

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held at Village of Williamsville, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, NY on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

The Village Board meeting was opened at 7:30pm by Mayor Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by resident David Schmidt at 7:31pm.

Present: Christine L. Hunt, Mayor
Jim Celeste, Trustee
Jeffrey Hahn, Trustee
Amy Jackson, Trustee

Also present: Suzanne Canell, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Charles D. Grieco, Village Attorney
Sofie Kephart, Community Development Aide
Ben Vilonen, DPW Crew Chief

Absent: Eileen Torre, Deputy Mayor

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Hahn, it was moved at 7:33 pm to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 24, 2025.

Unanimously carried

Mayor Hunt gave a synopsis of the Rules of Procedure for public meetings.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Jackson, it was moved to open the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Unanimously carried

Member(s) of the audience who addressed the Board and their comment(s) [*Board of Trustees' comments are in italics*]:

1.) Tom Frank - Village Resident

- Gave presentation at the Town of Amherst regarding the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village and the Town regarding Economic Development Agencies & construction industry.
- Town of Amherst passed 34 resolutions regarding infrastructure and maintenance/erosion and impervious surfaces in the Village.
- Friday March 28, 2025 at Buffalo State University - New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation will be hosting an environmental summit meeting.
- Google maps will be a part of the plan.
- US Army Corps of Engineers will be involved.

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- Susan Fenster lecture was outstanding.
- Canal Bank will be part of the program and the mural is an important part of history.

2.) Paul Krieter - Village Resident

- In October emailed letter to Administrator and Mayor regarding DEC funding.
- Have not heard anything so emailed entire Board.
- *[Board acknowledged receipt of both emails.]*
- *[Mayor Hunt stated that the board is aware of the potential funding. Thanked Mr. Krieter.]*
- Gov. Hochul announced 2024-2025 \$250 million to help mitigate the damage from major flooding events. \$250 million from the Clean Water, Clean Air, Clean Green Job Environmental Act Bond of 2022 promote home buyout
- \$230 million dollar green resilient grants to support flood control and for structures.
- \$40 million for dams and removing dams available
- Grants are open for now. Deadline is June 6.
- *[Mayor Hunt: We will be ready. Gomez & Sullivan is preparing the models. We need our research and background before we apply. Mayor Hunt encouraged Mr. Krieter to attend the April 24th meeting when the models will be explained.]*

3.) Jim Nau – Village Resident and Business Owner

- Thanked Mayor for meeting with WBA today.
- Last year it was \$1,000 for entire group for Music on Main. This year looking at \$6,000 for all the participating businesses.
- You have flexibility in cost.
- It's tough on the industry right now.
- Reduction of cost would be greatly appreciated.
- Wants to be an active part of this community.

4.) Cheryl Meyer – Village Resident

- Music on Main costs break down to \$29.78 per event that the venue needs to pay.
- As a resident-for 15 years we hear the noise, cannot go outside, have no one to call to complain to
- 72-78% participants are not from Williamsville.
- We are giving up our beautiful Village for nonresidents.
- All for working together, but has not seen working together. No cooperation. Board really needs to think about working together.
- Prices of homes going up everywhere not just Williamsville.
- We had 174 music events last year. That's a lot.
- Elmwood Village has 1 music event per month
- When Brian Kulpa started this event it was supposed to be 1 night (Thursday) 6pm-9pm.

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- Restaurants claim to be poor but if you cannot afford to have a band; then don't have music. Be a nice restaurant.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Celeste, it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Unanimously carried

Public Hearing

Local Law Amending Chapter 81 (Sewer) Relative to Approval of Alternative Stormwater Drainage Improvements

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Celeste, it was moved at 7:39 p.m. to open this public hearing.

Unanimously carried

1.) *Attorney Grieco-Synopsis as requested by Mayor Hunt*

- *Change would allow for greater flexibility for complying with the sewer code. Ideally, we would have 1 complete storm sewer system that all properties of the Village would connect to and discharge to. This is not the case. The code offers alternatives to discharging storm water system but there are a couple situations that have come up that the alternatives are not workable. This gives more flexibility for authorizing different kinds of work to be done. It will still appropriately control the storm water.*

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Hahn, it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Mayor Hunt

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Celeste, the following resolution was adopted.

To:	001-1110-4010 Village Justices/Office Supplies.....	\$140.00
From:	001-1110-4040 Village Justices/Education Travel.....	\$140.00
To:	001-1110-4620 Village Justices/Publications & Updates.....	\$69.00
From:	001-1110-4020 Village Justice/Postage.....	\$69.00
To:	001-1420-4620 Law Attorney/Opinions.....	\$6,878.00
From:	001-1420-4100 Law Attorney/Professional Fees	\$6,878.00

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To:	001-1620-4110 Buildings/Service Contracts	\$70.00
	001-1620-4230 Buildings/Building Maintenance.....	\$171.00
	001-1620-4260 Buildings/Maintenance Supplies.....	\$171.00
From:	001-1620-4070 Buildings/Utilities	\$412.00
To:	001-1640-4450 Central Garage/Miscellaneous	\$8.00
From:	001-1640-4440 Central Garage/Parts	\$8.00
To:	001-3410-4610 Fire Protection/Health and Welfare.....	\$106.00
From:	001-3410-4040 Fire Protection/Education Travel	\$106.00

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Hahn, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$111,355.92** covering the period from 2/24/2025 through 3/19/2025 are hereby approved as follows:

PAYROLL COVERING 2/24/2025 – 3/09/2025	\$	41,794.84
VOUCHERS COVERING 3/06/2025 – 3/19/2025		
GENERAL FUND	\$	68,647.48
SEWER FUND	\$	81.96
GLEN PARK FUND	\$	581.64
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$	<u>250.00</u>
	\$	68,561.08
GRAND TOTAL	\$	<u>111,355.92</u>

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Celeste, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the 2025 Fire and EMS Contracts as adopted by the Hutchinson Hose.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Celeste, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Williamsville Fire Department has secured grant funding for two new Lucas Devices and associated Capnography Equipment through the office of State Assemblywoman Karen McMahan in the amount of \$125,000.00; and

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WHEREAS, discounted pricing obtained will expire on March 31, 2025, which represents significant savings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Williamsville will purchase two Lucas Devices and associated Capnography Equipment through the Fire Department Capital Reserve budget appropriation lines in the amount of \$125,000.00 to be reimbursed when funding is received.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Celeste, the following resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that *Jacqueline Connelly*, of *Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed as an active member of the Williamsville Fire Department effective April 1, 2025.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Hahn, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Hutchinson Hose Fire Company sells surplus vehicles and equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville supports a vehicle replacement program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Williamsville authorized the Hutchinson Hose Fire Chief to sell the following equipment in the amount of \$141,000.00.

Chief 9

2020 Chevrolet Silverado
VIN: 1GCUYDED3LZ169040

Asst Chief 9-1

2020 Chevrolet Silverado
VIN: 1GCUYDEDXLZ168564

Asst Chief 9-2

2020 Chevrolet Silverado
VIN: 1GCUYDED5LZ168939

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Report – Trustee Celeste

ON MOTION by Trustee Celeste, seconded by Mayor Hunt, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to publish an advertisement for bids for the Phase 1 I&I Correction Project. Bids for the construction of the Project are to be received at the office of the Village Clerk until Wednesday, April 17, 2025, at 10:00am local time.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Trustee Celeste, seconded by Trustee Hahn, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to publish an advertisement for bids for the Section House Roof Replacement. Bids for the construction of the project are to be received at the office of the Village Clerk until Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 2:00pm local time.

Unanimously Carried

ON MOTION by Trustee Celeste, seconded by Mayor Hunt, it was moved to go off agenda at 7:54 pm.

Unanimously Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *Isabella Bakshi*, of the Village of Williamsville, is hereby appointed as a volunteer to the ***Traffic and Safety Committee***, effective immediately.

Unanimously Carried

ON MOTION by Trustee Celeste, and seconded by Mayor Hunt, it was moved to go back on agenda at 7:55 p.m.

Unanimously carried

Report – Trustee Hahn

Comment on volunteerism. Community Development Aide Kephart's efforts are appreciated. Chief Vogel, would it be possible to set up a recruitment table and an opportunity to see the fire trucks during Music on Main? Chief Vogel stated that it would depend on manpower.

ON MOTION by Trustee Hahn, seconded by Mayor Hunt, the following resolution was adopted.

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WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023;

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer for the Village of Williamsville is hereby authorized to apply and participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Trustee Hahn, and seconded by Mayor Hunt, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of a public hearing to be held on April 28, 2025 at 7:30pm to hear all persons interested in communicating on the proposal to amend Chapter 112 Section 12A related to chicken coops in the Village.

Unanimously carried

Report – Trustee Jackson

ON MOTION by Trustee Jackson, and seconded by Trustee Celeste, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that *Walter Pacer* is hereby designated *Chairperson of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee* until the end of the **2024-2025** official Village Year.

FURTHER RESOLVED that *Catherine Waterman-Kulpa* is hereby designated as *Vice Chairperson of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee* until the end of the **2024-2025** official Village Year.

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FURTHER RESOLVED that *Tom Petrocelli* is hereby designated as *Vice Chairperson of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee* until the end of the *2024-2025* official Village Year.

Unanimously carried

Staff Reports:

Administrator Canell: *No report*

Attorney Grieco: *No report*

Crew Chief Vilonen: *A reminder to residents, please do not place yard waste in a pile at the side of the road. It should be placed in a paper bag or an open container.*

Community Dev. Aide Kephart: *No report*

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Hahn, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Unanimously carried

The next Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, NY.

Suzanne Canell
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer