

Williamsfield Village Board Meeting January 3, 2022

The Williamsfield Village Board met in-person on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the KP Village Hall. Present were Trustees Trudy Self, Julie Van Dran, Jeremy Eagle Nancy Everett and Stuart Hickerson. Andrew Scott was absent. Also, present were Susan Ott, Jason Evans, Paul Mangieri, Rick Smith, Mary Rice (Treasurer), Tom Rice (R/O Plant), Chief Robertson, Tori Courson (Village Clerk), Matt Tonkin (Village President).

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

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

<u>GENERAL</u>		
Vendor / Category	Details	Amount
Motorola Solutions	Computer Usage	\$52.00
West Central FS	Maintenance Gas & Oil	\$176.66
West Central FS	Police Gas & Oil	\$82.26
Wight Chevrolet	Tire disposal fee & resistor (GMC)	\$90.24
John Deere Financial	Cab cam kit (Martin Sullivan)	\$395.89
Card Service Center	Culverts (1) 20' x 6 " & (1) 20' x 8" & ink	\$693.32
Royal Publishing's	Ad's 2022 Lincoln Trail boys basketball & 2022 Lincoln Trail girls basketball	\$180.00
Verizon Wireless	Police	\$36.01
Staples	Time clock ink cartridge, post it notes, W-2's & 1099 NEC	\$96.26
	TOTAL	\$1,802.64
<u>OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE</u>		
Vendor / Category	Details	Amount
PDC Laboratories, Inc	Testings	\$18.00
Core & Main	(3) black touchpads & misc. parts	\$1,311.66
Altorfers	Perform service on generator - Level 2	\$2,895.68
Hathaway's Hardware	Electronic cleaner, contact cleaner, fasteners & carbide utility blade	\$53.96
Galesburg Electric	Ideal 600A clamp meter & ideal test lead alligator clip	\$133.96
Brimfield Hardware	(3) 40 lbs ice melt	\$47.37
	TOTAL	\$4,460.63

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

Public Comment: (1) Rick Smith expressed his concerns with the Village approving the business proposal for a gaming establishment/laundry mat at the property that was purchased on Oak Street. Rick Smith requested that a public hearing be held with the Board and liquor applicant, and for the public that are for and against the new business. He presented the Board with Williamsfield and surrounding area's total amounts bet at gambling machines and he is concerned with the amount of money people are spending in small communities and feels people will not travel to Williamsfield to gamble, so it is strictly Williamsfield residents that bet \$1.5 million in the past 10½ months at the current gaming machines in Williamsfield. (2) Susan Ott stated she saw surveying being done at the water house and wanted to know specifically what was going to be done, when will it be done and how long will the project take; President Tonkin stated the Village received notice from IEPA of minor non-compliance items that need to be handled and an above ground water tank is one of the items that need to be updated. The newest IEPA water grant/loan will cover the large cost of the unit and other work; Andy Logsdon from Bruner, Cooper and Zuck had previously stated that the survey is complete and a design permit will be submitted this month. (3) Paul Mangieri, representing Jason Evans' new gaming parlor, presented to the Board Jason's application for the liquor license, a timeline for the planned development, and reports from the Illinois Gaming Board from towns that have a similar population as Williamsfield to show the potential income for the Village from the taxes on the proposed gaming parlor. Phase 1 on the timeline includes acquisition of Illinois and Williamsfield gaming and liquor license, renovation of the property to be completed April 30, 2022; phase 2 includes opening and operation of gaming parlor and renovation for laundry mat between May 1 and December 31 and phase 3 opening and operation of laundry mat and continued operation of gaming parlor on January 1, 2023 through future. Trustees Van Dran and Everett together with President Tonkin researched the Village's ordinances on liquor licenses and Trustee Van Dran contacted the State of Illinois to check available liquor license and they stated they believe there is a liquor license available; the State indicated that the number of available liquor licenses is more than would previously have been allowed for the Village population (per capita quota) but that this changed in 2021. President Tonkin stated that former Village Trustee and President Lee Wight wanted to attend the meeting but was feeling unwell and asked for his comment to be read, the Board was comfortable with the public comment being read from a text, and so the following was read verbatim: "Was going to come to the meeting tonight. Not feeling up to it. My thought are it's not right to let a \$500 building do liquor and gaming across from our existing tavern. Travis (SP) and Gabe have a major investment in their business. If the applying party wants to do a face lift on the outside and a detailed face lift on the interior that should be considered. Otherwise flipping a dilapidated run-down building in the center of town should be completely thought through. You can read this if you like. Sincerely, Lee Wight". Finally (5) Village Treasurer Mary Rice stated the 1st water grant loan was paid in full on November 5, 2021.

Correspondence: NA

Street and Maintenance: Trustee Scott, via phone, stated he emailed the Board the quote he got for new signage, a tree came down on a power line last week and the Maintenance Department took precautions and cleaned it up, the roof truss broke in the maintenance shed due to years of roof leaks and rotting; it will need a permanent repair in the near future.

Infrastructure and Maintenance: President Tonkin stated the WIU Mapping dates have been set and the public and committee will be notified, the meetings will be held at the Legion Hall and President Tonkin hopes to have a brief meeting with Gisele from WIU to go over the prep work and main goals. After talking to a couple businesses, President Tonkin distributed a rough draft of possible designated parking spaces for downtown including, no parking, loading zone, accessible parking and regular parking; he will touch base with the Knox County Zoning to ensure everything is mapped out correctly and will vote to purchase road paint and signage. President Tonkin traveled through Trivoli and noticed there are white speed stripes like ours, but they have multiple sets and are longer than a vehicle wheelbase, to ensure the driver is aware of the approaching stop sign. Trustee Everett stated she found cheaper rates for speed bumps and signage and will touch base with Trustee Scott to discuss.

Police Report: Chief Robertson wanted to clarify that the situation with a student at the school a couple weeks ago was not a threat to shoot the school, there were rumors spread that were not factual. The school takes any threat seriously; the situation will be followed up on by the police department and State's Attorney's Office. The following calls for service were handled by the police department for the month of December:

(1) 911 call	Accidental
(1) person down	Medical/fire
Threats complaint	County handled
Accident	County handled (Report on File)
Stray Dog	Owner located
Battery	Report on File
Domestic	County handled (Report on File)

CITATIONS ISSUED IN December

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

Parks Report: Trustee Eagle stated due to Andy Fritz being on vacation and the holidays, the sketch of Veteran's Memorial Park will be ready at the next meeting, someone volunteered to sort out the salvageable bricks from the band stand to possibly make a planter block and get

rid of the unsalvageable bricks, there is not an update on the possible sport facility at Doubet-Benjamin Park.

Veteran's Memorial Park Renovation: President Tonkin emailed the Board the different designs for the new sign and the Board agreed on the natural looking rock; President Tonkin will reach out to Rita Kress to move forward.

Water Report: Tom Rice stated the parts are not in for the heaters at the RO Plant and asked if new heaters could be ordered and the cost of an overhead heater and wall insert heaters would be covered by the COVID American Rescue Plan fund; President Tonkin assured him they would be covered. Tom asked if the old cistern will be removed when the above ground water tank is installed; President Tonkin will follow up with Andy Logsdon.

Old Business: The Engineering Plan for phase 2 of the water line replacements should be complete in the next few weeks and the work will be done early summer, the KP Hall repair contractors stated the repairs/renovations will begin when the snow melts and the plan to move the outdoor stairs to inside due to unstable infrastructures will be discussed with the contractors. After researching the current liquor ordinances due to a new applicant, and realizing there are nearly 20, President Tonkin would like to update the liquor ordinances; Trustee Hickerson expressed his concerns with a gambling parlor being open due to it being an addition like the country being in debt and the possibility of it leading to addiction, divorce, and lost mortgages. Trustee Van Dran suggested while amending the liquor ordinances, to extend the bar hours to 2am to coincide with the surrounding towns to avoid people driving to neighboring towns and keep the revenue in Williamsfield. Rick Smith asked if a public meeting will be held to discuss extended bar hours and the addition of a gambling parlor that sells alcohol. Paul Mangieri stated when the first gambling license was granted, the Board agreed it was in the best interest of the Village to proceed. President Tonkin stated it is the Board's decision on whether to pass the new liquor/gaming license and whether to extend hours, but that public opinion is very valued and that as an example the Board went above and beyond to get the public's opinion on Veteran's Memorial Park by forming a subcommittee and surveying the entire community. School Superintendent Tim Farquer relayed to President Tonkin that without purchasing land from the Village, the community solar panels project he researched cannot be installed. The Village Board meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month in 2022 with the exception of July and September, due to holidays, the July meeting will be held on July 11 and the September meeting will be held on September 12th. President Tonkin wants to plan how to utilize grants that are available to the Village, he stated that WIRC are normally prompt at suggesting grants the Village can apply for but there was a recent grant that President Tonkin and Trustee van Dran found on their own and it was too late to apply for. The Board discussed asking the school who they use to research and apply for grants and if any Board members know anyone that excels at finding and applying for grants to let President Tonkin know.

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

The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2022.

Minutes approved as presented:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Rice", is written over a horizontal line.