

Williamsfield Village Board Meeting March 6, 2023

The Williamsfield Village Board met on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the KP Village Hall. Present were Trustees Trudy Self, Andrew Scott, Stuart Hickerson, Julie Van Dran and Nancy Everett. Trustee Jeremy Eagle was absent. Also present were Robert Johnson, Susan Ott, Harsh Puri, Rakesh (Rocky), Pardeep Kumor, Harpreet Singh Bill Raines, Mary Rice (Treasurer), Tom Rice (R/O Plant), President Matt Tonkin, Chief Robertson and Tori Courson (Village Clerk).

Motion by Trustee Hickerson and seconded by Trustee Self to approve the minutes from the February 2023 meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Bills: The following bills were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Van Dran and seconded by Trustee Scott to approve the bills as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

GENERAL		
Vendor / Category	Details	Amount
Motorola Solutions	Computer Usage	\$52.00
West Central FS	Maintenance Gas & Oil	\$101.51
West Central FS	Police Gas & Oil	\$101.49
EB Buildings & Lumber Co.	Blue & white marking paint, 14.1 oz pro fuel, 3/4" galv plug, 2-11/16" @ 251 BRZ Snap, 10 pk blue flags & 10 pk white flags	\$152.83
Card service Center	Intuit payroll update, Microsoft yearly plan and ink	\$719.02
ABC Fire Extinguisher Sales	Service and maintain extinguishers hall, garage & police car	\$99.70
Staples	Toner-Canon	\$89.00
Royal Publishing	Ad for 2023 United class 1A boys basketball regional	\$120.00
Verizon Wireless	Police	\$36.01
Stevens-Campbell Insurance	General office bond for Trudy Self	\$417.00
Tom Rice	Reimburse for McAfee Security Program	\$159.36
	TOTAL	\$2,047.92
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE		
Vendor / Category	Details	Amount
Pace Analytical Service, LLC	Testing's	\$638.20

USA Bluebook	FTI EF drum pump kit	\$695.02
KVI, Inc	STH ultra sonic transducer	\$2,288.00
ABC Fire Extinguisher Sales	1 5# ABC fire extinguisher, 1 10# CO2 fire extinguisher, test and recharge 10# CO2 & 1 CO2 valve service	\$481.75
Brimfield Hardware	Box of 5/8 x 1 1/2" stainless bolts	\$51.98
Hach	Testing supplies	\$1,238.79
	TOTAL	\$5,393.74
<u>DOUBET-BENJAMIN PARK</u>		
Vendor / Category	Details	Amount
Cecilia Ruck	Repair lights, (1) rope light, (2) 18' rope lights & 1 pkg cable ties	\$70.33

Financial Statements: Motion by Trustee Hickerson and seconded by Trustee Self to approve the financial statements. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Rocky asked the Village Board approval for a pouring liquor license in order to get a gaming license for Ladd's Food Mart (they have a packaged license currently) to help offset high expenses to keep the store open and profitable; the previous owner did not pay rent, and both wages and power bills are increasing. Bill Raines representing ACCEL Entertainment stated that he has gone before several small town Boards to ask for approval for liquor/gaming licenses. Trustee Scott expressed his feelings against more gaming machines in the community; the average income is \$30,000 and with the increase in power bills and groceries, he doesn't like to see money going into the machines and not contributing to households. Trustee Van Dran asked how many machines they will install, what hours will they be open and will liquor be served in the gaming area; Rocky stated 6 gaming machines will be installed, the hours will be the same as now and liquor is rarely/never consumed at grocery store locations with gaming machines; they will have liquor available with a high price to avoid sales. Trustee Scott inquired if the ordinance could be amended to put a limit on gaming machines allowed in the Village. Each establishment is allowed 6 machines; currently, Double Take, Jason Evans future business and Ladd's would be 18 machines maximum allowed in Williamsfield. The Board agreed with him. Trustee Hickerson asked why the store cannot survive without gaming and Rocky stated they are being charged rent which Jerry Ladd was grandfathered in and did not pay, and Jerry had agreements with vendors that delivered products and the prices have been raised also; their main goal is to make sure the grocery store can stay open and make a profit. They also own a store in Bushnell, a larger community, and it makes a profit so they have never had to add gaming machines. President Tonkin said he is not a fan of gaming and doesn't like walking into an establishment and seeing gaming machines; Rocky assured the Board that a customer will show their ID at the cash register and they will get a code to enter in the locked door that goes to the back; the machines will not be in plain sight to regular customers.

Police Report: Chief Robertson stated he will get a list of unsightly properties and unregistered vehicles to the Board at the end of the month. Chief Robertson spoke

with a homeowner on Olive Street about their unsightly property. President Tonkin stated maybe an event can be held at the new small engine repair shop and have ATV owners stop and renewal their sticker.

The following calls for service were handled by the police department for the month of February:

(4) 911 calls	Reports on file/accidental (1)
Well check	Checked secure/NR
Domestic Problem	Report on file (county handled)
Burglary Inf.	Report on file hospice (County)
Suspicious vehicle	Problem solved/checked okay
ATV complaint	Unfounded/quiet on arrival
Fraud	Report on file
Disturbance	Report on file/warned and advised

CITATIONS ISSUED IN FEBRUARY

Violations	Citations	Warnings
Seatbelt	0	0
Speeding	0	0
Disobeyed Stop Sign	0	0
Ordinance Violations	0	0
Other	0	0

Correspondence: The second water project construction permit was approved from EPA. Robert Johnson distributed an email to the Board members about a grant opportunity for lead inspection and removal, President Tonkin forwarded it to Jared at WIRC to see if Williamsfield homeowners qualify.

Street and Maintenance: Trustee Scott stated salt needs to be ordered; he will correspond with Ed Lewis and Milo Gibbs on prices. Sullivan Door quoted \$ 13,000-\$16,000 for a new garage door installed at the AG-Land FS building and Menards has a door for \$4,300 that our maintenance department will have to install; roof trusses for the planned heated area is \$9,000; and Ingle Electric is going to give a quote to run a power line underground. Trustee Everett stated be cautious of the thin concrete floors before storing heavy equipment. The Board discussed possibly getting volunteers to help with sidewalk repair. Andy Logsdon from Bruner, Cooper and Zuck suggested passing \$75,000 from Motor Fuel Tax for the purchase of culverts, spray patch, sidewalk repair etc. The trees were trimmed on Elm Street. Trustee Everett asked how much the Village will charge for the sale of the old maintenance building, President Tonkin stated that one business owner offered \$20,000, then offered \$10,000 and would use the building for storage; President Tonkin would like to see a business go into the building. Trustee Everett got 3 quotes to survey the alley behind Double Take; Wallace Engineering located in Toulon had the lowest quote at \$800. Motion by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Self to hire Wallace Engineering to

survey the alley next to the food pantry and behind Double Take. All in favor. Motion approved.

Water Report: Tom Rice stated Larry Lawson inspected the R/O Plant and suggested ordering spare saddles and chemical pumps for a total of \$1300. Motion by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Van Dran to approve purchase of 2 saddles and chemicals pumps to have on hand for a total of \$1300. All in favor. Motion approved.

Parks Report: Rick LaFollette gave a quote of \$75,000 to grade and level out the soccer and practice baseball fields; the Board suggested revisiting the different map examples of placement of the fields and getting a couple more estimates to compare, and trying to separate the soccer and baseball costs. The quote does not include seed, fences, sand etc. The Board discussed asking the school to split the cost.

Veteran's Park: Robert Johnson stated BNSF has grants for municipalities for railroad themed projects; the pavilion quote was around \$52,000; Trustee Hickerson will research the grant.

Old Business: To correct a misunderstanding from the previous meeting, these minutes record that Gabe Orton won the bid for the sale of the Village's mower for \$700.

New Business: The Village's net cost after loan fees and principle forgiveness for the second water phase was originally expected to be about \$570,000 but because of increased cost of materials and labor will now be between \$800,000 to \$950,000. The water rates were increased 4 years ago in anticipation of costs for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects but inflation has far exceeded those projections. The Village is currently transferring \$4,400 a month to go towards repaying engineering fees and the loan, but this will not be sufficient to meet the new loan payments starting in 2024. Motion by Trustee Van Dran and seconded by Trustee Everett to increase the water rates by \$3 to go towards repaying the second water phase engineering fees and loan. All in favor. Motion approved. The Board discussed approving a pour liquor license for Ladd's Food Mart so they can purchase gaming machines; the Board understands the new owner's predicament and they do not want to lose the grocery store. The State increased the cap Villages are allowed to charge establishments for each gaming terminal per year; the charge is currently \$25 per terminal every year and the cap is \$250. Motion by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Hickerson to amend the current gaming/liquor ordinance to raise the charge per terminal from \$25 to \$100. All in favor. Motion carried. Trustee Scott asked if the funds charged per terminal could go towards something for the youth. Motion by Trustee Scott and seconded by Everett to amend the current gaming/liquor ordinance to cap the number of gaming machine allowed in the Village to 18; Double Take, Jason Evan's future business and Ladd's Food Mart are each allowed 6 machines. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Trustee Van Dran and seconded by Trustee Everett to add an additional pour license to the current gaming/liquor ordinance; Double Take, Jason Evans and Ladd's will each have a pour license and 1 additional license will be available. All in favor. Motion carried. With all of the foregoing motions and the limitations placed on the issuance of any further gaming machines, the pour license

was approved for Ladds. President Tonkin stated Michael Goodin offered \$7,500 for the lot next to him, he will not build on it, therefore there will be no tax revenue for the Village. The Board agreed the lot should be sold at a premium price and relay to Michael to come back with a better offer.

Motion by Trustee Self and seconded by Trustee Scott to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd, 2023.

Minutes approved as presented: Tom Cowser