

Williamsfield Village Board Meeting
March 2, 2015

The Williamsfield Village Board met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village hall. Present were Trustees Ryan Smith, Pam Courson, Jolene Tucker, Connie Wight, Lee Wight and Interim President Michael Gray. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Mary Rice, Police Chief James Robertson, Officers Thanh Nguyen, Jared McDermet and Greg Jennings and Trudy Self, Jim Folger, Pat Doubet, Tom Rice (R/O plant), Andy Fritz, Teresa Doubet, Bill Knight (Weekly Post) and Craig Sondegroth, Village Attorney.

Motion by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Tucker to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.

The following bills were presented for approval:

General

Motorola Solutions	Computer Usage	\$ 34.00
West Central FS	Maintenance - Gas, oil & diesel	\$ 261.18
West Central FS	Police -Gas & oil	\$ 102.79
German Bliss	Bolts, antifreeze, oil & blade	\$ 238.91
S. Harris Uniforms	Tactical polo & embroidery	\$ 62.50
Municipal Clerks of Illinois	Membership Dues	\$ 45.00
Royal Publishing	Ad for 2015 BB Regional	\$ 85.00
Menards	New lock, mail box, etc.	<u>\$ 90.91</u>
	Totals	\$ 920.29

Operation & Maintenance - Water Works

Hawkins, Inc.	Chemicals	\$ 865.44
PDC Laboratories	Testing's 1/14/15 & 2/11/15	\$ 153.00
Alkema	100 Cartridge Filters	\$ 910.48
Bruner, Cooper & Zuck	Water Tower - Interior Repairs	\$ 842.21
Ingle Electric	Replace heater motor & diagnostic fee	\$ 383.52
Grainger	2 pr chemical resistant gloves	<u>\$ 41.10</u>
	Total	\$ 3205.75

Motor Fuel Tax Account

Bruner, Cooper & Zuck	Engineering fees - Streets	\$ 785.36
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Motion by Trustee Courson and seconded by Trustee Smith to pay the bills with the exception of Bruner, Cooper & Zuck in the amount of \$842.21 (which will be paid from the leverage fund). Roll call. All yes.

Motion by Trustee C. Wight and seconded by Trustee Courson to approve the financial statement. Approved.

Pat Doubet voiced her concern about why the water wasn't shut off on one of her rental properties when the tenant was two months past due. President Gray told her that she would have to pay only two months of late

fees if the tenants didn't pay. He also told her, she would be notified before a lien was put on the property.

Andy Fritz, a member of the Park Advisory volunteer group, told the Board he would like to try and raise money to upgrade and extend the walking path. He also would like the Village maintenance department to continue mowing.

The Village received a letter from the Library District telling of the upcoming Easter egg hunt and asking permission to use Doubet Benjamin Park again. Motion by Trustee L. Wight and seconded by Trustee Tucker to donate \$50.00 to the library for The Easter egg hunt and to allow them use of the Park. Approved.

The Mediacom franchise was up for renewal. Motion by Trustee L. Wight and seconded by Trustee Courson to renew the Mediacom franchise agreement. Roll call. All yes.

President Gray told the Board IDOT still plans on working on Route 180 from 167 to Route 150 this year.

There will be a water meter installed on the east side of the former Shultz building. A water shut off also will be replaced.

Police Chief Robertson presented Officer Nguyen with a plaque for his 11 years of dedicated service. Thanh helped cover the recent truck/train accident and is always readily available to help in any way. The battery tender is working perfect on the police vehicle. Chief Robertson said he will be having surgery on his knee. He didn't know when the surgery would be or how long he would be off work. He told the Board he would like to petition off an area of the Village Hall for a police office in order to insure confidentiality of records. Motion by Trustee L. Wight and seconded by Trustee Smith to allow the police department to put up two walls at the cost of \$500.00. Roll call. All yes.

Tom told the Board he hasn't received the bill from Oberlander Electric for the lightning arrestor. He also asked the Board to purchase a new payment drop box as the one in the old building is getting a lot of moisture in it. The cost of the locking payment box would be \$469.94. Motion by Trustee C. Wight and seconded by Trustee L. Wight to purchase the locking payment box. Approved.

The attorney has reviewed all the new ordinances the Board passed at the February meeting. The attorney suggested that all prior nuisance ordinances be rescinded.

The Board reviewed the current water rates. An increase is needed to repay the Village's leverage fund required to obtain the grant. Current rate is \$3.25 - recycling; \$20.25 minimum water charge; \$10.50 - garbage and \$6.00 sewer - credit of \$.50 for paying on time. This brings the total to \$39.50. The proposed increase is \$3.25 - recycling; \$9.25 - garbage; \$6.00 - sewer; \$24.25 minimum water charge and credit of \$.50 for paying on time. The new total is \$43.25.

This would be an increase of \$3.25 if the user only used the minimum gallons of water. Charge to shut off service for nonpayment of water bill would increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00. Charge to restore service after shut off for nonpayment of water bill would increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00. The charge to shut off service for mechanical repairs and to restore service after shut off for mechanical repairs would increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00. Motion by Trustee L. Wight and seconded by Trustee C. Wight to increase water rates as proposed. Roll call. All yes.

At this time the Board and Village Attorney Sondegroth worked on the budget appropriation for 2015 - 2016.

Next meeting will be April 6, 2015.

Motion by Trustee L. Wight and seconded by Trustee Smith to adjourn.

Minutes approved as presented: _____

Mary L. Rice - Clerk