

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
AUGUST 24, 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: Mike Barnett, Janice Beyers, Scott Butterfield, Mark Esker, Valerie Patterson, Lisa White. Employees: David Smith, Kent Thompson. Guests: Tut Greening, Kevin Kuhn, Judy Krell, Todd Marshall, Brenda Esker, Rick Rump, Rick Smith, Linda Hughes, Annette Cooper.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the August 10, 2009 regular board meeting minutes subject to changes, second by Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the August 20, 2009 7:01 am emergency board meeting subject to changes, second by Trustee White. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the August 20, 2009 3:30 pm emergency board meeting, second by Trustee Patterson. All ayes, motion carried.

GUESTS:

Tut Greening noticed the mine was running down the old right of way. He asked how the negotiations were coming along with the mine and who was representing the village. President Yokley said he and Attorney Segatto has been attending negotiation meetings.

Rick Smith, Director of Building & Zoning, would like the board to do a resolution waiving the permit fees required to help with the rebuilding after the tornado. He said he would help anybody that wanted help to complete a building permit.

He said he had driven through the damaged area with the thought in mind on potential building permits and how they may conflict with compliance with our ordinance. He said there will be a few. The ordinance asks that if there is 50% damage that they come in compliance with the ordinance for new construction. President Yokley said he had no problem with waiving the building permit fee for residents suffering storm damage. He said he had a problem with waiving the fees for businesses. The board agreed with President Yokley. Trustee Patterson suggested putting something in the newsletter to let people know they must have a building permit.

Trustee Butterfield moved to waive the building permit fees for anything to be repaired in the residential area affected by the storm such as houses, garage, and fences for 180 days, second by Trustee Barnett. Roll: Trustees White, Patterson, Esker, Barnett, Beyers, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

Judy Krell said in Country Meadows some houses have power poles in the back of the property. She said there was no easement all the way around. Cilco had to go through 2 lots to get to the broken pole. Kent said there was an easement but has been taken away by the landowners planting trees or fences. Attorney Segatto said Ameren owns the easements. Rick Smith said he tells people about the easements when he knows about them. President Yokley thinks we should look at this and encourage people not to encroach on easements. By them doing that they are preventing vital utilities from being restored.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE (Lisa White): Trustee White reported that there were no monthly bills to pay due to the tornado.

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Trustee White asked if the lot behind Bella's was going to be sold. The board agreed to move forward to sell it. Attorney Segatto said there must be sealed bids for the sale of the lot. He will get all the information for it. The board will think about a starting amount between now and the next board meeting.

President Yokley said the Disaster Relief Fund must be approved and authorize appropriations of the fund.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the Disaster Relief Fund that will be maintained by Williamsville State Bank, second by Trustee White. Trustee Patterson asked if charitable contribution was a tax deductible. Attorney Segatto said it could be because it is a municipality. He said there was no way to set the fund up as a 501C. Roll: Trustees Esker, Barnett, Beyers, Patterson, White, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee White moved to appropriate \$25,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund for disaster relief purposes, second by Trustee Butterfield. Roll: Trustees Patterson, White, Esker, Butterfield, Beyers, Barnett. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Beyers moved to give the village board president authorization of giving up to \$500 per request for the Disaster Relief Fund, second by Trustee Patterson. Roll: Trustees White, Patterson, Esker, Barnett, Beyers, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley asked the board to think about guide lines for the fund between now and the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Scott Butterfield): Trustee Butterfield said the art project in reference to the village logo will be discussed with the art teacher after school starts.

Trustee Butterfield will set up an Alert meeting for Thursday. He would like to see how the pre-system goes before buying or paying for anything.

Trustee Butterfield said there was at least one family that was under insured. He said there is a group called the RV Caravaners made up of retired people that travel around mainly southern southeastern US and do a lot of habitat humanity. They travel as a group and go to places where disaster has hit to help people rebuild. He said there is a chance they may want to come here and assist the family that was under insured. They don't do any funding but provide the labor to rebuild the structures. He said they will need a place to park and have electric hook up. It was decided that the park may be the best place for them to park their RV's. President Yokley said the people that are under insured they need to register at the village office in order for us to get any disaster money from the state. We have to come up at least 25% of the total damage that is not insured or is under insured.

WATER & SEWER, (Mike Barnett): Trustee Barnett gave an update on his committee meeting of August 17. He said they will see if they can borrow video equipment from the Public Works Department and will take pictures of Walnut Street and compare them with the ones from last year to see if there were any changes. His committee recommends widening a section on Walnut Street in conjunction with the sewer repairs. They will try to do the repairs away from the harvest time for the farmers and possibly in the summer away from school traffic.

Kevin Kuhn said the Walnut Street Project was in the stimulus package and is defined as A to B. Other money would have to be used to widen the street.

Kent Thompson said Preferred Tank and Tower are still working on the tower. Things are moving along.

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Kevin Kuhn submitted an amendment to the contract with Greene & Bradford.

Trustee Barnett moved to adopt amendment number 1 to the service agreement between the Village of Williamsville and Green & Bradford, second by Trustee Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

Kevin Kuhn submitted the loan application for the IEPA Water Pollution Control Loan Program.

Trustee Butterfield moved to authorize the village president to sign the certificate regarding the project site, item 1 rights of way, easements and permits, and item 2, loan program certifications, item 3 certification regarding debarment and other responsibility matters, item 4 intent regarding national flood insurance, item 5 the actual authorization of a representative to sign all documents, second by Trustee Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

Kevin Kuhn said the Civil Rights Act must be signed by President Yokley. This is preauthorization for a loan.

Trustee Patterson moved to sign the Civil Rights Acknowledgment for the loan, second by Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

Attorney Randy Segatto said Ordinance 2009-11 authorizes the borrowing of up to \$429,000 from the Water Control Pollution Program. He said we don't have to publish because we are Home Rule which will save time. When this is passed, Randy will give an opinion letter saying everything was done in compliance.

Trustee Barnett moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-11 authorizing the village to borrow up to \$429,000 from IEPA Water Pollution Control Program, second by Trustee White. Roll: Trustees Beyers, Barnett, Butterfield, Esker, Patterson, White. All ayes, motion carried.

Kevin Kuhn presented the official zoning map to the board effective as of September 1, 2009.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): Trustee Patterson said in regard to the downtown revitalization she was moving forward with the breakfast meeting scheduled for September 10. Invitations will be sent out. She will schedule a committee meeting on August 27 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall to discuss the breakfast meeting and the Town Hall meeting.

Trustee Patterson said the Forum topics must be approved by the board. She read a topic regarding the tornado. She also would like something put on the digital sign directing people to the website. The board agreed to post it on the site.

Kristi Woods is going to offer a free Memory Box workshop for any child from k-5 who was affected by the tornado or having difficulty dealing with what happened to our community. She will give each child a box to decorate while they talk about the storm and record some of their memories to place in the box. She is also going to invite social worker Julie Herbstrith who will help the kids talk about their fears. Kristi will donate the boxes and the art supplies. She would like us to promote this through the website and list some things that need to be donated such as tables, covers, paint brushes, cookies and maybe some high school volunteers.

The board agreed to help Christine promote this through the website, digital sign and newspaper. Kristi Woods may use the Community Center at no charge on September 13 for the Memory Box Workshop.

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Trustee Patterson met with a local representative from the Census Bureau. They were impressed with the work done this far. The next promotion on the Schedule of Activities is job recruitment. The Census Bureau will be hiring again in October. The job is for enumerators.

PARKS & BUILDINGS (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers said Brad Davis wants to use the park behind the baseball field on Thursday evenings 6-8 for soccer practice.

Trustee Beyers said the lights are sometimes on all night. President Yokley said the police officers can check them when they can and turn them off when necessary.

Trustee Beyers would like motion lights for the restrooms.

Trustee Beyers would like something on the sign letting residents know the village will be burning all week.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker): No report

Trustee Barnett said there are 3 homes on Pulaski Street without power. There seems to be an issue with a tree in the alley. Ameren said they will not restore power until the tree is removed. Trustee White said she also received a call. Kent Thompson said he would contact Ameren in the morning.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President Yokley asked the board to discuss the trustee's salary at the next meeting. President Yokley said the Board Meeting/Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for September 28. He wants to encourage the residents to attend. The agenda will be changed to allow people to ask questions of each committee. He asked the committee chair to keep their presentations to around 20 minutes. President Yokley said the idea for the Town Hall Meeting is to get ideas from the citizens.

Chris Roberts said his house was spared. He said there has been non-stop traffic which is stirring up dust. He would like barricades on the street and the street hosed down. President Yokley said we can't justify closing the street at this time. Trustee Butterfield will talk to the police regarding the traffic.

President Yokley said in regard to the tornado disaster, we owe a great deal of thanks to several agencies and especially to our employees. The police, Kent's crew and the office staff have worked tirelessly through all of this. We will do thank you notes. Patterson Bros. furnished dinner; Bob Evans furnished breakfast and is going to contribute to the Disaster Relief Fund. The Blu Cat and Huddle house furnished food. The Emergency Response Coalition (ERC) people were great. The State Agencies, State Police, IEMA, EPA, Sangamon County Public Health Department, Sheriff's Office, surrounding townships, Village of Sherman, football team, volley ball teams, soccer teams from Williamsville, Virden and Riverton, Boy Scouts, AT&T employees, Clear Lake Township, Williams Township and individuals from surrounding towns came to help where they could. They have all done wonderful things. We will try to recognize everybody. He asked that the village board or the village office be notified of anybody that was left out so they can be recognized.

Trustee Butterfield asked for a list of volunteer names from the Beta Club or National Honor Society and their service hours. He will do a form letter with their name on it indicating how many hours they gave for community service.

Trustee Patterson said it should not be forgotten that there were volunteers that are not on any lists. Many village

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residents went out to help without registering as a volunteer through the Community Center.

President Yokley said a Boy Scout troop wants to come on Saturday to help. He said an assessment will be done on Wednesday to see if there is anything they can do.

Trustee Patterson asked how we will acknowledge the volunteers. President Yokley asked the board to work on a thank you.

Trustee Esker suggested having a meeting to discuss things that should have been done or to make a disaster plan. The board agreed it should be done.

Trustee White will send photos for approval for identification tags.

President Yokley asked anybody who has not taken the NIMS test to do so.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk