

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
June 10, 2024**

The Town Hall/board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Yokley. Clerk: Karen Winger
Trustees Present: Tierney, Gettleman, Carter, McMillan, Bunger, Esker

GUESTS: See attached list.

COMMUNICATIONS: Trustee Gettleman thanked the Sherman Village Board for the season passes for the Sherman Amphitheater.

Trustee McMillan made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 28, 2024.
Trustee Carter seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

President Yokley stated there will probably be some good news to share with the Village Board before the next board meeting regarding the solar at the library.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Sharon McMillan): Trustee McMillan stated the air conditioner went out in one of our squads, costing approximately \$2,400.00.

Chief Edwards and President Yokley stated the Village is receiving complaints regarding electric scooters. We have had residents stop by and complain in person and via phone call regarding the scooters. These residents are afraid someone is going to get hit. President Yokley has asked that the families who have children that ride the scooters, need to make the riders aware that they must stop at stop signs, yield coming from private driveways, and use caution. They need to be aware that when riding on sidewalks, pedestrians have the right-of-way.

Chief Edwards stated other Villages have passed ordinances pertaining to the scooters. We will be contacting our attorney for advice regarding an ordinance. In the meantime, we would like to encourage adults and young riders to use due-caution to avoid an accident.

WATER & SEWER (Matt Bunger): Trustee Bunger stated the sewer fund is struggling due to the sewer plant bond and also having to purchase new pumps. Also, a new roof on the sewer plant is still in the budget for this year.

Trustee Bunger stated the Village had a camera inspection done on the sanitary sewer system several years ago (late 2000's). He stated we had approximately 1,800 feet that still need to be repaired. Kent Thompson would like to see this project researched and replaced, and placed in 2025's budget. It will cost approximately \$7,400 to have a camera inspection performed again so we can get a full report of the necessary repairs needed on the system. The Village will look into sewer lining. Petersburg Plumbing will be contacted regarding estimates.

Matt Bunger stated there's an old water line that runs from the old wells (in the bottoms) on the East side of the interstate in Sherman that still exists. This is part of the "loop" for Birch Lakes. Kent Thompson stated the Village needs to be planning to replace that since the line is really old. The water line runs parallel to the interstate. Kent Thompson would like to abandon

4,000 feet of the line and bore a new line under the highway. Kent Thompson and Trustee Bunger would like to start planning for this upgrade.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Esler): Trustee Esler stated we are possibly getting a Dollar General in Williamsville. It will be located on the East side of Speedway. This will be built to possibly become a Dollar General Market.

Roy Pyers reminded everyone about the street closures on Sunday, June 23rd for Maker's Market.

PARKS & RECREATION (Dave Carter): Trustee Carter stated the pickleball, tennis, and basketball court resurfacing project has been completed. Kent Thompson and Craig Winger stated the courts all look good.

Trustee Carter reminded everyone the resurfacing project was supposed to be completed in 2023. Sports Surface Pro had delayed the project until 2024. When the project was started, they stated there were additional cracks that needed repaired. They were asking for \$16,000 for the additional cracks. President Yokley negotiated with them regarding the additional cost. They agreed to \$9,000. President Yokley said he didn't have a lot of choices, either pay the additional money or shut the project down in order to rebid. We will look into the warranty on the resurfacing.

Trustee Carter thanked Public Works for their hard work with mowing, etc. He also thanked the Garden Club for planting and maintaining the flowers in the Village.

Trustee Carter stated a cracked limb fell down in his neighborhood and he complimented all the people who assisted with the matter (Ameren, Police Dept., Fire Dept.)

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & STORM SEWERS (Patrick Gettleman): Trustee Gettleman had nothing new to report.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: The Executive Minutes will be tabled until next board meeting due to Randy Segatto being absent.

President Yokley stated the estimate for solar at the sewer plant estimate is \$118,080. He stated the estimate is including May's Ameren bill. He stated this should reduce the cost of electricity at the sewer plant by more than sixty percent. He stated the most recent estimate is for a 49.2 kw system.

Trustee McMillan stated she sent an email to the Trustees that summarized the proposed project.

Discussion was made regarding the solar project. Trustee Tierney stated he is a fan of solar, but not sure where we would get the funds. Trustee Gettleman discussed the project. He stated the sewer fund is in the negative so we would have to borrow from another fund. He mentioned all the sewer work that needs to be completed that Trustee Bunger had discussed earlier. Trustee Gettleman reminded everyone about unexpected expenses that have come up in previous months, and will continue to come up, so we have to be financially prepared. President Yokley stated the Village would not need to get a loan we could borrow from another fund.

Trustee McMillan made a motion to approve the sewer plant solar project that has been presented in the amount of \$118,080.00. Trustee Carter seconded the motion.

Trustee Tierney – no
Trustee Esker – present
Trustee Gettleman – no
Trustee Bunger – no
Trustee Carter – aye
Trustee McMillan – aye
Motion fails

President Yokley stated a meeting was held with Sangamon County to discuss taking over our building permits. He stated the Village can't afford to have our own certified inspector. We will have to create a Zoning Permit, so we can verify the classification is correct for what the resident is requesting before Sangamon County will complete the permit. The Village will continue to approve flatwork and fences.

Trustee Esker stated if everything goes as planned, Dollar General plans to start the building process in October.

President Yokley stated he would like to give employees Friday, July 5th off in addition to July 4th, as an employee-appreciation day.

Trustee Tierney made a motion to approve employees to be off on July 5th. Trustee Gettleman seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Williamsville adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Winger