

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, July 14, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

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

[Mayor Hunt welcomed new Trustee Meyer.]

Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Meyer 7:30pm.

Present: Christine Hunt, Mayor
Jim Celeste, Trustee
Jeffrey Hahn, Trustee
Amy Jackson, Trustee
Steven Meyer, Trustee

Also present: Suzanne Canell, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Charles D. Grieco, Village Attorney - remotely
Ben Vilonen, Crew Chief
Kathryn Rappleye, Deputy Clerk

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved at 7:32pm to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 30, 2025.

Unanimously carried

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

Reports & Resolutions – Mayor Hunt

-Old Home Days: setup has begun. Relationship with the Village is strong with a strong safety plan. Mayor Hunt commended and thanked The Jolly Boys. Old Home Days parade is Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 6:30pm.

-Sewers: Moving forward 3 phases. This issue was not taken care of years ago during a previous administration. It was left for new administration to take care of. WIAA grant money was available. In 2019 they resolved to issue a bond in the amount of \$8 million. They never carried through. Previous Administrator did not publish, and the Board did not pursue. This Board started looking into the issue and looking for solutions. This project is now currently priced at \$20 million. WQIP Grant (Federal) is being investigated. I do not want any surprises to our Village residents. The Village could have saved millions if this had been taken care of years ago. This project must be done. The infrastructure is failing and is in dire need of repair; it is only becoming more expensive as time goes on.

-Music on Main: M.O.M. is vibrant. We are receiving weekly updates from WBA, APD Liaison and the residents. Investigating possible changes for next year. Amherst Police requested restaurants and bars to verify ID of patrons upon entry.

-Glen Park Art Festival: Have been receiving emails and voicemails from participants that you are “all-of-a-sudden” being asked for a \$75 Mayor’s Permit. It is not “all-of-a-sudden”. This conversation started in December of 2023 regarding Mayor’s Permits. Organizers stated that it

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was too late at that time because the application process had begun. A reprieve was given. Subsequent conversations have been had as code states that a Mayor's Permit is required to vend on a Village street. In November/December of 2024 an email was sent to the organizers reminding them of the Mayor's Permit requirement. It is not fair that the participants in Juneteenth, Muslim Parade/Celebration, Chai Parade and others pay for permits (and they do), but not the vendors at the Glen Park Art Festival. The Village cannot absorb the cost associated with hosting these events such as removing paint from Glen Park at a cost of \$4,000. This is not a new request, and it was not "all of a sudden". Rules and regulations information went out in January. There is no money grab by the Village, nor is it "out of the blue". The fee should have been noted on the website and application. This is unfortunate, but we have no control over the independent Glen Park Committee. The Village is not the sponsor of this event. The emails and voicemails are appreciated, but this was not new and has not been done in a negative light. This is required by our code, and we enforce our code.

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made in the *General Fund* for the *2025-2026* fiscal year:

To:	001-3410-4160-3401 Fire Protection/Truck Expense Eng. 1	\$203.00
From:	001-3410-4160 Fire Protection/Truck Expense.....	\$203.00
To:	001-5110-4161-0903 Street Maintenance/Repairs to 2015 Dump Truck.....	\$451.00
	001-5110-4161-0904 Street Maintenance/Repairs 2005 Freightliner	\$105.00
	001-5110-4161-0907 Street Maintenance/Repairs 2019 Kenworth Dump Truck.....	\$20.00
	001-5110-4161-0917 Street Maintenance/Repairs 2018 Chevy 3500 HD.....	\$551.00
	001-5110-4161-0918 Street Maintenance/Repairs 2010 Ford F350XL/Pickup.....	\$324.00
From:	001-5110-4161-Village Clerk/Service Contracts	\$1,451.00

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RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$453,236.25** covering the period from **6/16/2025** through **6/29/2025** are hereby approved as follows:

PAYROLL COVERING 6/16/2025-6/29/2025	\$ 61,491.31
VOUCHERS COVERING 5/21/2025-5/31/25	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,182.20
GLEN PARK FUND	\$ 41.46
2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR TOTAL	\$ 2,223.66
VOUCHERS COVERING 6/20/2025-7/10/2025	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 112,248.38
SEWER FUND	\$ 1,654.18
GLEN PARK FUND	\$ 1,998.89
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 3,596.68
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 156,687.50
VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS	\$ 25,750.25
ELLICOTT CREEK DAM PROJECT	\$ 25,767.95
ORCHARD ST/PARK ST DRAINAGE - 849	<u>\$ 61,817.45</u>
2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR TOTAL	\$ 389,521.28
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 453,236.25</u>

Unanimously carried

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

WHEREAS, the Justic Court Assistance Program (JCAP) has been invaluable to its aid to local courts; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsville Village Court wishes to apply to the JCAP for improvements to the court offices and in the courtroom; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees fully supports this application, under which a match is not required.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of the Village of Williamsville authorizes the Williamsville Village court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-2026 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

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Report & Resolutions – Deputy Mayor Celeste

-Youth and Rec Committee: Working on summer sports program. They are in need of new members.

-Traffic & Safety: Will not meet this month but have been working diligently to mitigate traffic on Village streets. Changes coming.

-Meeting House: Meeting House is used for more events than in the past. Check it out!

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to approve the contract with Occhino Corporation for paving the following streets:

California

Milton (to #187)

Hirschfield

Oakgrove to Wehrle

Chalmers (full depth replacement)

at an estimated cost of \$371,962.45 to be paid from New York State CHIPS, PAVE NY, EWR and POPS funding assistance revenue lines.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Hahn

-Beautification Committee: Would like to publicly thank the Beautification Committee Chair Deb Habes and committee members Melissa Warner, Michelle Pagliaroli, Monica Celeste, Livleen Gill and our “super volunteer” Mr. Paul Krieter for all their hard work. The Village gardens look fabulous. The lending library at Garrison Park is very nice.

-Music on Main: Was quieter last week. July 3 was out-of-hand.

-Would like to commend business owners on their continued improvements in the right-of-way and the front of businesses.

Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Jackson

-Arts, Culture and Diversity: No meeting in August.

As part of the 175th Anniversary, there will be a free walking tour of the Village of Williamsville offered and hosted by Explore Buffalo. Open to 30 people. If interested, you must register at www.ExploreBuffalo.org

-Looking forward to Glen Park Art Festival. Confident everything can be worked out.

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Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Meyer

-Would like to thank the community for entrusting him in this new role. Looking forward to working on behalf of this community. Committee assignments are Environmental Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and co-liaison to Glen Park Joint Board. If you are on these committees or interested in joining one of these committees, look forward to meeting you.

Staff Reports:

Administrator Canell:

-Nothing to report.

Crew Chief Vilonen:

-Nothing to report.

Deputy Clerk Rapple:

-Nothing to report.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved to adjourn at 7:51p.m.

Unanimously carried

The next regular Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, NY.


Suzanne Canell
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

