

Williamsfield Village Board Meeting August 2, 2021

The Williamsfield Village Board met in-person on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the KP Village Hall. Present were Trustees Michael Gray, Jeremy Eagle, Trudy Self, Julie Van Dran, Andrew Scott and Stuart Hickerson. Also, present were Mary Rice (Treasurer), Tom Rice (R/O Plant), James Robertson (Chief of Police) Tori Courson (Village Clerk) and Matt Tonkin (Village President).

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

New Bills: The following bills were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Van Dran 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	\$633.44
West Central FS	Police Gas & Oil	\$162.90
Brimfield Hardware	6" Sawzall blade, 9" sawzall blade, 1/4" hyd hose, 1/4" hyd hose kit & hus .095 x 840' & lawn & garden battery	\$165.17
WIRC	Membership	\$346.80
Mobile Team Training Unit IV	Membership	\$425.00
Ladd's Food Mart	Scotch Masking Tape & water	\$28.05
Smith & Potter Equipment	2 oil filters, cutter blade, case of 20w50 hydro oil and pump w/ fan	\$845.58
Card Service Center	(6) oil filters, (3) blades for scag, (2) 3-sided edger star blades, ink & (2) lawn & garden tires	\$406.71
Truro Township	25 T salt used \$96.00 per ton	\$2,400.00
Wight Chevrolet	Change oil & tire repair	\$100.22
	TOTAL	\$5,565.87
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE		
Vendor / Category	Details	Amount
Hawkins	Chemicals	\$1,371.34
PDC Laboratories, Inc	Testings	\$98.00
American Pest Control	Termite Service Agreement for 113 N Chicago Ave	\$260.00
Allegra	2000 water/sewer bills	\$320.95
Armature Motor & Pump	Parts for repairing starlite pump	\$595.32
Oberlander Electric	Relocate underground feeder to overhead feed	\$4,600.00
	TOTAL	\$7,245.61
MOTOR FUEL TAX		
Galesburg Builders Supply	3 Yards concrete for sidewalk	\$344.25
EB building	Power bit, rewire, SPF, deck screws, blue painting tape and poly post	\$796.06
	TOTAL	\$1,140.31

Financial Statements: Trustee Gray provided details on the review of financial statements, percent over and percent under for the month. Motion by Trustee Gray and seconded by Trustee Hickerson to approve the financial statements. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Treasurer Mary Rice asked permission to purchase 2 Illinois Municipal handbooks at \$40 each and President Tonkin suggested purchasing a newly elected officials handbook also. Board approved.

Correspondence: President Tonkin attended the monthly Elmwood Community Foundation meeting pertaining to the new fitness/wellness center they plan to build. The committee visited a similar establishment and edited the building design and got the cost down to \$9.9 million. The YMCA, Graham Hospital and the Elmwood Community Foundation had previously raised funds to purchase the land. President Tonkin asked if any of the Board Members were interested in their presentation, and also stated that there is planned to be a similar, smaller, presentation in Williamsfield likely late in August or early in September.

Street and Maintenance Report: Trustee Scott stated the selected roads for MF&T funding were rock and chipped, there is a lot of rock left over that is at Doubet-Benjamin Park and needs to be used or moved, if it gets dusty, it will not adhere to the tar. Trustee Scott asked the Board's permission to allow Mark Niebuhr and Don Smith to go to Fort Dodge, Iowa and look at the patch spray trailer that fills pot holes and see a demonstration. The oil can be purchased in Knoxville by pulling the trailer there so no need to store the oil. The Board discussed what would be the most cost efficient; the Village purchasing the patch hole patching trailer for \$25,000 and save labor by having our maintenance department fill holes throughout the year and save on cold patch, or continue to have the county rock and chip our roads once a year which can cause the roads to crown by adding the multiple layers and creates low spots on the sides where water collects. Truro Township hired D & D Pavement to patch holes using oil and rock using similar equipment the Village is interested in purchasing; they could do a demonstration with our roads for approximately \$500 while they are in town working for the township; otherwise, it costs \$800 to have them travel to the Village. Motion by Trustee Self and seconded by Trustee Hickerson to allow Mark and Don one day labor to watch a demo on the patch spray trailer. All in favor. Motion carried. Trustee Scott stated removing cement pads is difficult and time consuming for the maintenance department because with their current equipment; adjustable forks for the end loader would be helpful, physically and with time. John Deere has a set for \$1500 and Amazon has a set for around \$800. Motion by Trustee Scott and seconded by Trustee Self to allow the maintenance department to purchase adjustable fork for the tractor for up to \$1000. All in favor. Motion carried.

Police Report: Chief Robertson stated there have been complaints about unsightly properties and nuisance complaints, including several vehicles in a yard taken apart for parts, fluids poured in an alley and questionable items burnt and tall burn piles. He will follow up with the homeowners and issue a citation if necessary actions are not met. The following calls for service were handled by the police department for the month of July:

POLICE REPORT

Category	Status / Resolution
(3) Threats complaints	Report on File
(3) Person down	Medical NR
(2) Alarm calls	Accidental/unfounded
(2) 911 hang up	County handled/accidental
(1) Animal complaint	Unable to locate
(2) Suicidal Threats	Transported to MH
(2) Traffic control complaints BNSF	

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CITATIONS ISSUED IN JULY

Violations	Citations	Warnings
Seatbelt	0	0
Speeding	0	0
Disobeyed Stop Sign	0	0
Ordinance Violations	0	0
Other	2	0

Correspondence: The Village received a thank you card for Rick Secrist memorial. The FAA sent information on who to contact for concerns about wind turbines in Oneida exceeding the height limits.

Parks Report: Trustee Eagle stated over \$200 was raised at the ice cream social held at Doubet-Benjamin Doubet, the butterfly garden is almost done, the Eagle Scout pavilion project has started, the disc golf tournament plans are in the works; the cost will be around \$2,075 to install the new tee box locations if they use cement, Ag Day will be held September 12th. President Tonkin distributed the results of the Veteran’s Park survey to the Trustees to discuss how best to make the material available to the public; Trustee Van Dran suggested that, because the EXCEL file is very detailed and difficult to manipulate, it is best to list the top three or so results from the questions to simplify the results; once this is done they will be posted on the Village website.

Infrastructure and Maintenance Report: Supreme Radio in Galva has a bracket that can attach the emergency siren to a wooden pole; there is also software on the web that will locate the best placement for the siren in the Village. One of the first steps to fix the Village’s storm drainage issues is to contact BNSF and relay the multiple areas that have collapsed tiles and sink holes on their property that are causing issues. WIRC can possibly assist with engineering consultations to get elevation shots of the Village; there are 3 main places the water runs to in the Village and most ditches are clogged on the way. Trustee Hickerson will reach out to BSNF.

Water Report: Tom Rice stated the previously discussed rewiring project Ameren forced the Village to do was completed for \$4,600; the #2 house transformer went out and Oberlander Electric gave a verbal quote of \$3600-\$3700, the Board approved the necessary repairs to be completed; Tom presented to the Board a lift cart from Northern Tool for \$622.49 for heavy lifting at the RO plant. Motion by Trustee Gray and seconded by Trustee Eagle to purchase the lift cart. All in favor. Motion carried.

COVID Status: The Village will receive more funds that originally expected from the American Rescue Plan Funds. And, if other Villages pass on the opportunity to apply for the funds, the excess funds will go to the approved Villages.

Old Business: President Tonkin stated the next step on the water infrastructure project is to hold a public meeting for questions and comments; the meeting will be held late August and will need to be published 10 days before it is held. President Tonkin and Treasurer Mary met with the bank to establish a line of credit to cover the Village’s portion of the water project, the first water project line of credit will be paid off around the same time the first of the new payments will need to be made. The KP Hall renovations should begin late August. The online water bill payments will be more costly for the Village than realized, this will be tabled for now. Trustee Eagle stated he emailed Superintendent Tim Farquer with the questions the Board had after the football/soccer field land lease was discussed at the June

meeting; Tim stated there are no plans for stadium lights or bleachers, so there is no resident feedback, there will be no extra parking put in so the library will probably be ok with sharing their parking lot and an estimate from Rick LaFollette was not presented. The Board discussed the pros and cons once again, including the Village will lose say on who can be on the field, the Village will lose an asset, the Village will have to pay for the other fields to be graded. It would be a great attraction for the Village and the Board is in general terms supportive of the idea particularly if only day games will be able to be held so there is no lighting - however, parking will be very limited and there are a lot of unknowns. When the school's proposal was mentioned at the Park meeting, the Parks Association suggested possibly extending Normal Drive north to North Park Road and having a field there on the west side of the new road, which is around 4 acres near the corn field and save the sand volleyball court, the school and community can use the field and additional parking can be added. Trustee Eagle will make Tim aware there are still not enough details of the plan for the Trustees to be able to commit.

New Business: President Tonkin stated the Village has good employees and wants to have a closed session in October when annual wages are explored to discuss possible wage increases.

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 September 13, 2021 - Due to Labor Day.

Minutes approved as presented: Tori Courson
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