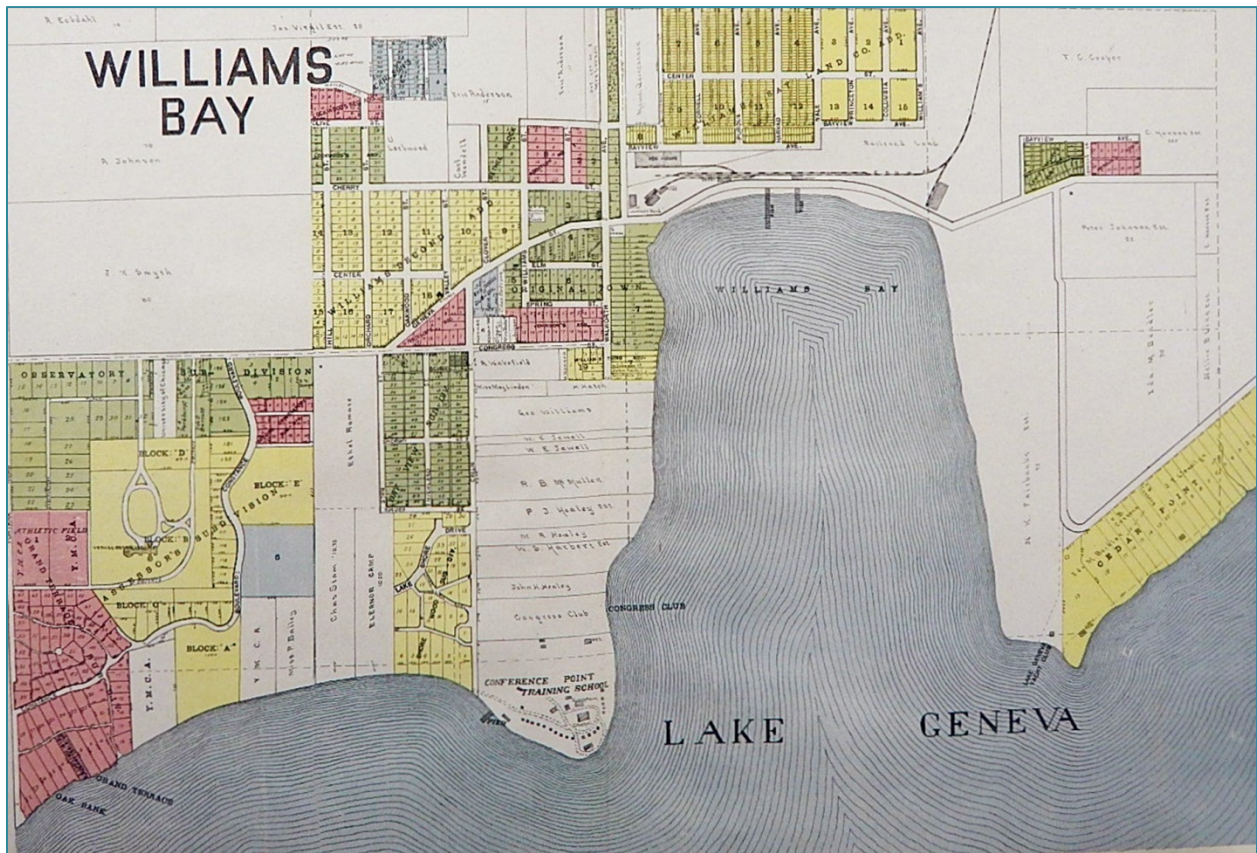


~ Williams Bay Citizens Vote to Incorporate October 23, 1919 ~



The growing fame of Lake Geneva as a summer resort inspired John Johnson Jr. who had a home on the lake near the village of Lake Geneva to plat Grand Terrace Subdivision. This plat was recorded in March 1892.

Thus when Dr. E.J. Fucik, William Valentine, S.J. Noble, Gottlieb Henne, Andrew Carlquist, Alfred Pihl, Lawrence A. Hollister, Walter E. Jewell, Andrew Anderson, Oscar M. Waterbury, and A.B. Carlson signed a petition asking that the Village of Williams Bay be incorporated in June 1919 practically all of the main part of the village had been laid out.

On June 26, 1919 a subscription list was passed around and \$81 was secured to pay incorporation expenses. A census was taken by Lawrence Hollister who found that there were 492 people living in the area of the village which was to be incorporated as of August 2, 1919.

The surveyor who laid out the village for incorporation was William Child. It contained 1,114 acres of land and was bounded on the south by 19,520 feet of lake shore, on the west by Delavan Road, on the north by the township lines of Delavan

and Geneva, and on the east by the East line of Peter Johnson's farm. In April of 1929 the Village took in as a part of its incorporation the waters of the Bay, giving complete control of the waters of the bay.

Circuit Court Judge Grimm granted the plea of the incorporators on September 15, 1919 and the papers were recorded on October 23, 1919. Easton Johnson of Whitewater acted for the village in all legal matters.

On October 23, 1919 the persons living in the area voted as to whether or not to incorporate. Those serving as members of the Election Board were: E.H. Hollister, Clerk; Henry Granzow and A.H. Arneson, Ballot Clerks; Harry Brumgard and S.B. Barrett, Inspector

Only men voted at the time. Those who voted were as follows:

M. Abraham	Gus Frick
John Andell	Edwin B. Frost
Andrew Anderson	Edward J. Fucik
F. Arthur Anderson	Frank Gallagher
John B. Anderson	Merle H. Gardner
John E. Anderson	William Gauzer
Arne H. Arneson	Peter John Glauder
Ben W. Baker	Henry W Granzow.
Gardner E. Baker	Charles A. Hanson
Martin H. Baker	Victor Hanson
Maynard E Baker.	Oliver W. Hatch
Sam O. Baker	Gottlieb Henne
Emerson E. Barnard	Edward H. Hollister
Storrs B. Barrett	Lawrence A. Hollister
Daniel Beard	Edwin Holm
Kenneth B. Bill	Walter E. Jewell
Charles B. Bingham	Alfred Johnson
Carl. M. Bjorge	Ellis Johnson
Dan Blad	Helmer G. Johnson
Geo. C. Blakslee	Oscar A. Johnson
Hugo Bodorff	Rudolph S. Johnson
Frank E. Brown	Sam T. Johnson
Harry V. Brumgard	Edson R.C. Jones
Andrew Carlquist	Richard M. Kenyon
Alfice B. Carlson	Geo. F. Krause
Harry W. Cook	Howard J. Lackey

Wm. G. De Groff
James D. Everson
Walter L. Everson
Michael Feeldin
August F. Fleming
Silko P. Larson
Oliver J. Lee
Charles Madison
Hans Madsen
Harry D. Millard
Marshall Mink
Bendix J. Moeller
Sinclair J. Noble
Irving Nogle
D.J. Oetjen
Arthur C. Ohl
John A. Parkhurst
Michael T. Peterson
Edison Pettit
Joseph Pierson
Alfred Pihl
William J. Porter
Timothy B. Quinn
Louis A. Rasmussen
Irvin Reeder
John G. Ring
Caryl H. Ripley
W.W. Roberts

John Lackey
Joseph D. Lackey
Thomas Lackey
William A. Lackey
John Ladd
Zebulon Sawyer
Chris H. Schmidt
Harrison Seeley
Carl F. Siems
Geo. K. Sim
Oliver P. Southwick
Frank Steinkraus
Arthur H. Stenstrom
E.H. Stenstrom
Peter W. Stenstrom
Frank R. Sullivan
Lewis W. Thomas
Jonas E. Torland
David R. Tower
Wm Valentine
Geo. A. Van Velzer
Oscar M. Waterbury
William T. Weld
Carl J. Wendell
Fred W. Weyhrauch
Albert Wheeler
Albert Wilhelm
Edward F. Williams

Total voters registered: 108; Voted for: 66; Voted against: 41; Void vote: 1.

At the first election for Village officials the following were elected:

- President: Storrs B. Barrett
- Clerk: Oliver J. Lee
- Treasurer: Arthur Anderson
- Assessor: Wm. G. De Groff (did not qualify); Arne H. Arneson (appointed)
- Constable: Carl M. Borge
- Supervisor: J.A. Parkhurst

- Justice of the Peace: Dan Beard (did not qualify); L.A. Hollister (appointed)
- Trustees: Henry W. Granzow, Harry V. Brumgard, Edwin B. Frost, John Andell, John Lackey, Alfred Pihl.

The first meeting of the new Village Board was held on November 24, 1919.

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