

Williamsfield Village Board Meeting December 6, 2021

The Williamsfield Village Board met in-person on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the KP Village Hall. Present were Trustees Trudy Self, Julie Van Dran, Andrew Scott, Jeremy Eagle Nancy Everett and Stuart Hickerson. Also, present were Susan Ott, Jason Evans, Paul Mangieri, Mary Rice (Treasurer), Tom Rice (R/O Plant), Chief Robertson, Tori Courson (Village Clerk), Matt Tonkin (Village President).

Trustee Everett was sworn in by Clerk Courson.

Motion by Trustee Self and seconded by Trustee Van Dran to approve the minutes from the November 2021 meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Bills: The following bills were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Eagle and seconded by Trustee Hickerson 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	\$0.00
West Central FS	Police Gas & Oil	\$81.73
EB Buildings & Lumber Co	Key, screwdriver set, gas spout, pilers & 2 gal poly tank sprayer	\$78.75
Brimfield Hardware	Fittings, valves, tee's nipples, electrodes, washers & utility knife	\$175.31
Ladd's Food Mart	Water for employees	\$11.98
Card Service Center	Ink, Menards (fittings, valves, tee's, nipples, electrodes & washers	\$148.49
H & H Industries	Put up Christmas lights	\$200.00
Verizon Wireless	Police	\$36.01
Staples	Paper & Staples plus membership	\$88.99
Illinois Municipal League	Membership	\$150.00
German-Bliss Equipment	Oil seal, bolts & miscellaneous parts	\$318.14
	TOTAL	\$1,341.40
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE		
Vendor / Category	Details	Amount
PDC Laboratories, Inc	Testings	\$178.00
Core & Main	(6) touch pads and (6) meters	\$705.00
Galesburg Electric	2 Thermostats	\$230.75
Ladd's Food Mart	Paper products	\$19.99

Allegra Printing	2500 water bill forms	\$392.54
	TOTAL	\$1,526.28
<u>WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT - CURRENT PHASE</u>		
Vendor / Category	Details	Amount
Bruner, Cooper & Zuck	Water main improvement - Phase II	\$15,455.27
<u>MOTOR FUEL TAX</u>		
Rask Transportation, Inc	21.88 T 1 1/8" Down from Valley and hauling	\$396.03
<u>MOTOR FUEL TAX - REBUILD ILLINOIS FUNDS</u>		
Vendor / Category	Details	Amount
D & D Pavement Solutions, Inc	Spray patch various areas throughout town	\$2,900.00

Financial Statements: President Tonkin provided details on the review of financial statements, percent over and percent under for the month. All appeared in order and there were no concerns raised. Motion by Trustee Self and seconded by Trustee Hickerson to approve the financial statements. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Paul Mangieri representing Jason Evans stated Jason is going to build a new enterprise in Williamsfield that will bring tax revenue and help beautify the downtown area with renovations to the building he purchased. Jason plans to open a gaming establishment that serves liquor; in order to do so he will have to obtain a liquor and gaming license in the Village. Paul Mangieri stated he is also from a small town and is excited to see the new business grow. President Tonkin stated he began reviewing the Village Ordinances to make sure everything is in line to approve the liquor and gaming license. Paul Mangieri plans to write a formal letter stating Jason's plans and he will be in touch Superintendent Tim Farquer was unable to attend the meeting as planned and President Tonkin shared his proposal regarding installing new solar panels that would potentially be installed where the Village leased farm ground is that provides income for the Village to support Doubet-Benjamin Park. The school would have to own the property that the solar panels are installed on and the property was willed to the Village with specific intentions. The Board has concerns with the loss in revenue, the specifications of the farm ground in the will, whether better more effective solar panels will be released, and the fact that any substantive change in the use of that land – including sale – would likely require a special public meeting. President Tonkin indicated he would provide this feedback to Superintendent Farquer that no decision can be made without more information.

Correspondence: Mediacom stated internet rates will increase, the Village's water testings increase, and a donation was received from Susan and Abby Ott for bricks from the disassembled bandstand.

Streets and Maintenance: Trustee Scott stated Andy Logsdon from Bruner, Cooper and Zuck met with Mark Niebuhr and they targeted reviewing the main storm drainage areas; Gale Street from downtown to drainage ditch toward Lions Drive, Kentucky Avenue and Elm Street (near the Powers property) and Pine Street (adjacent to the school parking lot). BCZ proposed a fixed fee of \$6000 for a stormwater study to assess drain issues and recommend solutions. Trustee Everett stated a GIS map of the Village will be purchased and

they will record all elevations to determine water flow/drainage. Current pipes may need to be dug out to see what they are made of and what shape they are in. Trustee Scott took inventory on the Village's stop, speed children at play, stop for pedestrian etc signs that are faded and worn; he wondered if newer paint and reflective would help with traffic issues. Galesburg Sign and Lighting gave an estimate of \$6000 for replacement signs, poles and hardware; Trustee Everett stated that was a very reasonable price. The Board discussed the constant speeding issues and lack of stopping at the stop signs on Pine and Gale. Chief Robertson stated he issued an ordinance for failure to stop on Saturday; the Board is in agreement that a majority of the offences are before and after school and after ball games; a lot of the offenders are students, staff and parents. The Board suggested having a meeting with the school to express their concerns, possibly getting a crossing guard before and after school and a temporary stop sign right in front of the school for before and after school. Trustee Scott stated he priced the temporary speed bumps that were discussed at previous meetings and the bump will slow the driver down but then possibly begin to immediately accelerate. Trustee Scott stated the estimate to relocate the emergency siren from Veteran's Park to behind KP Hall is \$25,000; due to such a high cost, the Parks Association discussed leaving the siren where it is and build the pavilion closer to where the now disassembled bandstand was; they believe they can still pull electricity to the caboose from the siren and President Tonkin suggested pulling power from the nearest power pole. President Tonkin stated that some residents had suggested a cement floor for the pavilion so it can be turned into an ice-skating rink. With winter nearing, the maintenance department are going back to replacing water meters and repairing/replacing curb stops in front of houses and they need to purchase a tap and die tool for these repairs; Trustee Scott stated Mark and Don use a lot of their own tools and the Village should purchase frequently used tools to avoid them using their personal items. President Tonkin stated he would like them to list their frequently used tools and allow a monthly budget of \$500 a month for tool replacement. President Tonkin is in contact with Giselle (IWU) on the dates for the MAPPING meetings. Trustee Scott stated there has been complaints of residents burning leaves on the side of the streets which could possibly damage the newly oiled and chipped streets and burning leaves ditches can cause debris to build up in culverts and not allow proper water drainage; Clerk Courson will research the nuisance ordinance to see what is in place for burning.

Police Report: Chief Robertson stated he is working on unsightly properties. The following calls for service were handled by the police department for the month of November:

Accident - no injury	Report on file
(3) person down	Medical
(3) alarm calls	All of which were unfounded
(3) 911 hang up	Report on file/accidental
(2) Fraud complaints	Report on file
(1) Battery report	Report on file
Check well	No report-county handled
Disturbance	Report on file
Burglary report	Report done (prior incident October)

CITATIONS ISSUED IN NOVEMBER

Violations	Citations	Warnings
Seatbelt	0	0
Speeding	0	0
Disobeyed Stop Sign	0	1
Ordinance Violations	1	0
Other	0	0

Parks Report: Trustee Eagle stated the disc golf has been updated except the posts, the Parks Association did not feel comfortable spreading the chip in the north parking lot because it is so clean, it will spread out too far, there has been work done to the caboose, they are waiting on the electricity and a few patches on the roof, the inside will get updated once the electricity is installed, there will be no Christmas walk this year. Trustee Eagle will have Andy draw a map with the pavilion in the center of the park since the siren is not going to be relocated. Regarding installing a basketball/tennis court at Doubet-Benjamin Park; there is not a tennis court grant but there is a pickle ball court grant. President Tonkin stated he feels the court should have painted lines for multiple sports to make it multi-use to accommodate more people. Parks Association stated they would need to research having a dog park including the best location, they talked about planting a pine tree in Veteran's Park in the future to decorate for Christmas. Unfortunately, a lot of the bricks from the band stand were not salvageable and will not be used as a pathway or around a flower bed at Veteran's Park, they are hoping to splice power from the emergency siren; President Tonkin suggested the nearest power pole, the Veteran's Park sign is still on hold. They will not hold another meeting until February. President Tonkin stated the gazebo at Doubet-Benjamin Park looks great and stated residents have inquired about a public restroom at Veterans Park for future events held; one could possibly be installed on the back of KP Hall and be open only when needed.

Water Report: Tom Rice stated 3 of the 4 electric heaters are down in the RO Plant, parts are ordered to repair.

Covid Status: The Village received \$38.27 additional funds from the American Rescue Plan from unclaimed funds.

Old Business: The water infrastructure project is moving forward, President Tonkin stated Andy Logsdon from Bruner, Cooper and Zuck required a form to be filled out for IEPA; the next step will be to put bids out for materials and labor; material prices are much higher than when the budget was first built. Backhoe Joe and Courtright Construction will start the renovations to KP Hall in the very near future.

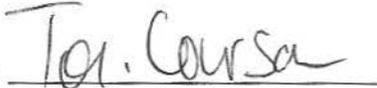
New Business: The Tax Levy Ordinance was presented to the Board with the normal 5% tax increase; Motion by Trustee Self and seconded by Trustee Hickerson to pass the Tax Levy Ordinance. All in favor. Motion Carried. President Tonkin contacted Knox County regarding parking spots and loading zone parking signs; they stated there are not any requirements

for painting parking spots and as a courtesy, they volunteered to look at a map to see if there would be any concerns. Andy Fritz asked if the Village could take over the cost of replacing and installing the Village's banners and signs; the Board agreed to. Motion by Trustee Hickerson and seconded by Trustee Scott to raise Village employee's Christmas bonuses from \$120 in 2020 to \$150 in 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

The next meeting will be held on January 3, 2022.

Minutes approved as presented:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tori Courson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Tori Courson