

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING/TOWN HALL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
OCTOBER 12, 2009**

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Thomas Yokley. Present: President Tom Yokley. Clerk: Carol Beal. Trustees: Janice Beyers, Mike Barnett, Scott Butterfield, Lisa White, Mark Esker, Valerie Patterson, Employees: Karen Humphres, Chief Edwards. Guests: Tut Greening, Linda Yokley, Linda Hughes.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve September 28, 2009 minutes, second by Trustee Butterfield. Trustee Patterson said she had some typographical corrections. Under Economic Development, Account should be changed to Count and Whorley to Wherley and in regard to Downtown Revitalization after park like environment. Trustee Beyers moved to approve the September 28, 2009 minutes with the corrections, second by Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Representatives from ERC and Red Cross will be invited to our next village board meeting to thank them for by a proclamation for everything they did. The trustees will be given a copy of the Proclamation for review before the next board meeting.

President Yokley said we would try to get thank you letters to as many groups as possible by the next meeting.

GUESTS:

Tonia Faloon-Sullivan thanked the board for the donation of \$500 to the High School Youth and Government program. President Yokley donates part of his salary back to a charity of his choice. He will also make a donation to the Youth and Government Program. President Yokley suggested having students take part in one of our village board meeting.

Tut Greening said the village should discuss and take a position on the high speed rail. He said there should be a meeting devoted to it or at least an agenda item. The people should be told in advance that it will be discussed. President Yokley said they are gathering information and will then have a meeting to discuss it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE (Lisa White): Trustee White asked the board to review the A/P Warrant List. After a brief discussion, Trustee White moved to pay the A/P Warrant List as presented, second by Trustee Esker. Roll: Trustees Patterson, Esker, White, Beyers, Barnett, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee White asked the board to work on their preliminary budgets and schedule a committee meeting. She would then like to meet with the committee chairs and have some finance meetings with everyone. She would like to have the budget finalized by the first meeting in December.

Trustee White moved to donate \$500 to the Williamsville Youth and Government Program, second by Trustee Butterfield. Roll: Trustees Barnett, Beyers, Butterfield, Esker, Patterson, White. Roll: Trustees Barnett, Beyers, Butterfield, Esker, Patterson, White. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Scott Butterfield): Trustee Butterfield said he attended a meeting with Sherman regarding the Alert System. He said they decided to go with Nixle. It is a free service. It was funded by a Department of Justice grant. It consists of four components: alert, advisory, community and traffic. Alert covers weather evacuation shelter, water, law enforcement. Advisory covers public works, power outages, and crime prevention information.

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Community covers events, safety messages, teen court, seat belt enforcement. Traffic covers closure information, detours, roadside safety checks and etc. The plan is to have it up and running by October 22. There will be a link on the village website to go to nixle.com and register. Trustee Butterfield and Chief Edwards will do the updates. Anyone anywhere in the United States can register and get the information. Randy will review the disclaimer. We reserve the right to discontinue service at any time. When signing up be sure to include Williamsville and Sherman information. There will be a joint press release put in the Sun-Times.

Trustee Butterfield moved to use Nixle.com as an Alert system, second by Trustee Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Butterfield said he has reviewed the public act regarding ATV's. He said he needs more time for his committee to review.

Trustee Butterfield said vandalism at the park is increasing. He asks if anyone sees or hears anything to call the police department. Hours at the park will be changed. Citations will be given for curfew violations.

Trustee Butterfield reported that the house on Lester Street is coming along. The RV volunteers will be done in about 2 weeks. He said the community has been very good to them by furnishing lunches and residents helping with the work.

Trustee Butterfield said the logo design is being worked on. He is waiting for samples of it.

Trustee Patterson would like something put in the newsletter and on the website in regard to the Burning Ordinance. She thinks people are still confused on the days burning is allowed. Please call Sangamon County Dispatch Center at 753-6666 to report violators.

Trustee Butterfield moved to set trick or treating for October 31 for the hours from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, second by Trustee Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

WATER & SEWER, (Mike Barnett): Trustee Barnett said the water tower was up and running. Kent Thompson said the tower water has passed both chemical tests. Trustee Barnett said there were a couple of dead trees there that are not on our property. He is concerned if we have a storm the trees may fall on our fence. He will contact the owners of the property.

Kent Thompson gave a copy of the Corpro service agreement to Trustee Barnett. Corpro is the company that provides corrosion inspection coverage for our water tanks and tower. The contract period begins January 1, 2010 and runs 1 calendar year. The cost is \$1,200 per year. Trustee Barnett will review the contract and make a recommendation at the next board meeting.

Trustee Barnett said he has not heard anything from the Department of Labor in regard to Preferred Tank & Tower wages.

Preferred Tank & Tower went over the contract time about 45 days (\$4,500 late fees).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): Trustee Patterson said her committee met with the business society from Lincoln Christian College. They are helping out with the Shop Williamsville campaign. Each

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student is assigned a business in town. They will do a write up on that business which will help promote businesses and how residents can support local businesses.

The business majors at the school want a service project. They will clean up the bricks from the Christian Church and stack them on pallets to be used for the Downtown Revitalization project.

PARKS & BUILDINGS (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers thanks the North Sangamon County 4H for doing the flowers around the sign.

Harold Carter will donate mulch for the library. They library will put mulch around He will deliver is on October 24th or 25th.

Trustee Beyers talked to Bill Fawns about giving her a contract and price to maintain the Community Center floor. Another option may be having the person that does the cleaning taking care of it for less money.

Trustee Beyers said the kitchen in the Community Center needs to be reorganized. She said there is a lot of coffee creamer, napkins and sweetener that the Red Cross left. It was suggested to donate the excess to a church, bread line or food pantry. Trustee Beyers will take care of it.

Trustee Beyers said the City of Springfield has some park benches to be auctioned on the internet, if we are looking for more benches. Trustees White, Beyers and Patterson will work on the bidding.

Trustee Barnett moved that the Parks & Buildings, Finance and Economic Development committees bid on line auction for park benches up to \$700, second by Trustee Esker. Roll: Trustees White, Patterson, Esker, Butterfield, Beyers, Barnett. All ayes, motion carried.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker reported that the street oiling is done.

Trustee Esker said the bid for salt is \$61 per ton. Last year it was \$65 per ton. President Yokley said he would get with Kent in regard to the salt.

Chief Edwards said parking was an issue at the library and museum. He will talk to Kent regarding the grass area south of there to make more parking.

President Yokley said there is a sizable amount of money in the Disaster Relief Fund. He said we need to see if we can be of further assistance to the people rebuilding. The committee will meet in the next couple of days to discuss it.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President Yokley said the last salary increase for the village president and trustees was about 9 years ago. He suggested decreasing the salaries \$150, \$100 and \$50 He said that would still be a sizable increase and probably better than the general public is getting. He thinks anything over that would be out of line.

Trustee Beyers moved to present to the board that after the 2011 election, the salary for mayor will be decreased to \$150, the salary for trustees will be decreased to \$100 and committee meetings will be \$50 per meeting, second by

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Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley reminded the board that this will only affect the newly elected people in 2011. The others will remain at the current salary until the election of 2013. Roll: Trustees Esker, Patterson, White, Barnett, Beyers, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried. Attorney Segatto will prepare the ordinance.

The newsletter was reviewed. There will be something put in the newsletter regarding the Burning Ordinance and the Nixle Alert system.

It was discussed to do the newsletter bi-monthly as opposed to monthly in order to reduce the expenditures. He asked the board to think about it and if it was agreed the bi-monthly newsletter will begin the first of the year. Something can be put in the newsletter for a couple of months to let everybody know. The minutes would no longer be in the newsletter. There will be a deadline for articles to be put in the newsletter. Residents may view the minutes on the website or they can obtain a copy at the village office once they are approved.

President Yokley also asked the board to consider hiring a high school student as part-time office help. He asked the board to review the guidelines. We are trying to work with the school to find someone.

A question was asked if there was anything in the budget for an overpass or another way out of town if the high speed rail goes through. President Yokley said there is some money from the ICC that is available at a 60/40 split. The project would cost about 3.5-4 million dollars. Kevin Kuhn, Greene & Bradford representative, is working on grants. Phil Koeberlein and Kevin Kuhn are exploring some federal funds through IDOT. The village is also looking at pedestrian overpasses for the railroad.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk