

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
DECEMBER 14, 2009**

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Thomas Yokley. Present: President Thomas Yokley. Clerk Carol Beal. Trustees: Janice Beyers, Mike Barnett, Mark Esker, Valerie Patterson, Scott Butterfield. Trustee White was absent. Employees: Kent Thompson. Guests: Tut Greening, Linda Hughes, Rick Rump.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the November 23, 2009 minutes of the regular board meeting subject to the corrections, second by Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the December 7, 2009 special board meeting subject to correction of \$200 to \$2500 for miscellaneous income, second by Trustee Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Yokley informed the board that he had written a letter of concern regarding the railroad and the high speed rail and what it will do to the community. He expressed his concern about the safety of the children, the safety of our residents, the fire department and the school. He requested that they identify who we can contact for funding for a railroad overpass or underpass, pedestrian overpass, in the downtown area and possibly fencing of the railroad to prevent children from getting access of other where it is designated. He sent the letter to Secretary LaHood, Congressman Aaron Schrock, Senator Dick Durbin, Governor Pat Quinn and sent copies to Chairman of the Board VanMeter, Todd Smith, Representative Brauer and Sherman Mayor Trevor Clatfelter. He has been in communication with the Mayor of Chatham and is also reaching out to the Mayor of Elkhart.

He also sent a letter to the Chairman of the County Board, Andy VanMeter, about the Sheriff's Office. He recommended that if it was necessary to prevent layoffs of Sangamon County Deputies he would personally support a quarter percent sales tax increase.

GUESTS:

Tut Greening suggests putting future zoning changes in the newspaper before the hearing, He also suggests the village put something in the budget to hire a village manager.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Trustee Beyers moved to approve the 2009 Library Tax Levy in the amount of \$33,177, second by Trustee Esker. Roll: Trustees Esker, Patterson, Butterfield, Barnett, Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Butterfield moved to pass ordinance 2009-14 Levying Village Taxes in the amount of \$74,517 for Fiscal year January 1, 2009 or January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2009 or December 31, 2010 depending on legal counsel, second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustees Barnett, Beyers, Patterson, Esker, Butterfield. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Esker moved to approve the new accounts to be added to the 2010 budget as follows: 37-00-953 TIF payment to Sewer Fund, 51 -00-594 Water Office Rent, 52-00-393 Sewer Payment to TIF Fund, 52-00-594 Sewer Office Rent, second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustees Patterson, Barnett, Butterfield, Esker, Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

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Trustee Butterfield moved to approve the Budget for 2010, second by Trustee Beyers. Roll: Trustees Patterson, Butterfield, Beyers, Esker, Barnett. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Scott Butterfield): Trustee Butterfield moved to extend the burning season by two days, second by Trustee Barnett. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley said the security system for the Police Station should be completed by next week. The security system for the Village Hall will be done immediately after the Police Station.

Trustee Butterfield said because of the tornado disaster, he wanted to know if the board would be interested in a reflective vest with Village Official on the back.

WATER & SEWER, (Mike Barnett): Trustee Barnett wants to change the water reconnection fees to \$50 the first time, \$100 the second time and \$500 thereafter. After some discussion, it was agreed that Trustee Barnett's committee will meet and construct a letter regarding the disconnection fees.

Trustee Barnett inquired about the coal mine. President Yokley said he had met with the coal mine representatives and are now waiting for a letter of annexation. The bill total is \$341,000.

President Yokley said the sewer project from Harpole to Jones Street will cost about \$50,000. He said after approval, Petersburg Plumbing will start the work right after Christmas. The Street will be re-opened around the 4th or 5th of January.

Trustee Barnett moved to approve the sanitary sewer project from Harpole to Jones Street in the amount of \$56,735, second by Trustee Butterfield. Roll: Trustees Patterson, Esker, Barnett, Butterfield, Beyers. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Barnett said there has been no change regarding Preferred Tank and Tower.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): Trustee Patterson said a Local Hero page will be showcased on the village website. She noted that Police Chief Edwards came to her with the idea to honor local women and men who serve in the military. President Yokley suggested we also include Veterans. Submissions for recognition on the website should be directed to Chief Edwards.

Trustee Patterson received the results for a Historical Marker with the Route 66 Wayside Exhibit Program. She said she applied for four and received one. The marker should be up by Summer 2010. The board will decide its location at a later date.

Trustee Patterson moved to pay \$1,500 for the Route 66 Scenic Byway Wayside Exhibit Program to be paid by December 31, 2009 and \$500 to be paid by February, 2010, second by Trustee Esker. Roll: Trustees Barnett, Beyers, Butterfield, Esker, Patterson. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Patterson presented several logo options for the Shop Williamsville campaign. Banners are being designed by local design business, Birky Design. Board members agreed on a logo they preferred. Trustee Patterson will move forward with the banner purchases.

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PARKS & BUILDINGS (Janice Beyers): Trustee Beyers said a bid of \$870 to fix the village sign coming into town was received. She will ask Karen to get a bid from Ace Signs also.

Trustee Beyers would like a tree planted on the boulevard to recognize everything the village endured from the tornado and would also like to donate a tree for the Volunteer Fire Department for all they did for the village during the tornado disaster. President Yokley said the trees should come out of the Disaster Relief Fund.

Trustee Beyers will ask Harold Carter to look for a Blue Spruce tree after Christmas for the Boulevard.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker): Trustee Esker said the village was awarded \$217,000 for Safe Routes to School from an IDOT grant. He said a survey will have to be completed. Only what was in the grant can be done. He said Engineer Kevin Kuhn has all the information.

The need for street lights was discussed. It was decided that two Bridge lights were needed on Main Street from Oak to Williams Street.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: President Yokley read a thank you card from the volunteers who helped with the house for Laura Harris. It will be put in the newsletter for everybody to read.

The newsletter was reviewed.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By

Carol Beal, Clerk