

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
SEPTEMBER 14, 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. Trustees: Janice Beyers, Mike Barnett, Lisa White, Mark Esker, Valerie Patterson, Scott Butterfield. Employees: Karen Humphres, Chief Edwards. Guests: Drew Sisson, Nicole Veristrom, Jonni McCaslin, Sara Anderson, Kevin Kuhn, Judy Krell, Natalie Albers, Todd Smith, Brenda Esker, Rick Rump, Linda Hughes.

Corrections to the minutes of August 24, 2009 were discussed. Page 3, 4th paragraph need to replace suspension with debarment. Under Economic Development, Kristi Woods' name was misspelled.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the August 24, 2009 regular board meeting minutes subject to changes, second by Trustee White. All ayes, motion carried.

GUESTS:

Representatives from the Business Society of Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, Illinois addressed the board. They are looking for a service project for the college. They would like to be involved in the renovation of our downtown area. Trustee Patterson's committee will schedule a time to meet with them and discuss what they can do to help.

Todd Smith, Sangamon County Board member, said he likes to stop in periodically to see what's going on. President Yokley said he would like to thank the county in all of their areas from Aiello's Office, Public Health, Highway Department and the Sheriff's Office. They were all fantastic. He asked Todd to pass our thanks to the County Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE (Lisa White): Trustee White moved to set up a new line item in the budget 01-11-928.1 for the Disaster Relief Fund, second by Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

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

President Yokley explained the Notice of Sale for the property behind Bella Trattoria. It is a 25'X 67' lot. Attorney Segatto requested the board to approve the sale of the property tonight in order for us to post an advertisement for 3 weeks. The bids will be opened on October 26. We have the right to refuse any and all bids.

Trustee White moved to approve the Notice of Sale for the property behind Bella Trattoria. Second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustee Patterson, Esker, Butterfield, Beyers, Barnett, White. All ayes, motion carried.

The board reviewed the updated application form for disaster relief. Trustee White made the following corrections. Under "Supplemental Assistance," item 2, delete the word utility. At the bottom of the page, under "What are the eligible criteria for the grant," first paragraph, a new paragraph will read as: Distribution will be at the discretion of the Village board and/or committee designated by the board. Under "Contributions may be made," change to read as: "made at the Village Hall or at any Williamsville State Bank facility." Under "Application process," change "45" days to "60" days.

President Yokley said the committee will consist of Trustee Lisa White, Treasure Heidi Dowell and President Yokley. Monthly reports will be presented to the board.

Trustee Butterfield moved to approve the Williamsville Disaster Relief Fund guidelines with the corrections identified in previous paragraph. Roll: Trustees Barnett, Beyers, Butterfield, Esker, Patterson, White.

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Trustee Butterfield moved to establish the Disaster Relief committee comprising of the Village President, Treasure Heidi Dowell, Trustee Lisa White, second by Trustee Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Scott Butterfield): Trustee Butterfield said the police department has been doing a large number of business checks, making traffic stops and being more visible.

Trustee Butterfield met with the Village of Sherman and Mike Moes to discuss an electronic alert system. A meeting will be set up with the fire department. Trustee Butterfield said the intent is to have an alert system going by October 31. He said they are looking at a free product called Nixel. It is getting good reviews at various Chief's Meetings, conferences, etc.

The batteries for the storm siren in Knollwood are going bad. Chief Hamrick will let Trustee Butterfield know the cost to replace the batteries.

Trustee Butterfield said there will be some campers at the park for about 3 weeks. They will be helping with the construction on West Lester. He stressed that it is not Habit for Humanity. It's just a group of people who like to build, have time to do it and will not charge for any labor. Trustee Butterfield they can use extra help even if it is only bring water, carry a hammer, handing shingles, etc. Any and all help will be appreciated. The village is providing electric and water for the campers.

Trustee said he is waiting for 1 more bid to come in about security upgrades. He said United Alarm Systems is submitting a bid and he should have it by Friday.

WATER & SEWER, (Mike Barnett): Trustee Barnett said the water tower is almost completed. He said the wage issue is still pending.

Trustee Barnett said the lowest bidder for the sewer project was Situform Technologies USA.

Trustee Barnett moved to execute the Notice of Intent to Award document to Situform Technologies USA in the amount of \$327,585.75. Second by Trustee Butterfield. Roll: Trustees: White, Patterson, Esker, Butterfield, Beyers, Barnett. All ayes, motion carried.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker moved to authorize President Yokley to sign the Preliminary Engineering Agreement Service and Federal application and a motion for him to sign the Village Agreement and Federal Application, second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustees Patterson, White, Esker, Barnett, Beyers, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley said the rock is being delivered for oiling and chipping. As soon as a date is known, a message will be put on the sign to let people know when oiling will be done.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): Trustee Patterson reported on the Business Breakfast. She said it was a great turnout of businesses. The main goal was to find out from local businesses what the village could do to increase support for promoting them. The Downtown Revitalization Program and a campaign to help increase individual consciousness of how buying goods such as gas and services in the village support the community. Nearly 30% of the village revenue is generated from sales tax.

Some of the ideas from the local business people were to have the village support or sponsor billboard signs from I55 and Route 66 to help draw people into the village. A village logo was requested from the businesses. Promotional opportunities were also discussed.

The Census Department will be hiring and recruiting people in October. Signage will be placed in the Village Hall, Library and other businesses. There will also be brochures available.

President Yokley suggested contacting the representative for the Mother Road Festival/Route 66 so the village can be included in the event next year.

PARKS & BUILDINGS (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers said a fire pit is being made to replace the old one at the park.

Trustee Patterson said the Box Car Museum would like an internet connection. Trustee Beyers said the foundation could take care of it.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: The trustees' salary was discussed. President Yokley said he will maintain the same premise that he does now which is donating back all of the increase. He suggests the president's salary to be reduce from \$250 to \$150, the trustee's salary reduced from \$125 to \$100, committee meetings regardless of whether you are a president or trustee would be compensated at a rate of \$50 per meeting. He said the only people to be paid for a committee meeting, is the committee itself for any other board member that is requested to be there by that committee chair. President Yokley said it is fine to attend committee meetings; but, he doesn't think everybody should automatically be paid to go to committee meetings. Whatever is voted on will not take effect until after the next election. Trustee White will post something on the website pole.

Trustee Butterfield said he had no problem with the reduction of the meetings. He said it is time consuming. He thinks there should be some compensation. He thinks what President Yokley presented is adequate for the trustees but thinks it is a little low for the mayor.

Trustee White thinks if the President's salary is lowered, it will limit the quality of people we get to run for the position.

President Yokley asked the board to think about this and give their input by the next meeting. He said maybe there will be some feedback from the Town Hall Meeting or website poll. He said there was no hurry because the salaries cannot be changed. He said he would like to do something by the end of October.

President Yokley nominated John Albers to the citizens Advisory Committee. Trustee Butterfield moved to add

John Albers to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan, second by Trustee Beyers. All Ayes, motion carried.

Natalie Albers asked retailers if they would be willing to donate bags if the village matched it. She received a \$20 gift card from Sam's Club. Lowes said they would split a pallet with the village. A pallet is roughly \$996. They said if the village would pay \$500 they would cover the rest of it and will deliver it at no cost. The village will pay \$250 and President Yokley will pay \$250. Lowes will be recognized for their generous contribution.

Trustee Beyers moved to buy yard waste bags from Lowes for \$500 with the support of President Yokley, second by Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

The yard waste bags will be distributed the same way as before.

President Yokley reported that 5 residents in Williams Township lost their home or had severe damage. He would like to include these people in the disaster relief funding effort.

Trustee Barnett moved to include the people involved in the tornado on Lester Road within Williams Township in the Disaster Relief Fund, second by Trustee Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

The newsletter was reviewed. President Yokley asked to have something in the newsletter and website encouraging the public to attend the meeting on September 28. This is the beginning of our budget process. They must understand if they want input on how we spend their tax dollars next year, they need to attend this meeting. Everybody needs to attend the meeting on the 28th.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the September newsletter, second by Trustee Patterson. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley was approached by the Bullets Sports Booster sponsorship asking for a donation. He was told the

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Fall and Winter Program will cover all the sports and the Holiday Tournament Program covers basketball only. Fall & Winter program starts at \$300, \$150, \$125 and \$80 for a full page, half page, third page and quarter page. President Yokley said if there wasn't enough money in the budget to buy a half page to call him and he will donate the money.

Trustee Butterfield moved to buy a half page ad in the Williamsville High School's Fall and Winter Program, second by Trustee Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Beyers would like to put house numbers on sidewalks since all streets don't have curbs. She also said our maps need to be updated.

Now that a committee has been formed for the Disaster Relief Fund, applications for assistance can be submitted. The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk