

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held in Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

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

This being the 5th anniversary of the September 11th attack, a moment of silence was observed to remember all those who lost their lives in the tragedy.

Present: Mary E. Lowther, Mayor
Beatrice A. Slick, Trustee
Basil J. Piazza, Trustee
Brian J. Geary, Trustee

Sally A. Kuzon, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Lynda J. Juul, Deputy-Treasurer
George S. Van Nest, Village Attorney
Michael Parker, DPW Crew Chief

Absent: Richard P. Sweeney, Trustee

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Slick, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 28, 2006, as submitted.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to approve the minutes of the public hearing concerning Chapter 84, which was held on August 14, 2006, as submitted.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to approve the minutes of the public hearing concerning an amendment to Chapter 28-2, which was held on August 28, 2006, as submitted.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Slick, it was moved to approve the minutes of the public hearing concerning an amendment to Chapter 28-7, which was held on August 28, 2006, as submitted.

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to suspend the rules to open the public participation portion of the meeting.

Unanimously carried

The following members of the audience addressed the Board:

Peggy Santillo, 37 Rinewalt Street - Ms. Santillo thanked the Board for their unanimous support of the new subdivision regulations. This will be beneficial throughout the Village. She also encouraged them to move quickly on the development of the second part of this (the subdivision provisions). She has researched this and they can be relatively long. Mayor Lowther stated that they will move as quickly as possible.

Thomas Frank, 225C Evans Street - Mr. Frank discussed the 50-year re-licensing of the Niagara power project. He stated that the Village is still specifically excluded from the project boundary. There is a workshop tomorrow between 2 PM and 5 PM. He will be attending as a private citizen. The final plan for submission to congress is due by march.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street - Mrs. Schlifke asked about the Glen Ave. bridge. What would be replacing the orange fencing? Who is paying for it? Why is it taking so long? It is going to be black metal fencing, it is on order, and Erie County is paying for it. Mrs. Schlifke then commented that she was over at Lehigh Memory Trial and noticed there are quite a few flowering crab trees. Some of them look like they are newly planted, and she thinks they have a fungus. She had a similar problem two years ago and had her tree injected, and it's coming along beautifully. She suggested taking care of this now so they are flowering in the spring like they should be. Mayor Lowther asked Mike Parker to take a look at this. Mrs. Schlifke also informed the Board that there is a water fountain on the S. Long end of the trail. After a couple of seconds of the water coming out of the top, it pours out of the bottom. When you step on the pedal, your feet get wet.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made to the *General Fund for the 2006 – 2007* fiscal year:

To: 001-1210-4450 (Mayor - Miscellaneous)	\$35.00
From: 001-1210-4040 (Mayor – Education Exp/Travel)	\$35.00

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

RESOLVED, that the amendment to Chapter 28-7 (Exceptional Development), to add “C. (5) Any proposed subdivision”, which was the subject of a public hearing on August 28, 2006, is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to publish notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 7:35 p.m., for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed curb cut for an exit driveway from the rear of 5590 Main Street onto E. Spring Street. This curb cut is being proposed by 5604 Main Street LLC, record owner of the properties at 5590 and 5604 Main Street. This public hearing is being held in accordance with Section 89-4 D (3) of the village code.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Geary, seconded by Trustee Piazza, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement between the Village of Williamsville and the Preservation League of New York State to receive a grant in the amount of \$7,000 for costs associated with an historic structures report for the Williamsville Water Mill, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that BERO Architect, PC is authorized to complete an historic structures report for the Williamsville Water Mill at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 as detailed in the grant proposal approved by the Preservation League of New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this project is made possible and funded by Preserve New York, a grant program of the Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Council on the Arts.

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At the end of the meeting, Administrator Kuzon asked Mrs. Schlifke if she would comment on the walk taken by the Community Plan Committee on September 7th.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street - The Community Plan Committee met last week with George Grasser and the Partnership for a Livable Western New York. This group included people with various areas of expertise. They divided into four groups and each walked one of the four sections of Main Street. She was with the group that went east on Main on the north side, and down around the mill area. She was with two gentlemen who were very excited about that area. They looked at the mill, the street, the back area near the Eagle House and Hunt Real Estate. They thought there was a lot of potential for making that a historical area. They walked down past Evans Street, and crossed over and came back on the other side of Main. After the walk, everyone met back at Village Hall. The experts sat in the front and spoke about the walk. There were 10 or so members of the Community Plan Committee in attendance. Each person gave their impression of the village, including what they liked and didn't like, what had potential, etc. Many of their comments had to do with changes to the codes and building materials. They talked at great length about traffic, and how to keep traffic moving on Main Street while reducing the volume. The thruway was discussed, including moving the toll barriers, and adding an on-ramp at Union Road. They showed a lot of enthusiasm. She didn't know if the group was being paid or not. Administrator Kuzon stated that they were volunteers. They were here from 5:30 PM to after 9:00 PM. She thought it was wonderful that they were willing to give their time. Each one took the time to discuss what they saw and what they felt could be done. It was probably the most interesting meeting that the committee has had so far.

Administrator Kuzon then announced that the notes will be available for everyone on the Board, at the front counter, and for the Amherst Bee.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

SALLY A. KUZON
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer