

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, February 24, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

The Village Board meeting was opened at 7:31pm by Mayor Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by resident Dan Hunt at 7:31pm.

Present: Christine L. Hunt, Mayor
Eileen Torre, Deputy 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

Absent: Ben Vilonen, DPW Crew Chief

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Torre, it was moved at 7:32 pm to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 10, 2025.

Unanimously carried

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

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Torre, it was moved to open the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:32 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.) Marissa Riggi-Village Resident

- Comment on Alexandra Zirkle's presentation during Work Session.
- Very well informed.
- Believes it has multiple benefits.
- Do not believe it will be very expensive to make a huge impact on the Village.
- Bioswales appearance has declined over the years-Alexandra's idea would be money well spent.

2.) Thomas Frank-Village Resident

- Work Session was great!
- We have a real opportunity here with Ellicott Creek and the waterway.
- Interested in an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Amherst.

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- Grant money is available.
- Discussed proposed 5 year-\$10 million capitalization project.
- Underground streams under Main Street should be looked at and investigated.
- \$450 million relicensing of Erie and Niagara County.
- Ellicott Creek is the lifeblood of this area.
- Should implement what's in the previous Community Plan of 2005.
- March 28, 2025 at 9:30am-Western New York Greenway Planning Summit Meeting.

[Mayor Hunt – March 28, 2025 meeting-I will look into that.]

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Torre, it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Unanimously carried

Public Hearing

Local Law Amending Chapter 89 (Streets & Sidewalks) relative to snow and ice removal.

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

Unanimously carried

1.) **Justin Brown, Village Resident**

Believes amended law is overreaching and selectively taxing residents. Maintaining sidewalks and property is homeowners responsibility but not the roads. Maintaining roads is to be covered by taxes not residents. Afraid this can lead to selectively taxing residents. *[Mayor Hunt-This Amendment is only changing the verbiage. This Local Law has been in effect for many years. Wording of the current law – changes “building” to “property”.] [Attorney Grieco – not meant to have residents remove snow from the road.]*

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Celeste, it was moved at 7:43 p.m. to close the public hearing.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Mayor Hunt

HUNT #1

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Torre, the following resolution was adopted.

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RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made in the *General Fund* for the **2024-2025** fiscal year:

To:	001-1410-4620 Village Clerk/Telephone	\$529.00
	001-1410-4450 Village Clerk/Miscellaneous	\$8,500.00
	001-1410-4600 Village Clerk/Computer Support	\$1,461.00
	001-1410-4620 Village Clerk/Lease Copy Machine	\$148.00
From:	001-1410-4110 Village Clerk/Service Contract	\$10,638.00
To:	001-1620-4110 Buildings/Service Contracts	\$919.00
	001-1620-4160 Buildings/Repairs	\$355.00
From:	001-1620-2020 Buildings/Capital Improvements.....	\$1,274.00
To:	001-3620-4010 Safety Inspection/Office Supplies	\$186.00
	001-3620-4110 Safety Inspection/Service Contracts.....	\$366.00
From:	001-3620-4040 Safety Inspection/Education Expense/Travel.....	\$552.00
To:	001-5010-4050 Street Administration/Drug/Alcohol Testing.....	\$110.00
From:	001-5010-4450 Street Administration/Miscellaneous	\$110.00
To:	001-7110-4070 Parks/Utilities	\$164.00
From:	001-7110-4071 Parks/Sewer Charges.....	\$164.00
From:	001-7520-4530 Historical Property/Training	\$17.00

Unanimously carried

HUNT #2

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RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$276,188.40** covering the period from 1/27/25 through 2/19/25 are hereby approved as follows:

PAYROLL COVERING 1/27/2025 – 2/09/2025	\$ 41,238.32
VOUCHERS COVERING 2/06/2025 – 2/19/2025	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 99,250.40
SEWER FUND	\$ 5,371.67
GLEN PARK FUND	\$ 852.66
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 170.20
SEWER CONSOLIDATION	\$ 8,900.50
ORCHARD ST/PARK DRAINAGE	\$ 5,304.65
DEBT SERVICE FUND	<u>\$ 115,100.00</u>
	\$ 266,255.57
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 234,950.08</u>

Unanimously carried

HUNT #3

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

RESOLVED, that ***Emma McKenzie***, of *Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed as a new active restricted member of the Williamsville Fire Department effective March 1, 2025.

Unanimously carried

HUNT #4

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Torre, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to publish a public hearing notice in the Amherst Bee of the 2025-2026 Budget Meetings to be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025, Saturday, March 22, 2025 and Saturday April 5, 2025 (if necessary) at 8:00am in the Village Hall Conference Room.

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Reports & Resolutions - Deputy Mayor Torre

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Soup Stroll. It was amazing. Everyone was kind and gracious. Beautiful pictures on Facebook.

Winners from the Soup Stroll:

- *Chairman's Choice Winner: Creekview Restaurant with White Bean Bisque with Gorgonzola & Herb Croutons.*
- *People's Choice Winner – (Voted on through app)*
 - *1. Marty's Formal Wear – (Russell's) Roasted Three Pepper and Sausage*
 - *2. Creekview – White Bean Bisque with Gorgonzola & Herb Croutons*
 - *3. One Eyed Cat – Chicken Corn Chowder and Buffalo Chicken Corn Chowder*
- *Thank you to all the businesses that participated for making the event a huge success for Feed More WNY.*

Report – Trustee Celeste

- *Traffic & Safety – Received information back from Watts. Reviewing those reports.*
- *Meeting House Events Committee – Speaker Series - Howard Cadmus will speaking on the restoration of the Old Mill on March 9, 2025. This is a free lecture.*

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

WHEREAS, the current security systems for Village Hall and the Meeting House are in need of updated access control panels to make both buildings more secure and allow for remote access;

WHEREAS, three bids were received for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for the Access Control Cloud System at Village Hall and the Meeting House is hereby awarded to Armored Alarm Camera & Security Systems, for their low bid amount of \$18,460 to be paid out of Building Maintenance budget appropriation.

Unanimously carried

Report – Trustee Hahn

- *Beautification Committee has started to meet. Always looking for volunteers.*
- *WBA meetings are in progress. New President reviving WBA. Very happy with results of Soup Stroll.*
- *Tree Board – DPW will be doing a supplemental planting.*

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Report – Trustee Jackson

- *Arts, Culture and Diversity’s next event will be Jazz & Poetry being held on April 25, 2025 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event.*
- *Glen Park Joint Board next meeting will be March 12, 2025*
- *Parks Committee – next meeting will be March 18, 2025. Always looking for volunteers.*

Staff Reports:

Attorney Grieco: No report

Administrator Canell: No report

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Torre, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Unanimously carried

The next Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, NY.

Suzanne Canell
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer