

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held in Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Present: Mary E. Lowther, Mayor  
Jeffrey L. Kingsley, Trustee  
Basil J. Piazza, Trustee  
Brian J. Geary, Trustee  
Brian J. Kulpa, Trustee  
  
Lynda L. Juul, Deputy Treasurer  
Deborah A. Habes, Deputy Clerk  
Marc Shuttleworth, DPW Crew Chief

Absent: James A. Coniglio, Village Attorney

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kulpa, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 24, 2007.

Unanimously carried.

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to approve the minutes of the public hearing held on September 24, 2007.

Unanimously carried.

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*A public hearing was held to hear all persons interested in discussing an amendment to the Village code that proposes the position of Alternate Planning and Architectural Review Board member who would substitute for board members in the event a board member is unable to serve because of a conflict of interest or for any other reason.*

**ON MOTION** by Trustee Geary, seconded by Trustee Kulpa, it was moved to close the public hearing and return to the regular agenda at 7:43 p.m.

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:

*Sarah Mischler, 186 Evans St.* – Ms. Mischler identified herself as a member of the John Newman Mission Community. She requested permission to keep a storage cabinet in the Meeting House to store the group’s liturgical supplies. She submitted an updated storage cabinet proposal to the Mayor. Trustee Kulpa stated that at the last Village Board meeting, the Board members believed they might be able to consider accommodating a smaller storage cabinet than the one that the group originally proposed for the Meeting House. In the meantime, the Board has received legal counsel from the Village Attorney indicating that we cannot allow the storage of any item that is not Village-owned property. Trustee Kulpa read aloud a letter dated 10/9/07 that the Board was intending to mail out. Ms. Mischler wanted to know how that rule could be changed. Trustee Kingsley replied that these are NYS municipal laws that we are governed by. Ms. Mischler said she has lived here all her life and believes this is a small issue. They are only trying to store something small in the Meeting House. Trustee Kingsley said he was sorry since at the last meeting the Board truly wanted to accommodate their request in some way. However, our legal counsel has advised us that we cannot accept any items which are not Village-owned.

*Sally Lennon, 55 Wellington Ct.* – Ms. Lennon asked about the status of tree replacement in the Village. She wanted to know if we could start a Re-tree program here, like the one in the City of Buffalo. Mayor Lowther replied that she started the “Re-green the Village” program after the storm. We have been pursuing money for grants for tree replacement and will continue to do so. The issue of stump grinding has been huge, since we are not receiving any reimbursement from FEMA for stump grinding. Trustee Geary stated that the Tree Board has been working very hard on this and needs many more volunteers. The Tree Board will be meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and the public is always invited. Ms. Lennon wanted to know how many trees will be planted this fall. Trustee Geary said we could only find 20 trees. We are limited in the choices due to the types that are recommended as “street trees”. Five trees from a grant from Senator Mary Lou Rath will go into S. Long Park. The State grant specifies by GPS coordinates what we can plant and exactly where. We need many people involved so we can get more done. Trustee Geary said that we had good luck with the ones we planted in the spring and have not lost one yet.

*Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans St.* – Ms. Schlifke stated that although she is not a member of the Newman Community she was shocked at hearing that they cannot store anything in the Meeting House. They have been responsible renters. She asked the Board to please check with the attorney again. She wondered if the opinion could be overwritten by some written agreement between the parties. Trustee Kingsley replied that it is for liability purposes. Trustee Kingsley said he does not want to give false hope to the group. Ms. Schlifke said there are things in the Meeting House back room that don’t belong there. For example, the fire memorabilia could be moved to another location. The old display cabinet is serving no purpose. Ms. Schlifke asked who goes into the building to see what needs to be done as far as maintenance. Mayor Lowther replied that we have a maintenance service. Trustee Kulpa apologized for how this has worked out. The Village is

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trying to set up a facilities maintenance program for all the Village's facilities. Trustee Kulpa said he is currently working on a re-pointing project at the Meeting House. He already has the specs and drawings for this \$35,000 matching grant. We now have the funds in hand. The paperwork will be ready to submit to the State on October 24<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the DPW for the job they did on repainting the Meeting House front door. Ms. Schlifke stated that political signs are littering the Village and there is a particularly large one on Evans St., across from her house. She wondered what the size limit was for political signs according to our code. Mayor Lowther said she would report it to the Code Enforcement Officer.

*Joe Meyers, Roll Rd., Clarence* – Mr. Meyers identified himself as a member of the John Newman Mission Community. He asked if the Village might own a cabinet that the Community would be able to use in the Meeting House. He said he would be happy to restore it if need be. Trustee Kingsley said there are many issues here. The Community is allowed to bring things in and take them home, but cannot leave them in the Meeting House.

*Vic Paquet, 43 Howard Ave.* – Mr. Paquet stated that he and his neighbors are open to having any Village Board member come to their homes to look at their yards and the beautiful view they enjoy of the rear of the property at 122 N. Cayuga Rd. He hopes the Board will realize what a negative impact the proposed development would have on their homes. He stated that he thought any project approval for an Exceptional Development permit had to promote the safety, health and welfare of the residents of the Village and urged the Board to take the neighbors' position into account when making their decision on this project.

*Tom Frank, 225 C Evans St.* – Mr. Frank stated he was impressed with the DPW Crew Chief's presentation at the work session on the flood gates and the erosion issues along Ellicott Creek. He said he also liked Trustee Kulpa's idea for a long range plan for stabilization of the waterway shoreline.

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

Unanimously carried.



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From:	001-1410-4040 (Village Clerk – Educational Exp./Travel)	\$66.00
To:	001-1640-4450 (Central Garage – Misc.)	\$9.00
From:	001-1640-4160 (Central Garage – Building Repairs)	\$9.00
To:	001-3410-4160-3401 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$5,000.00
	001-3410-4160-3402 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$5,000.00
	001-3410-4160-3403 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$3,000.00
	001-3410-4160-3404 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$2,000.00
	001-3410-4160-3405 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$2,000.00
	001-3410-4160-3406 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$4,000.00
	001-3410-4160-3407 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$2,000.00
	001-3410-4160-3409 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$2,000.00
	001-3410-4160-3491 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$2,000.00
	001-3410-4160-3492 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$2,000.00
From:	001-3410-4160 (Fire Protection – Truck Exp.)	\$29,000.00
To:	001-3620-4110 (Safety Inspection – Service Contracts)	\$88.00
	001-3620-4450 (Safety Inspection – Misc.)	\$659.00
	001-3620-4630 (Safety Inspection – Uniform Exp.)	39.00
From:	001-3620-4490 (Safety Inspection – General Code Updates)	\$786.00
To:	001-5010-4450 (Street Administration – Misc.)	\$383.00
From:	001-5010-4040 (Street Administration – Education – Exp./Travel)	\$383.00
To:	001-5110-4600 (Street Maint. – Clothing Allowance)	\$350.00
From:	001-5110-4605 (Street Maint. – Safety Clothing/Accessories)	\$350.00
To:	001-7110-4169 (Parks – Repairs – Other)	\$634.00
	001-7110-4360 (Parks – Park Supplies)	\$579.00
From:	001-7110-2020 (Parks – Park Equipment)	\$1213.00
To:	001-7540-2000 (Williamsville Water Mill – Equip.)	\$741.00
	001-7540-4230 (Williamsville Water Mill – Bldg. Maint.)	\$307.00
	001-7540-4450 (Williamsville Water Mill – Misc.)	\$272.00
From:	001-7540-4980 (Williamsville Water Mill – Building Preservation)	\$1320.00
To:	001-7550-4500 (Celebrations – Memorial Day)	\$29.00
From:	001-7550-4400 (Celebrations – Holiday Decorations)	\$29.00
To:	001-9050-8000 (Unemployment Insurance)	\$3260.00
From:	001-9040-8000 (Workers’ Compensation)	\$3260.00
To:	001-1440-4160 (Engineer - Professional Fees)	\$287.00
From:	001-1410-2000 (Village Clerk – Equipment)	\$287.00
To:	001-1410-4450 (Village Clerk – Misc.)	\$24.00
From:	001-1410-4010 (Village Clerk – Office Supplies)	\$24.00
To:	001-7550-4400 (Celebrations – Holiday Decorations)	\$9.00
From:	001-7550-4520 (Celebrations – Music in the Park)	\$9.00

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Unanimously carried.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the following *budget amendment* is hereby made in the *General Fund* for the *2007-2008* fiscal year, to account for revenue from Committee Appreciation Picnic/Village Event:

Increase:	001-0001-2770 (Misc. Revenue)	\$321.00
Increase:	001-7550-4960 (Celebrations – Committee Appreciation)	\$321.00

Unanimously carried.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the following *budget amendment* is hereby made in the *General Fund* for the *2007-2008* fiscal year, to account for a donation from the Jolly Boys of Williamsville, Inc., toward the purchase of a projection screen for the Youth & Recreation Committee:

Increase:	001-0001-2705 (Gifts & Donations)	\$379.00
Increase:	001-7310-2000 (Youth Programs – Equipment)	\$379.00

Unanimously carried.

**ON MOTION** by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that the following *budget transfer* is hereby made in the *Glen Park Fund* for the *2007-2008* fiscal year:

To:	009-7141-4351 (Glen Park – Park Supplies)	\$156.00
	009-7141-4450 (Glen Park – Misc.)	\$375.00
From:	009-7141-4102 (Glen Park – Landscaping)	\$531.00

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**ON MOTION** by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that *George Gates of 197 Cadman Drive, Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed to the *Glen Park Joint Board* until *April 30, 2010*.

Unanimously carried.

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:50 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

**ON MOTION** by Trustee Geary, seconded by Trustee Kulpa, it was moved to close the Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

**ON MOTION** by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to return to the regular agenda at 9:46 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

**ON MOTION** by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Piazza it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

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Lynda L. Juul  
Deputy Treasurer

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