

**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, June 30, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Mayor Torre 7:30pm.

Present: Christine 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 - remotely  
Ben Vilonen, Crew Chief  
Kathryn Rapple, Deputy Clerk

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Celeste, it was moved at 7:33pm to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 9, 2025 and special meeting held on June 17, 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.

Motion 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**

- ADK (Adirondack Mountain Club – the conservation committee) was at Amherst State Park on Sunday. Because parks are not connected, could not visit Glen Park.
- Connection to Amherst Central Park Greenway project
- Comprehensive Plan update
- Molly Gauadiso, Colliers Engineering Design worked Genesee Valley Greenway extensively.
- Deadline is July 31 at 4 pm
- Intermunicipal Agreement
- Traffic on Main
- Commercial property on Main Street is a priority.
- Tied into the relicensing of the Niagara Power Project.
- Tied into history of the Village.

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**2.) Dan Hunt – Village Resident**

- Deputy Mayor Torre – Thank you for your service. You were the start of change in the Village. In the beginning it was difficult but look where the Village government stands now. Thank you.

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Torre, it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Unanimously carried

## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, over the last two years, the **Girl Scout Troop 34165** has dedicated their time, energy and efforts to both volunteerism and the recruitment of other volunteers for the maintenance and care of Glen Park; and

**WHEREAS**, **Aditi Myneni, Annette Smith, Erin Brown, Chloe Rose, Everly Rose, Vivian Sze, Emily Delaney, Carly Lyons** and their siblings, **Ava and Nora Delaney**, and **Thomas Lyons**, and their friend **Emilia Picarillo**, are know as caretakers of the Village Parks;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Williamsville, on behalf of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees and all citizens hereof, I, Christine Hunt, Mayor of the Village of Williamsville, do hereby proclaim the following:

1. That **Girl Scout Troop 34165** be and are hereby officially known as a volunteer asset to the Village of Williamsville;
2. That this Proclamation be presented to **Girl Scout Troop 34165**, to serve as a reminder of our gratitude for their generosity and commitment to improve our parks and greenspace;
3. That a copy of this Proclamation be made part of the Official Records of the Village of Williamsville, New York.

### **Reports & Resolutions – Mayor Hunt**

*[Mayor Hunt spoke regarding Deputy Mayor Torre. It is said that you never know where the road less traveled can take you and I will say that it has been one great road along side Deputy Mayor Torre. We both got into Village politics around the same time – her running first in a special election in September 2020 on the Community First party line that she began which started to change the trajectory of the Village. Then we ran together for the two Trustee positions in June of 2021 and the rest, as they say, is history. Eileen Torre has been a champion for the Village and her environmental vision, Historic preservation vision and her Glen Park Joint Board efforts. Earth Day is a testament to one of her many successes in the last 5 years. There ar many more that I could mention but I would take until dawn. I will say this, not only I but the Village will miss Deputy Mayor Eileen Torre. There is a saying from the 5<sup>th</sup> Century b.c. “But that there*

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*can be teaching without words few indeed can understand.” Somehow I know what this means having worked with Eileen Torre. So, thank you very much. I can’t say enough about how much you have done for all of us and I am not letting you off that easy, I know that you will be on speedial and will still work for your constituents in the Village. Thank you.*

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

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

To:	001-1110-1000 Village Justices/Personal Services .....	\$1,045.00
	001-1110-4620 Village Justices/Publications & Updates.....	\$6.00
From:	001-1110-4040 Village Justices/Education-Exp/Travel .....	\$707.00
	001-1110-4060 Village Justices/Telephone.....	\$338.00
To:	001-1410-1000 Village Clerk/Personal Service .....	\$9,855.00
From:	001-1410-4110 Village Clerk/Service Contracts.....	\$9,855.00
To:	001-1410-4010 Village Clerk/Office Supplies .....	\$257.00
	001-1410-4030 Village Clerk/Office/Printing & Advertising.....	\$101.00
	001-1410-4060 Village Clerk/Telephone .....	\$175.00
	001-1410-4061 Village Clerk/Cellular Phone .....	\$152.00
	001-1410-4450 Village Clerk/Miscellaneous .....	\$525.00
From:	001-1410-4600 Village Clerk/Computer Support .....	\$1,211.00
To:	001-1620-4070 Buildings/Utilities .....	\$1,170.00
	001-1620-4110 Buildings/Service Contracts.....	\$174.00
	001-1620-4230 Buildings/Building Maintenance.....	\$324.00
	001-1620-4231 Buildings/Maintenance-HVAC.....	\$2,000.00
From:	001-5010-4450 Street Administration/Miscellaneous .....	\$3,668.00
To:	001-1640-2000 Central Garage/Equipment.....	\$18,179.00
From:	001-5182-4270 Street Lighting/Repair Lights.....	\$18,179.00
To:	001-3310-4041 Traffic Control/Signs-Maintenance.....	\$4,241.00
From:	001-1930-4000 Municipal Association Dues/Association Dues .....	\$4,241.00
To:	001-3410-4040 Fire Protection/Education-Exp/Travel .....	\$1,100.00
	001-3410-4110 Fire Protection/Service Contracts.....	\$7,918.00
	001-3410-4610 Fire Protection/Health & Welfare .....	\$430.00
From:	001-3410-1000 Fire Protection/Personal Services.....	\$6,500.00
	001-3410-4070 Fire Protection/Utilities .....	\$1,474.00
	001-3410-4071 Fire Protection/Sewer Charges.....	\$1,474.00

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To:	001-3620-4010 Safety Inspection/Office Supplies .....	\$53.00
From:	001-3620-4020 Safety Inspection/Postage .....	\$53.00
To:	001-5110-1000 Street Maintenance/Personal Services .....	\$102.00
From:	001-5110-1001 Street Maintenance/Personal Services OT .....	\$102.00
To:	001-5110-4161 Street Maintenance/Repairs-Equipment.....	\$8.00
	001-5110-4161-0903 Street Maintenance/Repairs.2015 Dump Truck.....	\$171.00
	001-5110-4161-0918 Street Maintenance/Repairs.2010 Ford F350 XL .....	\$168.00
From:	001-5110-4040 Street Maintenance/Education Exp-Travel .....	\$347.00
To:	001-7110-1000 Parks/Personal Services.....	\$4,508.00
	001-7110-1001 Parks/Personal Services OT .....	\$700.00
From:	001-5142-1000 Snow Removal/Personal Services OT.....	\$3,585.00
	001-8170-1000 Street Cleaning/Personal Services.....	\$1,323.00
To:	001-7110-4070 Parks/Utilities .....	\$154.00
	001-7110-4165 Parks/Repairs/Shelters.....	\$319.00
	001-7110-4430 Parks/Sanitary Waste Disposal.....	\$2,172.00
From:	001-7110-4450 Parks/Miscellaneous.....	\$2,645.00
To:	001-7530-4070 Village Meeting House/Utilities.....	\$518.00
	001-7530-4230 Village Meeting House/Maintenance.....	\$75.00
From:	001-7530-1000 Village Meeting House/Personal Services .....	\$593.00
To:	001-8160-4110 Refuse & Garbage Collect/Service Contracts .....	\$3,017.00
From:	001-8160-4330 Refuse & Garbage Collect/Dump Fees .....	\$3,017.00
To:	001-8163-1000 Trash Pickup/Personal Services .....	\$9.00
	001-8163-4330 Trash Pickup/Dump Fees .....	\$525.00
From:	001-8163-1001 Trash Pickup/Personal Services OT .....	\$534.00
To:	001-8560-1000 Shade Trees/Personal Services.....	\$401.00
	001-8560-4350 Shade Trees/Maintenance .....	\$246.00
From:	001-8560-1001 Shade Trees/Personal Services OT .....	\$647.00

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**RESOLVED**, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$426,814.11** covering the period from **6/02/2025** through **6/19/2025** are hereby approved as follows:

<b>PAYROLL COVERING 6/02/2025-6/15/2025</b>	<b>\$ 67,584.35</b>
<b>VOUCHERS COVERING 6/01/2025-6/19/25</b>	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 55,085.67
SEWER FUND	\$ 507.07
GLEN PARK FUND	\$ 595.07
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 962.88
SEWER CONSOLIDATION – 845	\$ 9,416.21
ORCHARD ST/PARK ST DRAINAGE – 8949	\$ 4,875.00
ELLCOTT CREEK DAM PROJECT – 894	\$ <u>320.00</u>
<b>2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 71,761.90</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$ 228,142.22
SEWER FUND	\$ 57,088.94
GLEN PARK FUND	\$ <u>2,236.70</u>
<b>2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 287,467.86</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 426,814.11</u></b>

Unanimously carried

**Report & Resolutions – Deputy Mayor Torre**

*Good evening everyone. As I sit here before you today, I do so with immense gratitude and a full heart. My time as Trustee for the Village of Williamsville is coming to a close and which it is never easy to say goodbye to a role that has meant so much. I am filled with appreciation for the journey we have shared.*

*First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow members of the Board of Trustees. Mayor Hunt, Trustee Hahn, Trustee Celeste and Trustee Jackson it has been an honor to work alongside such thoughtful and dedicated individuals. Each brings a unique voice and unwavering commitment to the well-being of our Village. Our work together has always been grounded in respect, collaboration and the shared goal of making Williamsville the best it can be.*

*To the incredible staff of the Village of Williamsville – Thank you. Your professionalism, insight and dedication behind the scenes keeps everything running smoothly. The work you do often goes unseen but it is always deeply felt. You are the backbone of the Village and it has been a privilege to support your efforts. Thank you.*

*To the Department of Public Works-Your hard work keeps our Village clean, safe and beautiful through every season. Weather it's clearing our roads in the middle of a snowstorm or maintaining our parks in the summer sun, you have served the community with pride and purpose. I thank you for everything you have done not just during my time as Trustee but every single day. People do not realize if it weren't for our DPW the Village would not be what it is. The beauty, the comfort, the happiness the love we all experience is all thanks to the DPW.*

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*To the members of the Williamsville Fire Department – Thank you for your bravery, your selflessness and unwavering commitment to the safety of our residents. You embody what it means to serve and we are truly grateful for all you do.*

*To the residents of Williamsville – Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving this remarkable Village. Your voices, your ideas, your care for the community have inspired me every day. Representing you has been one of my greatest honors of my life. The Village is more than just streets and buildings. It is a place where neighbors look out for one another, where history and progress walk hand-in-hand and where community truly means something. I will forever cherish the memories, the challenges we overcame and the progress we made together. Though my time as Trustee has come to an end, I remain your neighbor, your friend and your biggest fan and definitely a committee member. Williamsville will always be my home Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.*

*This is the greatest group of people that I have met that run this Village and I appreciate them so much.*

**ON MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Torre, seconded by Trustee Jackson, the following resolution was adopted as amended.

**WHEREAS**, on or about April 29 , 2025 the Village of Williamsville (Village), by its representatives, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFSCME Council 66, Local 1783-c (Union), by its representatives, commenced negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the Village and the Union; and

**WHEREAS**, those negotiations resulted in a package of proposals to modify the CBA that was tentatively agreed upon on May 14, 2025 and

**WHEREAS**, the package of proposals tentatively agreed upon on May 14, 2025, as approved by the Union on April 29, 2025, is submitted to the Village Board for final approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the package of proposals tentatively agreed to on May 14, 2025, agreed to by the Union on April 29, 2025, is hereby approved for the three year period covering June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2028; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the modified CBA, which includes the proposals tentatively agreed to by the negotiating committees and ratified by the Union.

Unanimously carried

**ON MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Torree and seconded by Mayor Hunt it was moved to go off agenda at 7:48 pm

Unanimously carried

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**ON MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Torree and seconded by Mayor Hunt the following resolution was adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Lehigh Valley Section House is in need of a complete roof replacement which includes the proper removal of the asbestos containing material above the existing porch roof;

**WHEREAS**, three bids were received for this project;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the contract for the Lehigh Valley Section House Roof Replacement is hereby awarded to Foreman Enterprises, Inc., for their base bid of \$84,000.00 to be paid out of the Section House Capital Improvements budget appropriation line.

Unanimously carried

**ON MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Torree and seconded by Mayor Hunt it was moved to go back on agenda at 7:55 pm

Unanimously carried

**Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Celeste**

**ON MOTION** by Trustee Celeste, seconded by Deputy Mayor Torre, the following resolution was adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Williamsville celebrated Founder’s Day on June 26, 2025 on Glen Avenue and in Garrison Park between the hours of 12 noon and 3pm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Williamsville does not generally allow amplified sound in said park or on said street;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Williamsville found that the event was of public interest, promoted community engagement and warranted a limited exception to the usual sound restrictions, subject to reasonable conditions;

**THEREFORE, IT WAS RESOLVED** by the Village Board that permission was granted for the use of amplified sound on Glen Avenue and in Garrison Park on June 26, 2025 between the hours of 12 noon to 3:00pm for the communication of information during the Founder’s Day celebration.

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**Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Jackson**

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

**RESOLVED**, that *Artis Ain*, of Williamsville, New York, is hereby appointed to the Arts, Culture & Diversity Committee effective immediately.

Unanimously carried

**Staff Reports:**

*Administrator Canell:*

*-Last day to pay taxes before penalty.*

*Crew Chief Vilonen:*

*-Thank you to Deputy Mayor Torre. It has been a pleasure working with you. It's been a joy and we've gotten a lot done. I look forward to seeing you around.*

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Torre, it was moved to adjourn at 7:57p.m.

Unanimously carried

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

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Suzanne Canell  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer