

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
AUGUST 10, 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: Janice Beyers, Mark Esker, Scott Butterfield, Valerie Patterson, Mike Barnett, Lisa White. Employees: Karen Humphres, Kent Thompson, Chief Edwards. Guests: Norval Melton, Tut Greening, Dave May, Kevin Kuhn, Natalie Linda Hughes.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the July 27 minutes, second by Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

GUESTS:

Tut asked if anyone had summarized what appropriations are outstanding against the income. President Yokley explained that was done each month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Trustee White sent Kevin Kuhn a data fact sheet to fill out for the Smart Energy Design grant. She will check to see when the site visit is scheduled.

President Yokley reported that the General Fund is still down \$94,000. The Water Fund is up significantly this month. The meter sales have been running about \$70,000. It has jumped to around \$80,000. The CWLP bill was \$92,000. He asked Lisa, Mike and Heidi to stay on top of the Water Fund, there is not a lot of surplus.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Scott Butterfield): Trustee Butterfield said he had a complaint regarding the stench from the grain bin. He spoke to the county health. They wanted to make sure we had an ordinance that covers odor nuisances. The elevator officials said they would do what they can to keep it off the ground. They say they clean it daily and are going to look into some kind of deodorant that can be sprinkled on it to help with the smell.

Trustee Butterfield gave a report from the Police Department. They had 7 traffic offenses, 6 assisting other agencies, 12 thefts and 7 suspicious persons or vehicle and 12 other misc. offenses.

Trustee Butterfield received a complaint regarding cats at the house at Jones & Walnut. Chief Edwards said they are trying to catch them. He also received a complaint regarding trees hanging over the chimney at 108 W. Harpole.

Chief Edwards said there have been a lot of thefts. He asked that something be put in the newsletter and on the website.

Trustee Butterfield said he would like to make some modifications to the burning ordinance.. He said people are confused on when to burn or not to burn. The modification would be to allow burning on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and to extend the fall season. President Yokley said he realized it was a public health issue; but, he said it is also a storm sewer issue. He would like the fall season extended to December 30 and the spring season extended to May 20.

After a discussion among the board and guests, Trustee Butterfield moved to amend the Burning Ordinance changing it to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays extending to December 15 and in the spring extending it to May 20, second by Trustee Barnett. Roll: Trustees White aye, Patterson no, Esker no, Barnett aye, Beyers no, Butterfield

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aye. President Yokley voted aye to break the tie. 3 no and 4 ayes, motion carried.

WATER & SEWER, (Mike Barnett): Trustee Barnett said the reason for the water rate increase was due to CWLP's increase to the village. CWLP has already imposed 2 retro active rate increases.

Trustee Barnett moved to approve Ordinance 2009-09 increasing water rates, second by Trustee Esker. Roll: Trustees Patterson, White, Esker, Butterfield, Beyers, Barnett. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Barnett asked Kevin Kuhn to report on the water tower. Kevin said Preferred Tower was still working on the tower. President Yokley asked Kevin to send Preferred Tower a letter reminding them of the deadline. If things don't speed up then by the next meeting we will take a different approach.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): Trustee Patterson said she had met with Krista Sherrock, Sherman trustee regarding the 1020 Census to combine efforts. Information is in the newsletter and on the website. Jackie Reside at the Christian Church will handle faith based promotion. Chris Whorley will help with the school effort. Jean Forness, Library Director will help with some community based efforts. Byron Painter with the Sun-Times said they are on board with anything we need for the census as well.

Trustee Patterson said she would like a reminder put out to the community to please visit and familiarize themselves with the website.

Trustee Patterson wants the community to know how they can utilize the website. Local businesses can submit their logos and business cards and contact information. People can go to the website to see restaurant menus. Owners can put coupons out there, brochures or any information. It is also open to independent consultants like Pampered Chef, jewelry, Tupperware. Local contractors and new residents can go to the local business page to get information. Another good way to use it is day care or baby sitters. She put an example where a baby sitter can put information. They can put a picture, contact information, qualifications, etc. This is a free service the village is supporting and providing to help promote our local businesses.

Trustee Patterson said she is ramping up efforts toward downtown revitalization. It is the beginning of the process that has already been started. She said the community has come a long way. She is just trying to help move us forward and take us to the next level. She is trying to facilitate a focus of efforts and ideas. The first thing she wants to do is a breakfast meeting with the committee to gather input, ideas, bounce off a vision with the business representatives of the down town area. To get started on this, one of the foundational needs is a logo for the village. Karen Birky can create a logo for the village. She will charge \$35 per hour. It will take 2-3 hours to do it. Trustee Esker suggested contacting the art department at the school.

President Yokley said he would give \$200 to let the school kids design a logo for the community that can also be used on a community flag. Trustee Esker and Barnett suggested turning it into a community service contest for the school and give a \$100 savings bond to the winner.

Trustee Butterfield will talk to the art teach to see if her class would be interested. President Yokley asked to have until the next meeting for a decision. Trustee Butterfield and President Yokley will talk to the school and will report at the next meeting.

PARKS & BUILDINGS (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers asked who maintains the sign coming into town. She

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said it needs some maintenance. President Yokley said it may be included in the school project.

Trustee Beyers asked about the moss at the lake. Trustee Esker said the Department of Conservation takes care of it once a year. They did it early this year. Kent Thompson said DNR will spray it for us. The cost would be about \$6,000 to \$7,000.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker said the church project was done to Conrey.

Trustee Esker moved to accept the proposal to furnish material for the 2009 motor fuel tax program section 2009-00000-00DM, second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustees Barnett, Beyers, Butterfield, Esker, Patterson, White.

Trustee Butterfield said the old radios from the police cars will be given to the street department to use as long as possible.

Kevin Kuhn explained the grant of \$217,000 for Safe Routes to School to do sidewalks and striping. He said the person that worked on the grant is no longer with his company. Kevin said the grant is very specific where the money can go. He will look into it.

Kevin Kuhn submitted a copy of the stimulus project that was put out to bid. The project plan has already been submitted. Kevin wrote a letter. He received a call from Mike Bowers saying Williamsville was given a categorical exclusion. Based on the fact that it was about to be approved it went out for bid. The bids will be opened the second Monday in September. Kevin said they may not approve any bids that come in. They may recognize the lowest bid but won't actually approve it.

Kevin will bring material to the next meeting (loan application). He gave Attorney Segatto information to review. Randy will start working on drafts. It must be completed by September 30.

Paper work is still being done on the Police Department roof.

President Yokley said we were notified by Bomke's office that we were in line to get \$214,000. Kevin said the Capitol Bill money will flow after January 1 and thinks it may be used for the sanitary sewer.

Kevin Kuhn will bring new official zoning maps to the next meeting.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President Yokley encouraged all chairs to have a committee meeting before the town meeting in September. It will be held in the Community Center. Each committee will be expected to have a small presentation for the public so they understand what you are responsible for, what you have done and what you would like to do in the future. The public will be allowed to make comments or ask questions at each committee presentation. The public will be encouraged through the website for attendance.

President Yokley encouraged all chairs to schedule committee meetings.

Mark Mierzewski called President Yokley regarding the goal poles donated by Ameren Cilco. President Yokley told him the village had no objection to the donation.

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Trustee Beyers suggested selling the lot behind Bella's. She said the village could use the revenue. Attorney Segatto said to publish it and have sealed bids. President Yokley said a motion can be made at the next meeting. Randy will review the contract.

President Yokley asked the board what amount was going to be donated to the Youth and Government Program. Trustee Beyers said our limit was \$500. President Yokley asked the board to think about it before the next board meeting.

Trustee Butterfield moved to approve the newsletter with the changes discussed, second by Trustee Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk