

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR  
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE  
June 24, 2013**

The Town Hall/board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Thomas (Tom) Yokley. Present: President Tom Yokley. Clerk: Karen Humphres. Trustees: Dave Carter, Matt Bunker, Valerie Patterson, Mark Esker, Skylar Tierney, John Brennan. Employees: Heidi Dowell

**GUESTS:** See attached list.

Trustee Carter moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 10, 2013, second by Trustee Brennan. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Tierney moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of June 10, 2013, second by Trustee Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Yokley stated we have received the environmental impact study so now we are ready to seek appraisals. At the next board meeting, we will approve having an appraisal to be performed.

Jean Forness discussed the handout. (Please see attachment of the flowchart.) She would like the board to approve a transitional team to give authority to move on with the merger.

Trustee Carter made a motion to approve the transitional team for the library/museum to move forward with the merger. Trustee Esker seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**GUESTS COMMENT/CONCERNS:** Rebecca Dombrowski questioned why the Museum can't stand alone with its own governance. President Yokley stated there will be one building to house both facilities. Trustee Carter stated he didn't understand why there are issues, since there were not any concerns before the election.

Dombrowski stated she had researched previous board minutes, and could not find any evidence that the Village owns the contents of the Boxcars. President Yokley stated Kathy Thompson (previous President of Williamsville Community Foundation) came to the Village Board and asked that the Village buy all the contents for \$1 for insurance purposes. Brenda Marshall was at the Board Meeting and stated the same thing in regards to the Foundation's intent of the selling all contents to the Village for \$1.00 for insurance purposes.

The Museum does not have the funding to "stand alone". Williamsville Community Foundation used to be the sole supporter of the Museum. The Museum would not exist without the Foundation and the Village.

Yokley stated the new facility is a joint venture, with more space, and climate control. Yokley stated it is not anyone's intent to cut the Museum out. Yokley stated that the Jean Forness has done the necessary research, and that Dombrowski's thinking that the library does not have the working knowledge of the museum is wrong. He also stated the library and museum will be open at the same time.

Dombrowski stated there has been great difficulty in regards to the amount of space and design of the new facility. President Yokley stated the final floor plans have not been finalized. President Yokley stated the Museum will have twice as much space as before in the new facility.

President Yokley stated the Village owns the museum (the building, the equipment, and the contents). He states the intent of the Foundation was to sell the contents & equipment to the Village for \$1.00, and the entire board was aware of that at the time. Brenda Marshall stated the minutes will be clarified at the next Foundation Meeting.

Trustee Patterson stated we are broaching this new venture and learning new things to make this venture successful. Trustee Patterson asked when this new entity (Transitional Board) will be in existence. President Yokley stated it will be in existence once the Library Board approves it.

Trustee Patterson stated the citizens of this community voted nearly 75% to pass the referendum, which shows the museum is important to the residents. Patterson stated everyone's interest and contribution in the Museum is significantly valued, whether they are currently involved in the museum or have been in past years. She feels this museum keeps the community whole, preserves the items for the future, and allows history to be cataloged and preserved. She reminded everyone that we need to stay focused on the big picture, not make the concerns personal ones.

Trustee Carter expressed his opinion on the Transitional Team. He stated he feels like a great group of individuals have been selected for the team, making a perfect team. He feels that all of the members have a great deal of interest in the Museum/Library.

Sara Benner stated they are not fighting the Library or the Village Board. She states they have the experience to improve for the future. She questioned who will have the "say-so" in decisions. President Yokley stated an architect was hired for the project, and was told the facility will hold the Library and the Museum. He reminded everyone there will be some additional changes made to the floor plan. He stated it was always a joint effort, not intended for two separate entities. The interested parties of the Museum will be able to share their input. He reminded everyone that it is a joint venture, and there was never any intention to cut anyone out. He would like to see as many volunteers as possible, since the Village cannot afford to have any paying positions at this time. He stated the Village Board is always upfront about things, nothing is ever hidden. He feels that this new facility should be the greatest thing. He believes it will take approximately 2 ½ years before the facility is completed. The Village Board will have oversight of the project, to make sure everyone's needs are met. The facility will have a conference room for the Library & Museum to share.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE (Skylar Tierney):** Trustee Tierney made a motion to pay bills as presented. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley gave an update regarding the litigation with Ameren. The Village has submitted their counter-offer.

Trustee Tierney made a motion to pass Ordinance #2013-11, Ascertain the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of Said Village. Trustee Carter seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Tierney stated he held a Finance Committee meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Some items discussed were budget, possibly increasing sales tax and Village Fuel tax.

Trustee Tierney thanked Kevin Kuhn & his staff for the informative Birch Lane meeting that was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC SAFETY (John Brennan):** Stats for April 2013: 2 animal complaints, 1 assault, 2 criminal damage to property, 4 disturbances, 2 gas drive-offs, 2 reckless driving, 4 suspicious persons/autos, 2 warrant services, 128 traffic stops (36 citations/92 warnings).

Stats for May 2013: 4 accident (property damage), 1 accident (personal injury), 1 animal complaint, 1 assault, 7 disturbances, 2 gas drive-offs, 2 DUI's, 1 mental subject, 1 missing person report, 2 obscene/harassing communication reports, 5 suspicious auto/persons, 1 theft under \$300, 136 traffic stops (38 citations, 98 warnings).

Trustee Brennan stated he has received 2 quotes for AED's. He will be holding a Public Safety committee meeting to discuss.

**WATER & SEWER, (Matt Bunger):** Trustee Bunger made a motion to pass Ordinance #2013-12, Amending Chapter 155-10, Sewers of the Code of the Village of Williamsville (raising sewer rates by 10%). Trustee Tierney seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Kevin Kuhn, Village Engineer, stated they are 98-99% done with engineering of Birch Lane/Evergreen project. Research is being done on EPA loan, and also on a Rural Development loan. Bulk of the cost of the project will be storm sewer.

Trustee Bunger stated a letter will be sent to a resident in regards to reimbursement of a sewer expense.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson):** Trustee Patterson stated she held an Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss prioritization of 2014 projects (decorative lighting/signage, mural, tree line barrier, etc. Also, discussed was the Rte 66 Corridor. She would like to hold a business meeting to see what the businesses would like to see at that location.

Trustee Patterson stated the Village was awarded a \$500 grant from Sangamon County in regards to the Interpretative Signage program she applied for. This grant will go towards the expenses of 1 or 2 of the interpretative signs. The first completed sign will be installed downtown for the marker of Benton.

**PARKS & RECREATION (Dave Carter):** Trustee Carter stated we need to get some bids for the rip-rap for the dam.

He stated Dept. of Natural Resources shocked the lake to check the fish population. In the fall, we will be purchasing some channel catfish.

**STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker):** Trustee Esker asked that Public Works sweep the concrete portion of Main Street, to remove the loose rock.

Safe Routes Project will be starting on Wednesday.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:** No additional business to report.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Karen Humphres, Village Clerk