

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held in Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Mary E. Lowther, Mayor
Jeffrey L. Kingsley, Trustee
Basil J. Piazza, Trustee
Brian J. Geary, Trustee
Brian J. Kulpa, Trustee

Scott Shimick, Village Attorney
Lynda L. Juul, Deputy Treasurer
Deborah A. Habes, Deputy Clerk
Marc Shuttleworth, DPW Crew Chief

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 9, 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 October 9, 2007.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Geary, it was moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on October 16, 2007.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

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The following members of the audience addressed the Board:

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans St. – Referring to the John Newman Mission Community’s previously denied request to store their liturgical items in the Meeting House between uses, Ms. Schlifke asked for a copy of the law that prohibits storing items from outside sources in the Meeting House. Trustee Kingsley replied that separation of church and state is contained in the U.S Constitution. She asked if a local law can supersede the Constitution. Trustee Kingsley stated that no, the U.S. Constitution would supersede any local law. Trustee Kingsley went on to explain that although the Village Board had the best intentions at heart, upon legal counsel, it was also determined that we could not allow storage of non-Village owned property in Village owned buildings for liability reasons. Ms. Schlifke then asked how this will affect future rental of the Meeting House. Mayor Lowther replied that there is a difference between renting out the building for a few hours every month and leasing the whole building for a long period of time. The Newman Mission Community has signed a “frequent renter agreement” with the Village, which requires proof of liability insurance and is then charged a reduced fee. They did not sign a “lease” with the Village.

Tom Frank, 225 C Evans St. – Mr. Frank thanked Trustee Piazza for attending the drainage meeting held last week with the DEC, Erie County and the Riverkeepers. He expressed his frustration that both the Town of Amherst and the Village hold their meetings on the same nights of the week every month. Mayor Lowther informed him that the Town has their meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month and the Village has their meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, so they do not overlap. Mr. Frank offered the Parks Service as a funding option for the Mill instead of pursuing 501c3 status. He thinks the joint parks boards can tie into the restoration of the Mill. Mr. Frank also proposed a Memorial Day Parade be held this year from the Mill to the War of 1812 Cemetery on Aero Rd.

Vic Paquet, 43 Howard Ave. – Mr. Paquet identified himself as both a Village resident and as chairman of the Village Traffic & Safety Committee. He thanked the Board and the DPW for the recent striping of the identified crosswalks. He stated that it truly makes the Village a safer place. He also thanked the DPW for all their hard work.

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

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that Trustee Brian Geary is hereby authorized to attend the NYCOM Volunteer Firefighter Workshop in Dansville, NY on October 25, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$50.00.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the *Special Events Committee* is hereby created, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Mary E. Lowther shall serve as liaison to this committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Lynda L. Juul will be appointed to the position of Village Administrator, Village Clerk and Village Treasurer effective upon a dual executed agreement between the parties. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, Lynda L. Juul shall receive an annual salary of \$65,000 per year.

On the question, Trustee Kingsley asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Trustee Piazza	Yes	<i>Trustee Piazza stated that he was very pleased to support Ms. Juul's appointment as Village Administrator.</i>
Trustee Kulpa	Yes	<i>Trustee Kulpa stated that he, too, was very pleased to have Ms. Juul appointed as Village Administrator.</i>

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Trustee Kingsley	No	<i>Trustee Kingsley stated that although he agreed with the others that Ms. Juul possesses excellent credentials for the appointment, he did not agree with the salary amount.</i>
Trustee Geary	No	<i>Trustee Geary stated that being a small business owner he is very aware of government costs and although he believes that Ms. Juul is the right candidate for the position, he did not agree with the proposed salary amount.</i>
Mayor Lowther	Yes	<i>Mayor Lowther stated that she was very happy to support Ms. Juul's appointment as Village Administrator. She stated she believed that the proposed and agreed upon salary was fair and at the midpoint of other Village Administrators' salaries in the area.</i>

Motion passed. 3 – 2.

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

RESOLVED, that Wednesday, October 31, 2007, is hereby designated “Trick or Treat” night in the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the current 911 System employed by the Town of Amherst is satisfactory and meets the needs of the Village of Williamsville residents.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that *Marie Robillard of 79 Steinway Court, Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed to the *Mill Restoration Committee* for the sole purpose of assisting the Village in retaining and preserving valuable documents currently stored at the Mill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is effective until December 15, 2007.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that *Carol Strahl of 104A Wellington Court, Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed to the *Mill Restoration Committee* for the sole purpose of assisting the Village in retaining and preserving valuable documents currently stored at the Mill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is effective until December 15, 2007.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that *Wesley Stone of 33 North Ellicott Street, Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed to the *Mill Restoration Committee* until the end of the *2007-2008* official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that *David Vitka of 103 Lake Ledge Drive, Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed to the *Mill Restoration Committee* until the end of the *2007-2008* official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

At this point, Trustee Geary announced that his resolution to adopt a local law amending the Village code to add the position of Alternate Member to the Planning Board was being held for a later date.

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

RESOLVED, that *Peter Burke of 67 Hopkins Rd., Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed firefighter with the Williamsville Fire Department.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that *Michael Grant of 132 Wickham Dr., Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed firefighter with the Williamsville Fire Department.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that Chief Richard Maddigan and Assistant Chief Christopher Petrie are hereby authorized to attend the NYCOM Volunteer Firefighter Workshop in Dansville, NY, on October 25, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$100.00.

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:30 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Geary, it was moved to close the Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kulpa, it was moved to return to the regular agenda at 8:41 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kingsley it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

Lynda L. Juul
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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