

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, on Monday, May 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

Administrator Judith Kindron led the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00pm.

Present: Deborah L. Rogers, Mayor  
Basil J. Piazza, Deputy Mayor  
Matthew J. Etu, Trustee  
John Murphy, Trustee  
John "Al" Yates, Jr., Trustee

Also present: Judith A. Kindron, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer  
Hazel J. Pasco, Deputy Treasurer  
Keaton DePriest, Director of Community Development  
Ben Vilonen, DPW Crew Chief  
Charles Grieco, Village Attorney

The Village Board meeting was opened at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Rogers

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved with revisions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 11, 2020, as submitted.

Unanimously carried

## **Public Hearing**

### *Revisions to Chapter 47 (Historic Preservation)*

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 8:02 p.m. to open this public hearing that was continued from March 9, 2020.

- 1) Nick Roth-135 Oakgrove – Absolutely necessary to notify all the people. I will notify a lot of people on Oakgrove. I know of at least 3 properties that may go on the market in the near future. We need to know this information in advance.

*Director of Community Development DePriest – sent Mr. Roth the link to map the Historic properties.*

*Trustee Etu – map represents what was written in 1997 (graphic from)*

*Director of Community Development DePriest – reconnaissance survey is on website*

*Mayor Rogers – the map is a great asset*

*Trustee Etu – Chuck Akers prepared a hand written and Matt digitized it*

*Mayor Rogers – in regards to number of members 7 plus 2 alternates – HPC agrees to keep at that level- expiring terms – Kate (yes), Wes (not interested), Tony (unsure). Kate offered something – resource members, volunteers who do not have voting power. Wes is interested, maybe Mr. Dyson.*

*Deputy Mayor Piazza – Matt what are your feelings?*

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*Trustee Etu – does not have a problem keeping at 7. Likes the idea of resource volunteers. Never have had an issue getting a quorum for votes.*

*Attorney Greico – considerably meatier than current code. A lot is procedural, wholesale change, SHPO model.*

*Mayor Rogers – would like approval to say “members are subject to approval of the Village Board”. Correct wording for commissions and appointing boards.*

*Attorney Greico – we can make that change. Unique feature – re: members, 1 member should be a member of the Planning Board and 1 member should be a member of the Zoning Board.*

*Trustee Etu – caviat to give an out, prefers proposed version, his is clearer.*

*Mayor Rogers – Ex-Officio members cannot vote*

*Trustee Etu – opportunity for people to volunteer without a commitment. Residential design guidelines*

*Attorney Greico – Planning Board doesn't specify the terms, will make this change.*

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 8:25 p.m. to close this public hearing that was continued from March 9, 2020.

Unanimously carried

## **Public Hearing**

### *Parks Master Plan & Guidance Documents*

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 8:26 p.m. to open this public hearing that is a continuation from March 11, 2020.

Trustee Etu presentation (PowerPoint) POP 2025 (POP=Picture Our Parks) Guidance document – (PGD)

Trustee Etu – haven't seen any emails. Keep open, will have an article in the Bee.

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 8:27 p.m. to continue this public hearing at the next Village Board meeting on June 8, 2020.

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**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 8:28 p.m. to open the public participation portion of the meeting.

Unanimously carried

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

- 1) Nick Roth-135 Oakgrove – re: budget and what can be trimmed going forward. Any progress being made? [*Trustee Yates- still waiting to see what gets re-instated. No list at this time*]. Has NYCOM issued any comments? [*All – No*] [*Trustee Etu – something from Chuck Schumer re: Hero's Act. Numbers probably inflated. % value is favorable. The impact on Village from sales tax is relatively small, Heros Act should close the gap*]. HPC discussing about Volunteer Resources. Would the Board consider Volunteer Resources for budget? Would the Board be willing to hear from input from Village residents who have broad based business experience budgeting, financial, etc. to identify areas that could be considered for reduction? [*Mayor Rogers- absolutely, if anyone has cost savings ideas, we would like to hear them*]. Have gates been put in yet? [*Trustee Etu- issue by government order we are at half-staff, need full staff to put them in*]. Congratulate Administrator Kindron and Crew Chief Vilonen for holding off filling vacated DPW retirement position.
- 2) Jeff Keaveny-161 Mill St.-Re: Offensive lighting, in November complained about 153 to Code Enforcement Officer. (shared screen) – showing photo of light coming from neighbors garage into living room. 2<sup>nd</sup> picture into bedroom and office. He put offensive light in response to neighbors. Wants to see neighbors light on garage to be baffled. [*Trustee Etu- once this becomes law, Code Enforcement Officer can enforce*]. They have a Hatfield & McCoy relationship. Wanted to say his peace. Neighbor cut down a vinyl fence with a sawsell at 2:00pm without reason. He built another fence right away for family concerns. Willing to change his light but wants neighbor to change their garage light. [*Mayor Rogers- please give Code Enforcement Officer pictures, as he doesn't work at night*]. He has given pictures to Code Enforcement Officer.

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 8:44 p.m. to close the public participation.

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**Report – Mayor Rogers**

*Take staffing a day at a time*

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$87,831.91** covering the period from 4/27/2020 – 5/19/2020 are hereby approved as follows:

**Payroll covering- 4/27/2020 – 5/10/2020:** \$34,889.27

**Vouchers covering- 5/6/2020 – 5/19/2020:**

General Fund	\$33,039.19
Water Fund	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$6,809.69
Glen Park Fund	\$531.10
Trust & Agency Fund	\$10,019.42
Debt Service	\$0.00
Community Development	\$0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$2,543.24</u>
	\$52,942.64

**GRAND TOTAL:** **\$87,831.91**

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**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made in the *General Fund* for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

To:	001-3410-2010-0000 (Fire Protection/Major Equipment)	\$799.00
From:	001-3410-4161-0000 (Fire Protection/Small Engine Repairs)	
	\$799.00	
To:	001-3410-2010-0000 (Fire Protection/Major Equipment)	\$360.00
From:	001-3410-4280-0000 (Fire Protection/EMS Equipment)	\$360.00
To:	001-3410-4010-0000 (Fire Protection/Office Supplies)	\$18.00
From:	001-3410-2070-0000 (Fire Protection/Office Equipment)	\$18.00
To:	001-3410-4160-3406 (Fire Protection/Truck 6)	\$1,514.00
From:	001-3410-4160-0000 (Fire Protection/Truck Expense)	\$1,514.00
To:	001-3410-4460-0000 (Fire Protection/Fire Prevention)	\$442.00
From:	001-3410-4490-0000 (Fire Protection/Uniforms)	\$442.00

Unanimously carried

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed amendments to Chapter 112 (Zoning) of the Village Code regarding the number of members and their terms, that was the subject of public hearings on Monday March 9, 2020, and Monday May 11, 2020 is hereby adopted as **Local Law 5 of 2020**.

Roll Call – Trustee Murphy- yes	Deputy Mayor Piazza - yes
Trustee Yates- yes	Mayor Rogers – yes
Trustee Etu- abstained	

Motion Passed - 4- 1 abstained

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**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed amendments to Chapter 73 (Public Order) of the Village Code to prohibit excessive or offensive lighting, that was the subject of public hearings on Monday March 9, 2020 and Monday May 11, 2020 is hereby adopted as **Local Law 6 of 2020**.

Unanimously carried

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Amherst employs Margaret Hamilton Winship, Director of Community Development/Strategic Planning, whose professional services are also of benefit to the Village of Williamsville for certain economic development related activities and projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and Village agree to continue to share the services of said employee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Employee Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Amherst, dated January 1, 2020, for the continued sharing of services of the Director of Community Development/Strategic Planning in the calendar year 2020, at a salary, with fringe benefits, of no more than eight thousand, two hundred thirty two dollars and seventy-three cents (\$8,232.73).

Unanimously carried

**Report – Trustee Murphy**

*Sat in on Historic Preservation Committee for Trustee Etu  
Tonight is my son Jack's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday*

**ON MOTION** by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Etu, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed amendments to Chapter 97 (Taxation) of the Village Code to adjust the disability tax exemption limits, that was the subject of a public hearing on Monday May 11, 2020 is hereby adopted as **Local Law 7 of 2020**

Unanimously carried

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**ON MOTION** by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Yates, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed amendments to Chapter 97 (Taxation) of the Village Code to adjust the senior tax exemption limits, that was the subject of a public hearing on Monday May 11, 2020 is hereby adopted as **Local Law 8 of 2020**

Unanimously carried

*[Trustee Etu -Special thanks to Mary Lowther for bringing this to our attention]*

**Report – Deputy Mayor Piazza**

*Old Home Days is cancelled this year  
Glen Park Art Festival is cancelled this year*

**Report – Trustee Yates**

*Appreciation to Veterans  
Beautification worked in the Parks this past Saturday, planting  
WBA had a zoom meeting – cancelled Music on Main  
Mask wearing – mandated by the Governor – their business, they have a right to require. Please don't make it harder on them  
Cancellations – not a Board member that doesn't want to have these events. Be patient  
Tree Board – trees are out for bid – June 6<sup>th</sup> Sappling trees will be handed out at Farmers Market*

**Report – Trustee Etu**

*HPC is working on guidance document  
Zoom training 5/27/2020 at 7:00pm with Village and Town  
Attorney Greico – Village Board must approve  
HPC technically not required*

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**ON MOTION** by Trustee Etu, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved at 9:01pm to go off regular agenda:

Unanimously carried

**RESOLVED**, that Emily Garrett of 80 South Cayuga Road, Williamsville, is hereby appointed as a Member of the Historic Preservation Commission until the end of the 2019-2020 official Village year.

Unanimously carried

**ON MOTION** by Trustee Etu, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 9:02pm to return to regular agenda:

Unanimously carried

**Staff Reports**

***Administrator Kindron***

*Town will be repaving their parking lot this weekend*

*Tax bills to be mailed this weekend*

*June 1, 2020 the building will be open 8-4 for tax payments*

*Social distancing, masks required*

*Court to open June 1, 2020 for mail, data entry, no hearings at this time*

***Attorney Greico:***

*Waiting on the Governor to see if he extends Executive Orders 202.1 and 202.15 beyond*

*June 6, 2020 for ability to conduct meetings remotely*

*Cannot physically prohibit the public*

*Doesn't make sense*

***Trustee Yates-feels we should still zoom the meetings for anyone that does not feel comfortable to attend***

***Attorney Greico- Also requires 202.1 to allow for zoom, hopefully some guidance will be coming soon***

***Director of Community Development DePriest-potential for a lot of people because we have public hearing for 13 Local Landmarks***

***Trustee Etu-we can space chairs out, project into conference room for overflow seating?***

***Attorney Greico -Have to expect Governor will extend***

***Director of Community Development DePriest-ask Town to use their room? Meeting House?***

***Attorney Greico- Town has meetings on the 8<sup>th</sup> too***

***Mayor Rogers- We will have to see what happen. We can only speculate at this point.***

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*Deputy Treasurer Pasco:*

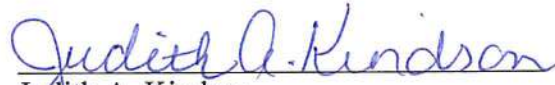
*Need all signatures on warrants*

*Director of Community Development DePriest:*

*DPW Crew Chief: no report*

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm

Unanimously carried

  
Judith A. Kindron  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer