

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Williamsville held in Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, May 23, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Frese.

Present: F. Ray Hazlett, Mayor  
Joseph P. Frese, Deputy Mayor  
Mary E. Lowther, Trustee  
Joan E. Seamans, Trustee  
  
Sally A. Kuzon, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer  
Lynda J. Juul, Deputy Treasurer  
J. Michael Hayes, Village Attorney  
Michael Parker, DPW

Excused: Ronald W. Daniels, Trustee

ON MOTION by Mayor Hazlett, seconded by Trustee Frese, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, held on May 9, 2005 as submitted.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hazlett, seconded by Trustee Frese, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:31pm.

Unanimously carried.

***A public hearing was held to discuss an amendment to Chapter 103-16 regarding "No Standing on E. Spring Street".***

ON MOTION by Mayor Hazlett, seconded by Trustee Frese, it was moved to close the public hearing at 7:54pm.

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Hazlett, seconded by Trustee Frese, it was moved to suspend the rules for public participation.

Unanimously carried.

*The following members of the audience addressed the Board:*

***Caroline Schlifke, 192 Evans Street*** - Mrs. Schlifke came down to Village Hall this afternoon to get some information on an ordinance. She was sent to the Building Dept., and was unable to get an answer to her question. Does the Village of Williamsville have an ordinance against open fires in residential areas? Trustee Frese stated that we follow the Town Ordinance. It must be in a pit, and have a grill over the top. He told her that if there is a situation in her neighborhood, she should call the Amherst Police. She has an issue with a rental property in the area and wrote a letter to the homeowner who does not live at the property. She was assured that this would be taken care of. She then read in the police blotter about a bon fire on Evans Street, and the same issue came up again last evening. She called the police. The fire is in the back yard, with flames about 3 feet high. There are only rocks in a circle with no grill on it. She verified that if this occurs again, she should call the police again. Trustee Frese commented that he was aware of this, and that it was called in by a resident on Mill Street, thinking it was a garage fire. The residents were warned. Mrs. Schlifke feels this could be a very dangerous situation.

***Thomas Frank, 225C Evans Street*** - Mr. Frank stated he also has a financial Interest in 5475 Main Street. He has attended Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council meetings over the past three years. The recent newsletter refers to the auto centric society. Traffic on Main Street got 6% worse last year. There is a power project pow-wow this week. Town of Amherst Department Heads have been asked to comment on the sinking homes. Mayor Hazlett asked how this applies to the Village. Mr. Frank responded that the month of May is National Bike Month. Mr. Frank feels that the Village of Williamsville and the Town of Amherst are in blatant violation of capacity in the beer tent at Old Home Days. Mayor Hazlett informed him that his three minute time limit was up.

***Vicky Lattin, 64 S. Cayuga Road*** - Last April 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Lattin gave the Mayor a statement complaining about the trees with the dirt and mulch around them. This kills the trees on Main St. She went from Cayuga to Village Hall, and there are three trees in front of the funeral home that have mulch and dirt too high on them. The cambium is being cut, and this kills the tree. These are very large trees, and no matter how many times she complains about them, nothing is done. A tree is a living, breathing thing. Trees can not be staked. The wind needs to blow them so they get used to that. The Village then wraps the trees with tape; trees need to breathe. Mayor Hazlett commented that during his absence, the Village received the title of Tree City. She asked that we save the trees.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Hazlett, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting and return to the regular agenda.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hazlett, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of \$94,498.09, covering the period 5/2/05 – 5/16/05, are approved as follows:

**Payroll covering 5/2/05 – 5/15/05** **\$31,615.28**

**Vouchers covering 5/3//05 – 5/16/05**

General Fund	\$36,169.59
Water Fund	1,166.16
Sewer Fund	4,186.47
Glen Park Fund	233.04
Trust & Agency Fund	13,396.30
Debt Service	7,431.25
Community Development	0.00
Capital Fund	300.00
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	\$62,882.81

**Grand Total:** **\$94,498.09**

Unanimously carried.



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ON MOTION by Trustee Lowther, seconded by Trustee Frese, the following resolution was tabled:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign Community Projects Appropriation Contract #TM04871 with New York State for the purpose of obtaining a grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 to assist the Village of Williamsville with costs associated with the preservation plan for the historic mill.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Trustee Seamans, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue a Mayor's Permit to the Williamsville Rotary Club for the purpose of suspending a banner across Main Street at the Ellicott Creek Bridge for a two (2) week period from June 8 - 22. Banner to read "*Williamsville Rotary Village of Williamsville Youth Committee Strawberry Social, Wednesday, June 22, 5-8pm, Island Park*".

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue a Mayor's Permit to Williamsville Amherst Old Home Days for the purpose of suspending a banner across Main Street at the Ellicott Creek Bridge for a two (2) week period from July 1 – July 15. Banner to read "*Williamsville – Amherst Old Home Days, July 12 – July 15, 2005, Island Park*".

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Mayor Hazlett, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue a Mayor's Permit to Williamsville Preservation Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of suspending a banner across Main Street at the Ellicott Creek Bridge for a two (2) week period from July 20 – Aug. 3. Banner to read "*Taste of Williamsville, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11am – 9pm, Island Park*".

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue a Mayor's Permit to the Amherst Museum for the purpose of suspending a banner across Main Street at the Ellicott Creek Bridge for a two (2) week period from Aug. 8 – Aug. 22. Banner to read "*Amherst Museum Scottish Festival, Sat., August 22, 9:00 – 5:00*".

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Trustee Seamans, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue a Mayor's Permit to the Amherst Museum for the purpose of suspending a banner across Main Street at the Ellicott Creek Bridge for a two (2) week period from Sept. 12 – Sept. 26. Banner to read "*Harvest Festival & Craft Show, Amherst Museum, Sept. 24 & 25*".

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign Community Projects Appropriation Contract #TM04853 with New York State for the purpose of obtaining a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to assist the Village of Williamsville with costs associated with the tree replacement project on Main Street.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Lowther, seconded by Trustee Frese, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that *Brian Kulpa, 81 Milton Street, Williamsville, NY*, is hereby appointed to the Parks Committee through the end of the 2004 – 2005 official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Lowther, seconded by Trustee Frese, the following motion was adopted:

Resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue a Mayor's Permit to the Village Preservation Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of suspending a banner across Main Street at the Ellicott Creek Bridge for a two week period from May 24 – June 7. Banner to read "*Walk the Villages, May – October, Akron – Clarence – Kenmore – Williamsville*".

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Lowther, seconded by Trustee Frese, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendment is hereby made to the General Fund to account for a NYS grant for turnout gear:

Increase	001-0001-3090	State Aid - Grants	\$19,000.00
Increase	001-3410-2050	Fire Dept. - Turnout Gear	\$19,000.00

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendment is hereby made to the General Fund to account for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant for turnout gear:

Increase	001-0001-3091	FEMA Grants	\$40,500.00
Increase	001-3410-2050	Fire Dept. - Turnout Gear	\$40,500.00

RESOLVED, that the following budget transfer is hereby made in the General Fund to account for the match to a FEMA grant for turn-out gear:

Increase	001-3410-2050	Fire Dept. - Turnout Gear	\$1,900.00
Decrease	001-3410-2030	Fire Dept. - Radio Equipment	\$1,900.00

RESOLVED, that the following budget transfer is hereby made in the General Fund as part of year-end accounting:

Increase	001-3410-4610	Fire Dept. - Health & Welfare	\$1,200.00
Decrease	001-3410-4360	Fire Dept. - Grant Writer	\$ 500.00
Decrease	001-3410-4040	Fire Dept. - Education Exp.	\$ 700.00

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Seamans, seconded by Trustee Frese, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendment is hereby made to the General Fund to account for a donation from the Village Preservation Foundation toward the purchase of hanging baskets to be placed on the new light poles on Main Street:

Increase	001-0001-2705	Gifts & Donations	\$1,000.00
Increase	001-8510-4340	Beautification - Plants	\$1,000.00

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Seamans, seconded by Trustee Frese, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an engagement letter with Drescher & Malecki, LLP to conduct an audit of the Village books 2004-2005 fiscal year at a cost not to exceed \$14,350.00, pursuant to their engagement letter dated May 3, 2005.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Seamans, seconded by Trustee Frese, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an engagement letter with Drescher & Malecki, LLP to conduct an audit for the Justice Court 2004-2005 fiscal year, at a cost not to exceed \$1,350.00, pursuant to their engagement letter dated May 3, 2005.

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Trustee Frese, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

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SALLY A. KUZON  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer