

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
JULY 27, 2009**

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Thomas Yokley. Present: President Tom Yokley. Clerk: Carol Beal. Treasurer: Heidi Dowell. Attorney: Randy Segatto. Trustees: Valerie Patterson, Janice Beyers, Scott Butterfield, Mike Barnett, Mark Esker, Lisa White. Employees: Karen Humphres, Kent Thompson, Chief Edwards. Guests: Tut Greening, Byron Painter, Jeff Fulgenzi, Natalie Albers, Dave May, Rick Rump, Greg Birky,

Mr. Greening (Tut) asked to add his statement to the July 13 minutes to read as follows. If personal satisfaction is not enough, don't run for the board.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the July 13 minutes with the addition, second by Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

GUESTS:

Natalie Albers said last year the village purchased yard waste bags with a grant through CAC. That grant is not available this year, but will be available next year. Natalie said if the village wanted to purchase the bags this year, she would solicit some stores such as Menard's, Lowe's and Sam's to see if they would match the village's purchase of bags. President Yokley said the board would let her know at the next board meeting.

Tut Greening stated that the village should consider the Williamsville Community Foundation as a plus. He said "you have no control over it, can't depend on it. Whatever they do is a plus".

President Yokley introduced Jeff Fulgenzi. Jeff is the point person for our new Comprehensive Plan with the Springfield Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. Jeff said they have started working on the land use. He said beyond that, they are doing the rest of the work in the office. They are underway and look forward to working with the village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE (Lisa White): Trustee White asked if anyone had any questions regarding the bills to be paid. A few questions were brought up and discussed.

Trustee White informed the board that they should receive the Warrant List by Wednesday night and will have until the following Monday to review, make corrections or call her or Karen with any questions. Then they will be prepared to approve the bills at the meeting.

Trustee White moved to approve the Warrant List as presented, second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustees Esker, Beyers, Patterson, Barnett, White, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee White said she talked to a representative at **DCEO**. She asked if the grant had anything to do with Ameren. She was told if we switched to Glacial Energy, they would be our supplier. We would not be eligible anymore for any grants associated with Ameren. Shannon Stott, Glacial representative, told Trustee White that she had done several comparisons and that the savings they can provide is more than the benefit of the grant program that she has seen from Ameren. She said with the Smart Energy design we are a small entity compared to what they are used to working with. She will be in touch with Kevin Kuhn as they are still considering us. Hopefully by the next board meeting we should have an answer to whether or not they are going to assist us.

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Trustee White said she could not get any information on renting or getting a free GPS unit. She checked with EPA. They didn't have any suggestions other than hiring an engineering company to do it. Trustee Esker said he would contact someone.

President Yokley asked for a revenue analysis from Treasurer Heidi Dowell. He said our General Revenue so far this year is down approximately \$60,000. It's on schedule to be down probably over \$120,000. When the budget was designed and put into place, it was counting heavily on reserve because the revenue was not projected at that time to equal the expenditures. He said it is a whole lot worse because our revenue isn't even close to what was budgeted. Our revenue is probably going to be a good \$120,000 less. President Yokley said we are taking a big hit on state income tax. It's down about \$40,000. The gas tax is down about \$15,000. The sales tax is down about \$40,000 from last year at this time. He said the sales tax will come back somewhat, but not to the extent it was last year. President Yokley said it doesn't make any difference what was appropriated; the fact of the matter is our revenue is down considerably. We are going to have to change our philosophy and the way we do our expenditures because it simply isn't there. He said he did not anticipate this turning around before the end of the year.

President Yokley said the TIF Fund is the only one on par.

The Water Fund is going to be seriously depleted. Unfortunately, the Water Fund doesn't have a lot of reserve. President Yokley said adjustments are going to have to be made.

The Sewer Fund is about on tow with what was projected. It is a little less but not serious. President Yokley asked the board to keep this in mind when talking about expenditures. He said we are going to have to tighten our belts significantly. He asked Treasurer Dowell to give all the board members a copy of the analysis.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Scott Butterfield): Trustee Butterfield said the report from the Police Department shows there were 11 traffic issues over the last month, assisted other agencies 13 times, 5 thefts in the village, 2 motor vehicle crashes, an arrest for someone wanted on a warrant, 1 battery offense, 1 illegal dumping, 1 dog complaint, 1 open door (unsecured door or window) and 1 disturbance.

Trustee Butterfield said he did not have any updates on the E-lerets. He did receive some information from Mike Moes. He said he is still waiting on everyone to get their schedules together to have a meeting to start moving forward.

Trustee Butterfield said he received a complaint about the grain bins having a strong stench, water piling up on the corners there and a lot of corn lying around. He said when they clean out the traps, it smells the most. He said it has to be done. He's not sure what can be done about. He said it is a 2 or 3 day occurrence and then it seems to be gone. President Yokley said he didn't think the elevator is doing due diligence. It seems to have gotten worse the last couple of years. President Yokley said he has received some complaints also. Trustee Butterfield said he would contact the elevator to see if there is something they can do.

Chief Edwards reported that Starcom was scheduled to go on line August 3. Trustee Butterfield said Starcom is a new radio system with better clarity. He said the county dispatch center cannot be contacted in certain areas here.

The new radio system guarantees virtually anywhere, any house, any basement will have radio contact with outside agencies within the county.

WATER & SEWER, (Mike Barnett): Trustee Barnett said the water tower is near completion. August 1 is the target date for completion.

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Trustee Barnett reported on the water rate increase imposed by CWLP. He said there have been some preliminary discussions as to increasing our rates to keep in line with what they charged us. He asked the board's recommendation as to when and how much of an increase. CWLP has initiated a water rate increase retroactive to March of 2009. Trustee Esker asked if the sewer rate would go up. Trustee Barnett said no. President Yokley said it may be possible to lower sewer rates early next year. President Yokley said we are currently paying \$2.33 per unit. The rates will go up .40 retroactive to March, 2009, .31 in March 2010, .35 in March 2011 and .57 in March 2012. He said these amounts are not set in stone but they will be very close. He said there is nothing in our contract with CWLP regarding retroactive rates.

President Yokley said the water rates will have to be raised about 20 percent to take care of the first two increases. This doesn't address the increases for 2011 and 2012. He said the ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting and will be posted for 30 days. The water rate increase will take effect on the readings after September 18.

President Yokley suggested only increasing the school's rate by 10 percent. Attorney Segatto said we have a contract with EPA and should make sure they are okay with the increase. We have to have rates sufficient to pay the bonds and operating expenses.

President Yokley said the Village of Sherman is aware of the increases. He said he has talked to Mayor Clatfelter and John Swinford. They understand and know what this is all about.

Trustee White said most communities are currently paying over \$3. per unit. President Yokley went on to say statewide our rates are pretty reasonable. Springfield has a very good quality of water. They rank very high on the list.

Trustee Barnett moved to increase the water rates 20 percent and 10 percent for Williamsville District 15, second by Trustee Butterfield. Roll: Trustees Esker, White, Patterson, Beyers, Butterfield, Barnett. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Dowell will calculate the increases and will give the information to Attorney Segatto.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): No report.

PARKS & BUILDINGS (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers said her committee decided that the village continue to sponsor the July 4th Celebration.

Trustee Beyers said she spoke to Steve Wakefield regarding a second soccer field. She said there is enough room to have 2 soccer fields and the current baseball fields. Mr. Wakefield asked the village help pay for the goals and paint for the fields. Trustee Beyers told him the village can't help this year but possibly can next year.

Trustee Beyers said Mike Atchison met with her and Kent Thompson regarding playground safety. She said there were a few things we need to do and will work on them for next year.

Trustee Beyers said she received a bid from Steve Allison for painting the box car. She informed him it couldn't be done this year but maybe next year.

Trustee Beyers said there were about 50-60 people for Movies In the Park. She thanked Dave May and Chief Edwards for helping with the screen. The 4H did the concessions.

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Trustee Beyers talked with Trustee Barnett regarding painting the benches and swing set poles. Trustee Barnett has 2 dates that the church is looking at for a paint day.

Tut Greening asked what was proposed for repairing the trail. President Yokley said he and Kent Thompson discussed it. They will do weed kill first, then will put crushed limestone as far as they can go with the money budget for this year. It will be finished next year. The bad spots will be taken care of this year as much as can be done. Kent said the spraying has been done. He said the limestone will be put down in early fall.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker said he had a letter from Greene & Bradford regarding an Emergency Repair Program for projects costing more than \$300,000. Trustee Esker, President Yokley and Kent Thompson discussed 3 projects that may be used in the program. They are as follows: Main Street to the school property, the intersection of Walnut & Harpole estimated at \$332,000, Pine Street estimated at \$320,000 and Harpole and Carter Streets estimated at \$304,000. Greene & Bradford will submit these projects to the state. Hopefully, we will be approved for one of the projects. President Yokley said the reason they didn't bring it to the board was there wasn't enough time. A call was received Wednesday morning and the projects had to be submitted by 11:00 am on Friday.

Kent Thompson said the project stating at the Methodist Church (1 block of Vine Street and 1 block on Conrey Street to tie into the existing drainage) would begin on the following Wednesday morning, weather permitting.

Kent Thompson said Walnut Street was pretty much done other than landscaping. They are waiting for it to settle a little before replacing the sidewalk. The Jr. high school had some draining issues that were taken care of. He said the ditch was dug all the way to the county's jurisdiction.

Trustee Butterfield said there were tall weeds along Elkhart and Harpole Streets. Kent said they would clean up that corner.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President Yokley recommended that Scott Larkin be appointed to the Planning Commission.

Trustee Butterfield moved to appoint Scott Larkin to the Planning Commission, second by Trustee Patterson. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley appointed the following to the Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan: Rob Kording, Chair, Greg Birky, Vice Chair, Judy Krell, Gina Larkin, Skylar Tierney, Nancy Richardson, Tracey Thompson, David Carter, Chad Hodel, Alfred (Tut) Greening and Carol Beal. Their function will be to act as a sounding board for Jeff Fulgenzie's group. They will hopefully give the citizenry input for the Comprehensive Plan. The board will have the final say. President Yokley said this way we have community involvement and a number of people from different areas. He tried to get every area of town represented. He said this committee is not set in stone. If there is someone who wants to be part of it, that's fine. The committee will be short lived. It will probably be done in January or February. President Yokley asked the board members and planning commission to be open and available to the group if they have questions. The chair and vice chair will determine how many people have to attend the meetings for a quorum. When the project is done they will dissolve their committee.

Trustee Patterson moved to recognize the individuals and co-chairs on the list for the Citizens Advisory Committee in regard to the Comprehensive Plan, second by Trustee White. All ayes, motion carried.

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President Yokley said the minutes of June 8 referenced property owned by Troy Sweeney. He would like today's minutes to reflect that the property referenced to is owned by Joseph Holly.

President Yokley asked the board to pass a proclamation for the Census of 2010. He apologized for such short notice. He said he just found out about it yesterday after receiving a phone call from someone in Sherman. President Yokley read the proclamation.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the Village of Williamsville's Census 1020 Proclamation, second by Trustee Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley will send a letter stating the point person for the Complete Count Committee will be Trustee Valerie Patterson.

President Yokley said everyone needs to be counted. We need to encourage people to participate in the census because that means dollars for the village. We need to encourage and promote it.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk