

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR  
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE  
April 8, 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, Scott Butterfield, Valerie Patterson, Mark Esker, Skylar Tierney. Employees: Heidi Dowell.

**GUESTS:** Judy Krell, Janice Beyers, John Brennan, Tonya Faloon-Sullivan, Dan Thompson, Amber Robbs, Corey Conklin, Matt Bunger, Skylar Woods, Johnathan Miller.

Trustee Butterfield moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 25, 2013, second by Trustee Esker. All ayes, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Trustee Carter expressed concern over the campaign flier that residents received in the mail from a candidate running for Village President. Trustee Carter stated this campaign mailing not only “knocked” the Village President, but, the entire Village Board, and Engineering staff. Trustee Carter encouraged everyone to read the article. Trustee Carter clarified the statement made about the type of road to be installed for overpass. The flier referred to the Engineering Agreement that was approved at the January 14, 2013 board meeting. Trustee Carter made very clear that the overpass project had been discussed numerous times at previous meetings, all open meetings (nothing behind closed doors). The Village’s expense for this project will be approximately \$100,000. Also, the map that was on the campaign material was incorrect. As Trustee Carter stated, no one knows the exact location for the overpass at this time. Again, all of this has been discussed at previous meetings. As any engineer knows, everything is included in an engineering agreement in case it is needed (example: feasibility studies, environmental impacts, etc.). Also, incorrect information was stated in regards to the project on Birch Lane. There has not been any vote taken in regards to money spent on the project. The engineer doesn’t even know the exact amount at this time, until more research is completed. The flyer reflects votes made by the Village Board, which are not true. In regards to the flyer, and the million dollar bond issue, flyer refers to property taxes increasing. The figures on the flyer are inaccurate. 1 ½ percent of one million dollars is only \$15,000. The flyer states the amount is \$42,000. Trustee Carter expressed to the Village Board and the guest, “vote for whoever you would like, but do not lie about something the board has done”.

Trustee Patterson also expressed her feelings. She stated a Development Strategy, or Comprehensive Plan is only guidelines to help foresee potential avenues that need to be taken. These plans do not mean they have to be strictly followed, they are just guidelines. Trustee Patterson stated there are unforeseeable circumstances that do arise at times, so again, these plans are only guidelines.

Trustee Carter stated the campaign flyer refers to the 2000 Comprehensive Plan. The Village adopted a new plan in 2010.

Trustee Esker expressed his feelings in regards to the issue. He stated the Village’s plan is proposed in regards to the money the Village is supposed to receive funding for. He stated the Village does not have the funding necessary to extend the overpass out further, according to the plan. He states the plan is not “set in stone”.

**GUESTS COMMENT/CONCERNS:** John Brennan agreed with Trustee Patterson. He states you have to formulate a plan. This plan should just be a general strategy in which you will deploy over time. As you get further into the project, it becomes a tactical strategy, in which all “nuts and bolts” shall be in place at that time, once every item becomes known.

Matt Bunger stated “let the process take its course and see what happens”.

Jake Dyer stated he initially had the wrong impression about the intentions of the Village Board and the overpass. He stated he is more informed now, and his thoughts have changed.

President Yokley stated he had met with IDOT. The Engineering amount for the overpass was submitted to IDOT. IDOT met with their engineering staff and Village's engineering staff. IDOT contacted President Yokley and informed us that the engineering portion has been approved.

Judy Krell stated that she has attended several board meetings. She feels that the Village board has been very informative about everything in regards to the plans and costs.

President Yokley presented the Williamsville Youth & Government a donation in the amount of \$500. Tonya Faloon-Sullivan expressed Youth & Government's sincere appreciation of the Village's donation, and also President Yokley's personal donation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY (Scott Butterfield):** Stats for March: 3 Animal complaints, 1 Attempted suicide, 1 Battery, 2 Burglaries, 1 Criminal Damage to property, 3 Disturbances, 1 Gas Drive-off, 1 Hit-and-run, 1 DUI, 1 Obscene/harassing com., 7 Suspicious persons/auto, 1 Violation of OP, 148 Traffic Stops (49 Citations, 99 Warnings).

Trustee Butterfield stated the Village will be looking into some grants to help purchase some AED's, which will be permanently mounted at the park & the Community Center.

**WATER & SEWER, (vacant):** Nothing to report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Valerie Patterson):** Trustee Patterson shared the initial estimate in regards to the "Looking for Lincoln" signs are approximately \$2300. She stated the Village received a \$1500 for the "Looking for Lincoln" grant.

Trustee Patterson stated the Williamsville Community Foundation is generously donating \$3,000 for the sign to be located at the proposed new library/museum.

**PARKS & RECREATION (Dave Carter):** Trustee Carter stated the water level at the lake is good. The tree clean-up project is going well. The next phase will be to level the dirt and plant grass seed.

The sandbox at the park is going to be revamped with new sand, etc.

**STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Mark Esker):** Trustee Esker stated IDOT will not be starting on the Safe Routes project until after school is out for the summer, approximately June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:** Trustee Butterfield made a motion to pass Ordinance #2013-10, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 155, fees 155-2, Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of the Village of Williamsville. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

President Yokley stated the Village has received a letter from Ferrell Oil showing interest in buying our mineral rights for our property in Oklahoma. The letter will be forwarded on to Randy Segatto, Village Attorney.

President Yokley thanked the Williamsville Fire Department for the CPR training they provided for the Village employees and Trustees.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Karen Humphres, Village Clerk