

**Williamson Chamber of Commerce
Town Hall Complex Conference Room
February 25, 2015
6:58-8:27 PM
Approved - 3/25/15**

PRESENT:

Officers: President Lorraine Lewis, Vice President James Hoffman, Secretary Jackie Walker
Directors: Cynthia Baran, Sarah Jacobs, Elisa Knataitis
Members: Dana Delancey, Back Health Chiropractic and Wellness
Guests: Pete (Patrick) Wright, President, Williamson Free Public Library Board

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:58pm P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Lewis led all in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION BY PETE (PATRICK) WRIGHT, PRESIDENT WILLIAMSON FREE LIBRARY BOARD:

Pete Wright made a half hour presentation of a proposed change related to control and approval of the library budget. Currently the library budget (438 K last year and this year) is a component of the town budget. For the last few years, the library budget has been reduced (71K) while costs for materials, utilities and services have been steadily increasing each year. The 2% tax cap and state mandates have resulted in the steadily reduced funding under the town budget. There will be a proposition to be voted on June 9, 2015 (10am-8pm) at the library which under the NYS Education Law allows the library budget to be administered by the school district. Thus the public would be voting directly on the library budget. The library is asking for the same amount of funding currently levied by the Town for its operations (\$438,096) and the funding is subject to the 2% tax cap. The amount is \$1.10 per \$100,000 assessed value of property within the Williamson School District. In effect, the library budget will no longer be part of the municipal budget and the town tax levy can be reduced. The public will decide directly on the library budget. The library will remain a municipal library under the jurisdiction of the Town and the Town will continue to appoint the Board of Trustees. Residents would receive a separate tax bill for the library related to the approved budget. There is a trend for towns to make similar changes in Wayne County. The name of the library will be changed to Williamson Public Library. The library has petitioned the state for a charter change re: the name and to increase its trustees from 5 to up to 15. Current library trustees are: Pete Wright-President, Nancy Orbaker-Vice President, Rebecca Reinhart-Secretary, Amy Prater-Custodian of Funds (there is one vacancy at this time). Individuals in the school district that have been trained and currently handle the voting process for the school budget will so handle the voting process for the library budget. There will be a series of articles in the paper related to this proposed change. Pete is currently giving presentations to various groups in the community. Pete distributed a brochure that explains the proposal and President Lewis offered to e-blast the brochure.

MAIL/COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Daily Account and Gift Account

President Lewis presented the Key Bank Daily account statement and Quickbooks reconciliation sheet ending 2/24/15 noting that QuickBooks and Key Bank statements matched (\$6443.92). President Lewis also presented the Key Bank gift check account statement and sheet ending 2/24/15 noting that QuickBooks and Key Bank statements matched (\$,1386.00). Both reports were unanimously accepted after a motion by Director Walker and second by Director Jacobs.

MEMBERSHIPS:

President Lewis reported 60 businesses to date and 58 memberships (some memberships have more than 1 business). There is 1 complimentary membership. She asked if the group would consider a complimentary membership for Cole's Income Tax for next year. There is no current policy on complimentary memberships and it was agreed that Director Walker will draft a policy for approval at the next meeting and then Cole's membership status would be determined at that time.

WEB SITE:

President Lewis reported she has been working with Laura Hatch auditing an updating the web site and asked attendees to please check their business listing for correctness.

YEAR AWARDS:

The award dinner will be April 16, 2015 (Wayne Career & Technical Center). An ad will be placed in the Sun & Record and Wayne County Times plus forms will be placed at the Williamson Post Office and on the web site soliciting nominations for awards. Nominations are due March 13, 2015. President Lewis suggested two names for consideration.

VETERANS DINNER:

The date is April 9, 2015 at 6pm. Director Jacobs will pick up the food. Director Walker and Vice President Hoffman will set up at 3pm. Others are asked to help serve (be there around 5:15pm). President Lewis will pick up salad materials, dressing and dessert.

COMBINED CHAMBER EVENTS:**Tour of Ginna Power Plant, April 30, 2015**

Ontario, Sodus and Williamson Chambers are sponsoring this event. A total of 25 persons can be accommodated and 8 reservations are allocated to each Chamber. Arrival time is 5:00-5:30pm to go through security check. The tour follows refreshments in the cafeteria.

APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL:

After a motion by Director Walker and second by Director Jacobs, the Board unanimously approved a donation to the festival of \$100.00

BUSINESS PROMOTION POLICY:

The policy used by the Ontario Chamber that was previously circulated by President Lewis will be reviewed at the next meeting.

CHAMBER YEARLY PROJECT:

President Lewis asked if the Board would be interested in the Chamber sponsoring a signage project this year. On a motion by Director Baran and second by Vice President Hoffman, it was unanimously agreed to pursue a signage project at Route 104 and Route 21. It was agreed President Lewis would check with George Ehresman to see what the Charrette was planning and Director Walker would interview businesses in Pultneyville to assess their needs for Chamber support.

NEWS TO SHARE:**Director Jacobs**

- Discussed gas leak at Post Office.

Director Knataitis

- Photographic Service is celebrating 35 years.

Vice President Hoffman

- Spencer Speedway will no longer have drag racing on Saturdays. Stock car racing will be on Fridays.
- The current solar panel project at the town has received much interest being the first municipality and the largest in Rochester to install this type of system. \$5,000 will be used to promote solar panels for businesses and residences.

President Lewis

- Email received regarding State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant Program. President Lewis will forward it to Board to see if anyone has any ideas how this might apply to us and be used in the community.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Chamber meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 in the Williamson Town Hall Complex Conference Room at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Director Jacobs and second by Vice President Hoffman with all in agreement, President Lewis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Walker, Secretary
March 1, 2015

President Mason reviewed and made changes. 3/2/15