

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR  
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE**

**September 8, 2014**

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

**GUESTS:** See attached.

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 25, 2014, second by Trustee Brennan. All ayes, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Patrick Gettleman stated eight teams have registered for the BBQ for the Fall Festival.

Chief Richard Edwards discussed Trick or Treating hours. The hours will be decided at a later time.

**GUESTS COMMENTS/CONCERNS:** President Yokley stated how much he appreciated the Village employees for the outstanding job preparing and during the Fall Festival.

Gary Morris, resident from Williamsville, stated they had 16 stray cats last winter. He asked if we could put an article in the newsletter regarding to not feed the cats, etc. President Yokley stated the Village will be doing some trapping once we receive the appropriate license from DNR. President Yokley stated when residents feed the cats, they are also feeding raccoons, opossums, and skunks, which lead to a serious health concern. Mr. Morris also was concerned about the fly ash that the Village uses in the winter. He has heard there are numerous pollutants in the fly ash. President Yokley stated the fly ash that is used, is approved by IDOT. Kent Thompson stated Public Works mixes salt with the fly ash, in a 2:1 ratio to help with traction. Mr. Morris also stated he has a neighbor who burn their leaves in the street. The Village will be publishing an article in the next newsletter in relation to this topic.

Barb Stephens also stated her complaints regarding the lake behind her house, and also issues along the trail, drainage, etc.. She stated the appearance of the lake is not good, weeds above her head, tall grass which is subject to snakes and mice. President Yokley stated the Village would take a look at the concerns. He also said the contractor is not done with the drainage project.

President Yokley stated the Birch Lane/Evergreen/Trail project consisted of state money, so the Village had to go with the lowest bidder. The bid was awarded to Terry Brown, according to guidelines the Village has to follow.

Mark Mierjewski attended the meeting to check on the status of the sand volleyball court.

Patrick Gettleman stated the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cookoff was a success. Chief Edwards reported the Fishing Derby was a success, with approximately 30 participants.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Trustee Tierney made a motion to introduce an ordinance to increase Village Motor Fuel Tax. This ordinance will be passed at the next board meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY (John Brennan):** Trustee Brennan stated the Fishing Derby was a success. Kids caught Bass, Catfish, Sunfish, etc. Trustee Brennan gave the Incident Analysis Report. (See attached.)

**WATER & SEWER, (Matt Bunger):** Trustee Bunger stated a meeting had been held with CWLP to discuss water rate increase. He stated in a previous meeting, we stated the retroactive amount had been debited from our bank account, but actually it was invoiced. The Village needs to work with CWLP on a plan for payment of the retro-active amount in the future years (pay all at once, pay in two installments, etc.). CWLP will be presenting us with a 5 year projection of rates. Also, discussed at the meeting was an additional water line across the Sangamon River.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson):** Trustee Patterson stated Luella from Williamsville State Bank contacted her. The bank will be celebrating 125 years. They have asked if they can hang banners on the light posts along Route 66.

Trustee Patterson stated the final historical sign has been completed. She stated the Foundation paid for the production of the sign. The Historical Society paid for the design expense. The Village will take care of the graphic design.

Trustee Patterson asked the Village if anyone had any objections to the Garden Club using the park for their "Boo on the Boulevard" event. No one had any objections. She stated that Jim Mergen has been generous and letting the Garden Club hold their haunted house at the mansion.

Discussion was made about the Rail Road project. There are issues regarding the concrete we were supposed to get. We will definitely be receiving the fence. IDOT is reconsidering part of the deal that was supposed to be made.

Kent Thompson stated there is a new electrical panel in front of the post office, which will permanently remain there. This electrical panel will be used for future Fall Festivals, etc. There will be a block wall installed around it to protect it.

**PARKS & RECREATION (Dave Carter):** Trustee Carter stated how much he appreciated all the hard work everyone did for the Fall Festival. He stated we have budgeted the purchase of some fish for the lake. Kent Thompson stated we probably don't need to make that purchase, since DNR will be bringing 700 catfish for our lake. DNR sprayed the lake with the Aquacide. Marissa McLean is the new employee at DNR, who will help maintain our lake. She stated if the Village gives her notice of the next Fishing Derby, DNR might be able to have a representative there to do demonstrations, etc.

Trustee Carter asked for the Village to keep advertising the Video Gaming at Love's.

Trustee Patterson stated the obstacle course for the Fall Festival was a big hit. There were 15 adults who participated, and approximately 70 kids who participated. She stated the 5K run had approximately 15 people.

**STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker):** Nothing to report.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:** Trustee Tierney made a motion to pay Kent Thompson 3 weeks of his vacation time. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Karen Humphres, Village Clerk