

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
November 23, 2015**

The Town Hall/board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Tom Yokley. Present: Clerk: Karen Humphres. Trustees: Dave Carter, Patrick Gettleman, John Brennan, Valerie Patterson, Skylar Tierney, Matt Bunger.

GUESTS: See attached.

Trustee Brennan moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 26, 2015, second by Trustee Bunger. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: No communications to report.

GUESTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Joe and Rebecca Dombrowski, residents at 217 East Main Street, attended the meeting. They asked if the village board had anything new to report to them in regards to the sidewalk issue. They asked to present the board with a brief presentation to reiterate the sidewalk issue and to present a new proposal to the board. President Yokley stated the proposal needs to be made to the committee and then the committee will present their decision to the board. Rebecca asked if the village board recognizes that the sidewalk is on private property. President Yokley stated that “no”, the Village board does not. He stated that according to Sangamon County’s GIS, the sidewalk has been located there since 1969. Rebecca stated the sidewalk has been located there since 1895 when it was private property, according to her pictures. She states there is not a legal right-of-way recorded, not even with the Sangamon County Highway Dept. According to two previous surveys that have been completed, there is a 30 foot right-of-way. President Yokley stated from the village’s standpoint, the sidewalk has been located there since 1969 according to GIS. He stated the sidewalk has been there since 1969, in pretty much the same present form it is in. President Yokley stated he wasn’t going to argue about this. President Yokley stated the village is going by what our engineer reported. Dombrowski’s stated they have submitted a legal, photographic evidence packet to the board. They stated this sidewalk is on private property. Dombrowski’s stated they are willing to compromise with the village.

They understand it’s a “walkable community”. They also understand the village wants sidewalks. They state a sidewalk is fine, it just needs to be relocated in the right-of-way. President Yokley stated their proposal would need to be reviewed at a committee meeting. The committee will review the packet/proposal and make a recommendation to the village board. The village board will either accept, reject, or modify. Joe Dombrowski made the board members aware that two sections of the sidewalk will be removed due to a necessary sewer repair. Trustee Gettleman asked the Dombrowski’s if their proposal is different than moving the sidewalk. Rebecca stated “yes”. The Dombrowski’s were under the assumption they would be able to present the board with a presentation. Apparently there was a miscommunication somewhere. Randy Segatto, attorney, stated they would need to present their proposal to the committee first. Dombrowski’s hope to be able to reach an agreement with the village in regards to the relocation of the sidewalk. Joe Dombrowski stated the sewer is in need of repair due to some trees that were planted on the property several years ago. Two sections of the sidewalk will need to be removed after Thanksgiving. Rebecca stated they were planning on doing the repairs in the spring, however; they were told earlier that day that it needed to be fixed now since there is a hole in it. A committee meeting will be scheduled in regards to the sidewalk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Trustee Tierney made a motion to approve Pay Request #4, Newman Alton (Library & Museum), in the amount of \$263,134.80. Trustee Brennan seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Tierney made a motion to accept Change Order # 1 from Truman Flatt (Ann Rutledge Road project) in the amount of \$571.50. Trustee Carter seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Tierney made a motion to Pay Request #2 from Truman Flatt (Ann Rutledge Road project) \$571.50. Trustee Carter seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

President Yokley asked the Trustees to review their budget for 2016 and reduce by 10%. There will be a Finance Committee meeting scheduled before the next board meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY (John Brennan): Trustee Brennan shared the Incident Analysis report for October with the Trustees.

Trustee Brennan stated the bid opening was held for the seized motorcycle on November 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Two bids were received. The reserve was set for \$750.00. The highest bid was \$675. Discussion was made between the Trustees to accept the highest bid due to the fact of expense to advertise once again, etc. The motorcycle is in need of some repair.

Trustee Brennan made a motion to accept the bid of \$675. Trustee Tierney seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Brennan mentioned that the Village is currently looking into Nixle. Nixle, an Everbridge company, is a notification system for the community. He stated this system is remotely activated. This system is also compatible with Facebook, Twitter, NOAA, FEMA, Amber Alerts, etc. He stated we are looking into eventually migrating off of the current system that is used.

WATER & SEWER, (Matt Bunger): Trustee Bunger he will be scheduling a committee meeting. He stated the sewer system lagoons will be inspected soon.

Trustee Bunger stated he will be meeting with President Yokley in the near future to discuss the Andrew water extension project.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson): Trustee Patterson stated the old bank building (owned by the Mr. & Mrs. Kording) has some broken glass. Rob Kording will be getting some estimates to fix the broken glass. He is also getting some bids for some improvements of the front door. TIF funds could possibly be used for these improvements.

Trustee Patterson discussed the promotion of Route 66 tourism in the village. She has updated several Route 66 websites. She also stated we have sold cookbooks in the past. The cookbooks describes and promotes sites in the village like boxcars, arch, Bella Trattoris, Mergen's residence which is on the registry, etc. The library would sell the cookbooks. There is a \$484 investment for these cookbooks.

Trustee Patterson made a motion to approve spending \$484 to purchase these cookbooks to see. Trustee Tierney seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Patterson stated she has asked the woodcarvers to build and design a Route 66 directional sign for the community.

Trustee Patterson stated a meeting was held with Denny Cave, our website designer. The village is looking into creating an electronic version of the newsletter. There would be no cost associated with this. The village will be collecting email addresses. This will promote community events such as homecoming parade, etc.

PARKS & RECREATION (Dave Carter): Trustee Carter stated he has received compliments in regards to the park. He thanked the village staff for the removal of the evergreens. He thanked the board for approving the improvements of the park.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Patrick Gettleman): Trustee Gettleman will be scheduling a

committee meeting.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Trustee Brennan introduced an ordinance amending Chapter 123, Article II Section 23-9 of the Code of the Village of Williamsville. This ordinance will be passed at the next meeting.

Trustee Brennan introduced an ordinance amending Chapter 320, Article II Section 320-10 of the Code of the Village of Williamsville. This ordinance will be passed at the next meeting.

Trustee Brennan introduced an ordinance amending Chapter 320, Article X Section 320-48 of the Code of the Village of Williamsville. This meeting will be passed at the next meeting.

The Williamsville Community Foundation will be hosting its pancake/sausage breakfast, along with Santa on December 5, 2015.

President Yokley stated the Village employee/Trustee Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 15th at 1:30 p.m.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By
Karen Humphres, Village Clerk