Eksler. All ayes, motion carried.

PARKS & BUILDINGS (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers gave an update on the July 4th Celebration. She said flyers were posted around town.

Trustee Beyers moved to okay the Williamsville Community Foundation to sponsor the pony rides for the July 4th Celebration in the park, second by Trustee Patterson. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Beyers spoke to Dennis Moscardelli regarding landscape plans at the Community Center. She talked to him about doing the landscaping in stages. He said he normally charges \$175-275 to draw up the plan. He will partially or fully refund what we buy from him. Treasurer Dowell said there was money in the budget.

Trustee Beyers moved to spend \$175-\$275 for plans to be drawn up for the landscaping the outside of the Community Center to be done in stages in the future, second by Trustee Esker. Roll: Trustees Patterson, Barnett, White, Butterfield, Beyers, Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Beyers said there was an ad in the Trading Post wanting to buy Pine timber. She said there was a lot of dead pine trees behind the lake. She thought maybe this person would want the trees and would weed them out. She gave the information to Kent Thompson to check out.

Trustee Esker said the City of Springfield was replacing about 200 of their park benches. Janice said she would check into it.

Trustee Patterson gave Trustee Beyers a photo of the park play ground along with a list of things to be repaired. Trustee Beyers said she would like to see the swing replaced.

President Yokley said the police department is legally on Railroad Street (from Main to Harpole) and would like to change the name of the street to South Walnut. The police department's official address will be 124 S. Walnut Street. Randy will do the ordinances for the next meeting for passage.

WATER & SEWER, (Mike Barnett): Trustee Barnett said his neighbor has a couple of trees that are on village property that are pretty much on top of her house. She wants to know if they can be trimmed.

Trustee Barnett reported that there was a bit of a problem regarding the water meters on Dunbarton Street in Sherman. He said he would research it and then hold a committee meeting to see if the problem can be resolved.

An itemized bid form IMCO Utility Supply to relocate the water line by Jack Caldwell's property was received.

Trustee Barnett moved to set aside \$8,000 for the purchase of materials from IMCO Utility Supply for the relocation of the water line, second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustees Esker, Beyers, Patterson, Barnett, White, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

Attorney Segatto said he would draw up the easement.

Trustee Esker asked Kent to look at a water meter where new houses are being built in the subdivision around Timberline Dr. He said there was water coming out of it.

President Yokley said he understood the first significant increase of the cost of water will be in July, 2009. He said an ordinance to increase the water rates needs to be done soon. He said there is no room to absorb a rate increase. There should have been an increase prior to this. He said by looking at the budget our system is not maintaining

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itself. President Yokley said he understood there would be about 4 different rate increases over the next 36 months which will amount to 52-54 percent increase in the cost of water. Trustee Barnett will contact the Village of Sherman and President Yokley will contact Mayor Clatfelter regarding the rate increase.

Trustee Beyers asked what was happening with the high speed internet. Trustee Barnett said there has been no change as yet.

President Yokley brought up the issue of delinquent water accounts. He said if a water service is disconnected we charge a \$25 reconnection fee and if it is disconnected a second time within 12 months it is \$50. He thinks it is very imperative to become diligent regarding this. He said our guys can't run to the far end of the system to turn someone's water back on for \$25. It is costing the village. He suggested Mike's committee look at the fees and possibly make a recommendation to change them.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker said there were a couple of calls regarding the trees by Lois Thompson's house. Kent said both trees were removed. Trustee Esker said there was an issue regarding the tree on the properties of Steve Brennan and Troy Sweeney. Letters will be sent to them asking for a release and to see if they will pay for one-third of the cost and the village will pay one-third. It is a public safety issue. The village employees will take care of another tree in front of Steve Brennan's house which is on village property.

Trustee Esker asked for something to be put in the newsletter regarding sidewalk repair. He asked that he or the village office be notified by July 15 of any sidewalks in need of repair.

President Yokley asked Kent if the next project they worked on would be the drainage problem from the Methodist Church to Ronnie Black's and then back east. He said he would like the storm sewers to be done.

Trustee Esker moved to approve no more than \$7,000 for the storm sewer from the corner of Jones and Elkhart to Conrey and Elkhart and east to Vine, second by Trustee Butterfield. Roll: Trustees Beyers, Patterson, Barnett, White, Butterfield, Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Scott Butterfield): Trustee Butterfield moved to renew the contract with Sangamon County Animal Control, second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustees Patterson, Barnett, White, Butterfield, Beyers, Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Butterfield discussed the Elert system. He said the one Chief Edwards recommended was a good system. Ken Davis is the Developer and it is maintained locally and very up to date. Trustee Butterfield said when the time comes he recommends to go with this system. Trustee Butterfield will set up a meeting with Sherman police, Sherman Fire Department, Williamsville Fire Department and Williams Township to see if they would be interested in joining with our village.

Trustee Butterfield said Chief Edwards brought up ordinance violation fines. He said it costs more to prosecute for the violations than \$25. Trustee Butterfield's committee will look at the fees and will address them at the next board meeting.

Trustee Butterfield reported police stats for last month and first week in June. He said the police department handled 45 calls that dealt with traffic crashes, theft reports, assisting other agencies, assisting police and fire agencies, domestic batteries, mental subjects, drugs, harassing phone calls and traffic citations.

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President Yokley asked Trustee Butterfield to meet with him, Chief Edwards and the structural engineer to look at the roof at the police department to see what options there are, what the building will withstand and then bid the process. He said before it can be put out to bid we will have to see if we can pay for it. It may possibly have to put it off until the money can be approved.

Trustee Butterfield said he didn't think there was enough money in the budget for the video system and radar.

Trustee Butterfield moved to purchase the in car digital camera system from Custom Signals not to exceed \$5,000, second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustees White, Butterfield, Barnett, Patterson, Beyers, Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President Yokley discussed our computer system. He thinks we should have someone on board to service our computers and give advise and counsel. He gave the board information to review. He said in regard to WI-FI, when the time comes we need to make sure the contract is worded correctly and safely.

Trustee Butterfield moved to authorize the signature on project L173688, second by Trustee Barnett. All ayes, motion carried.

Phil Koeberlein said some months ago metal framed structures (carports) were discussed. The Planning Commission put a definition for carports in the Zoning Regs which states carports are allowed if it is a structure attached to the house and must meet all standards.

GUESTS:

Shannon Stott made a presentation for Glacial Energy. She said based on Ameren the village would save about 27 percent on the electricity, about \$6,000 a year. She said Ameren owns the lines and there people will continue to take care of the lines. She said it would be a seamless transition. Glacial Energy is a financially sound company. They are currently the energy provider for Taylorville, Carlinville, and Chester. Mt. Pulaski, Elkhart and Emden are considering using Glacial Energy for their electricity. She explained the 3 plus 12 contract. She said the village will have 90 days to try it out and then will stay with it for 12 months to save \$6,000. She said there wasn't a termination fee for the 90 day period but wasn't sure about during the 12 months. She will check into it. President Yokley asked her to give Attorney Segatto a copy of the contract for review before the next meeting.

Phil Koeberlein gave an update on the Zoning Ordinance to the board. He said I-2 District was added. He said there have been 2 Public Hearings on the Zoning Ordinance. I-1 includes the elevator property, railroad property, the field north of the fertilizer plant, north of Carter's Nursery, Boesdefer's property and Tut's property.

President asked where the specs for streets and sewers could be found. Phil said it would be referred to the State of Illinois specifications for water mains. President Yokley thinks our village should have their own specifications. He said maybe it should be addressed at another time.

Phil Koeberlein said the hearing process was changed. He said Kevin Kun wanted a place for the village president to sign and for the clerk to attest to it.

Tut Greening suggests any regulations adopted that requires action by the adjoining landowner, be given notice. He believes the village dug itself into a big hole. He said he filed a preliminary plan in 1993. The Planning Commission used that plan as an outlet for Harold's subdivision.

President Yokley suggested setting up a meeting with him, Tut, Phil and Randy to see if they can come to some rational conclusion. They will meet before the next board meeting.

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Attorney Segatto will write the ordinances for the Subdivision Regulation and Zoning to be effective September 1.

Tut wants notices sent to the landowners regarding the Subdivision Regulations. Attorney Segatto and Phil Koeberlein will discuss the issue to see if there is some way to make a compromise.

Brenda Marshall would like to see Autumn on the Boulevard again. She asked the board what she needed to do to make it happen. President Yokley said regarding the Williamsville Community Foundation she needs to get more people to join and get involved with the foundation. He said if the foundation wants to do Autumn on the Boulevard and if Brenda comes up with a plan and a way to do it, the village will do everything they can to support it. He said we need community involvement. He said everything that can be done will be done but it has to be under the umbrella of the Williamsville Community Foundation. They have the insurance. He told Brenda he was sure if she could find 50 people to help and 15 new members to be committee chairs and be at the meetings the foundation will consider it.

The newsletter was reviewed. Trustee Patterson asked to make a couple of changes to the Historical Tour.

The meeting of the regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk