

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held in Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Man Street, Williamsville, New York, on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Christopher A. Cardillo, Village Attorney
Lynda L. Juul, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Judith A. Kindron, Deputy Treasurer
Marc Shuttleworth, DPW Crew Chief

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 24, 2008.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to open the first public hearing of the evening at 7:33 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

- ***A public hearing was held to hear all persons interested in discussing the proposed 2008-2009 General Fund/Glen Park Activities Fund/Debt Service Fund Budget.***

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to close the first public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kulpa, it was moved to open the second public hearing of the evening at 7:38 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

- ***A public hearing was held to hear all persons interested in discussing the proposed 2008-2009 Sewer Fund Budget and Sewer Rent Rates.***

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Geary, it was moved to close the second public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to open the third and final public hearing of the evening at 7:44 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

- ***A public hearing was held to hear all persons interested in discussing the proposed 2008-2009 Water Fund Budget.***

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to close the third and final public hearing of the evening at 7:55 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

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Members of the audience who addressed the Board and their topics:

Thomas Frank, 225 C Evans Street – Ellicott Creek clean up April 19th; May is National Bike Riders month; A weekly bike ride to coincide with the Farmers Market; War of 1812 Cemetery; Removal of the Williamsville thruway toll barrier.

Vic Piquet, 43 Howard Ave – Status of Exceptional Development at 122 N. Cayuga.

Dan Delano, 136 Park Dr. – Garrison Park issues: skateboarders, vandalism, rowdy behavior, requested signage prohibiting skateboarders.

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

Unanimously carried.

Report – Mayor Lowther

Mayor Lowther reported on the following topics: NYS budget; Wik's Law reform passed; Justice Court grant of \$2,400; Taste of Williamsville; Erie County training; ReTree WNY; Garden Walk meeting will be held April 16th at 6:30pm; next Village Board meeting will be April 28th.

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

RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$154,755.81**, covering the period from **March 17, 2008** to **April 8, 2008**, are hereby approved as follows:

Payroll covering: 3/17/08– 3/30/08: **\$25,558.29**

Vouchers covering: 3/19/08 – 4/8/08:

Water Fund	\$41,219.47
Sewer Fund	\$2,090.23
Glen General Fund	\$71,866.78
Park Fund	\$1,608.39
Trust & Agency Fund	\$10,641.28
Debt Service	\$0.00
Community Development	\$0.00

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Capital Fund	\$1,771.37
	<u>\$129,197.52</u>

<u>Grand Total:</u>	<u>\$154,755.81</u>
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Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the following ***budget transfers*** are hereby made in the **General Fund** for the **2007 – 2008** fiscal year:

To: 001-5142-4162 (Snow Removal-Repairs-Other)	\$10.00
From: 001-5142-4450 (Snow Removal-Misc.)	\$10.00
To: 001-7540-4070 (Williamsville Water Mill-Utilities)	\$60.00
From: 001-7540-4980 (Williamsville Water Mill-Bldg. Preservation)	\$60.00
To: 001-5110-4111-0920 (Street Maint.-Service Contracts-Preventive Maint.)	\$420.00
From: 001-5110-4111-0918 (Street Maint. – Service Contracts –Preventive Maint.)	\$420.00
To: 001-5010-4010 (Street Administration-Office Supplies)	\$33.00
From: 001-5010-4040 (Street Administration-Education Exp./Travel)	\$33.00
To: 001-1640-4261 (Central Garage-Maint.)	\$35.00
From: 001-1640-4440 (Central Garage-Parts)	\$35.00
To: 001-1640-4262 (Central Garage-Bldg. Maint.)	\$27.00
From: 001-1640-4260 (Central Garage-Maint. Supplies)	\$27.00
To: 001-7310-4174 (Youth Programs-Egg Hunt)	\$60.00
From: 001-7310-4175 (Youth Programs-Movies in the Park)	\$60.00
To: 001-7310-4173 (Youth Programs-Winterfest)	\$100.00
From: 001-7310-4175 (Youth Programs-Movies in the Park)	\$100.00
To: 001-3620-4010 (Safety Inspection-Office Supplies)	\$22.00
From: 001-3620-4061 (Safety Inspection-Cellular Phone)	\$22.00

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To: 001-1410-4030 (Village Clerk-Printing/Advertising)	\$361.00
From: 001-1410-4020 (Village Clerk-Postage)	\$361.00
To: 001-5110-4450 (Street Maint.-Misc.)	\$137.00
From: 001-5110-4605 (Street Maint.-Safety Clothing/Accessories)	\$137.00
To: 001-3410-4160-3405 (Fire Protection-Truck Exp.-R-5)	\$463.00
From: 001-3410-4160-3492 (Fire Protection-Truck Exp.-Asst. Chief Vehicle)	\$463.00
To: 001-3410-4471 (Fire Protection-Building Repairs)	\$59.00
From: 001-3410-2070 (Fire Protection-Office Equip.)	\$59.00
To: 001-3410-4280 (Fire Protection-EMS Supplies)	\$36.00
From: 001-3410-2020 (Fire Protection-Expendable Equip.))	\$36.00
To: 001-5142-4164 (Snow Removal-Repairs-Sidewalk ROW)	\$147.00
From: 001-5142-2000 (Snow Removal-Equipment)	\$147.00
To: 001-8510-2000 (Community Beautification-Equip.)	\$18.00
From: 001-8510-4340 (Community Beautification-Plants)	\$18.00
To: 001-3410-4250 (Fire Protection-Gas & Oil)	\$656.00
From: 001-3410-4160-3409 (Fire Protection-Chief Vehicle-Truck Exp.)	\$656.00
To: 001-5110-4161-0906 (Street Maint.-Repairs)	\$162.00
From: 001-5110-4161-0919 (Street Maint.-Repairs-919)	\$162.00
To: 001-5110-4161-0917 (Street Maint.-Repairs-#917)	\$22.00
From: 001-5110-4111-0917 (Street Maint.-Service Contracts-Preventive Maint.)	\$22.00
To: 001-7540-4230 (Williamsville Water Mill-Bldg. Maint.)	\$184.00
From: 001-7540-4980 (Williamsville Water Mill-Bldg. Preservation)	\$184.00
To: 001-1640-4262 (Central Garage-Bldg. Maint.)	\$40.00
From: 001-1640-4440 (Central Garage-Parts)	\$40.00

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the following ***budget transfers*** are hereby made in the **Water Fund** for the **2007 – 2008** fiscal year:

To:	006-8340-4500 (Water Transmission-Water Testing)	\$289.00
From:	006-8340-4040 (Water Transmission-Water Training)	\$289.00
To:	006-1920-4000 (Water Transmission-Association Dues)	\$18.00
From:	006-8340-4010 (Water Transmission-Office Supplies)	\$18.00

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the following ***budget transfers*** are hereby made in the **Glen Park Fund** for the **2007 – 2008** fiscal year:

To:	009-7141-4070 (Glen Park Appropriations-Utilities)	\$77.00
From:	009-7141-4109 (Glen Park Appropriations-Insurance)	\$77.00
To:	009-7141-4161 (Glen Park Appropriations-Waste Containers)	\$1093.00
From:	009-7141-4163 (Glen Park Appropriations-Lighting Fixtures)	\$1000.00
	009-7141-4109 (Glen Park Appropriations-Insurance)	\$93.00

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the following ***budget transfer*** is hereby made in the **Sewer Fund** for the **2007 – 2008** fiscal year:

To:	007-1920-4000 (Municipal Association Dues)	\$168.00
From:	007-8120-4260 (Sanitary Sewers-Maint. Supplies)	\$168.00

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ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, 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 the purchase of a 2008 Ford F250 4x4 Super Duty Pick-up Truck out of the DPW capital reserve:

Increase:	001-0001-0599 (Appropriated Surplus)	\$26,300.00
Increase:	001-5110-2000 (Street Maintenance Equipment)	\$26,300.00

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, 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 grant received through Assemblyman Jim Hayes for Radio Equipment in the Fire Department, contract #TM07258:

Increase:	001-3410-2030 (Fire Protection-Radio Equipment)	\$9995.00
Increase:	001-0001-3090 (State Aid-Grants)	\$9995.00

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, 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 Beautification Grant received through Senator Mary Lou Rath Contract #M051111:

Increase:	001-8510-2000 (Community Beautification-Equipment)	\$5770.00
	001-7110-4230 (Community Beautification-Parks-Signs)	\$2870.00
	001-7110-4450 (Community Beautification-Parks-Misc.)	\$995.00
Increase:	001-0001-3090 (State Aid-Grants)	\$9635.00

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

WHEREAS, the tremendously high property tax burden on New York State families and businesses is the number one issue facing our community today, and the sheer cost of living in New York has forced many residents and businesses to leave, thus slowing the economic engine of the state; and

WHEREAS, young people are finding it difficult to purchase homes, seniors are struggling to maintain their homes, and businesses are facing immense challenges to create and retain jobs; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers face the highest property taxes in the nation, and when measured as a percentage of home value, nine of the top 10 property tax rates in the entire country belong to counties in New York; and the state must act now to thwart the detrimental effects that high property taxes are having on local governments; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Minority Conference Members have introduced the “*New York State Property Taxpayers Protection Act*” (Assembly Bill 8775-A), which puts forth new and innovative ideas for property tax reform that limit the amount school districts can raise annually through local tax levies to four percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less; in addition the act would relieve municipalities and school districts of unfunded mandates, reduce county Medicaid costs, strengthen financial accountability over school tax dollars, promote local government efficiency, and encourage local option insurance pooling; and

WHEREAS, the “New York State Property Taxpayers Protection Act” will help fix New York’s broken property tax system, providing homeowners, businesses and municipalities significant and lasting relief from the crushing burden of skyrocketing property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees acknowledges New York State’s property tax crisis and urges the immediate passage and chaptering of the “*New York State Property Taxpayers Protection Act*”, which will help local governments reinvigorate New York’s economy by providing incentives for people and businesses to move and stay here; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, each Western New York member of the New York State Legislature, the Erie County Executive and the Town of Amherst Supervisor.

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REPORT – Trustee Piazza

Trustee Piazza reported on the following topics: Earth Day and Arbor Day will be celebrated April 26, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Ed Young's parking lot, followed by a Green Event series at the Meeting House; Solar energy; AUC saved \$51,000 in natural gas costs in March; Village priorities; EAC meeting will be held April 21st; Siphon project.

Trustee Piazza had no resolutions.

REPORT – Trustee Kulpa

Trustee Kulpa reported on the following topics: Green Event Series; Glen Park retaining wall; Meeting House grant specs have been sent to SHPO; Ellicott Creek dam erosion; Community Plan received by Board.

Trustee Kulpa had no resolutions.

REPORT – Trustee Kingsley

Trustee Kingsley reported on the following topics: Budget transfers and other practices; Mill Restoration Committee; Youth & Recreation Committee meeting will be held on April 15th; Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in April.

Trustee Kingsley had no resolutions.

REPORT – Trustee Geary

Trustee Geary reported on the following topics: Tree Board is staking new tree locations; Tree planting will take place on May 3rd and 4th; Arbor Day/Earth Day will be celebrated April 26th; Beautification Committee will be prepping Village gardens on April 26th; thanked Tracy Galuski for her help with the Garrison Park play piece; Donation by Plantasia of \$3,000 in bushes through NYS Nurserymen; seconding of motions.

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

RESOLVED, that Christopher Petrie and Tim Petrie of Hutchinson Hose Co. are hereby authorized to attend Fire Expo 2008 in Harrisburg, PA, May 15 -18, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$317.00, to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that Richard Maddigan, Ed Lavery, Mike Meldrum, and Mike Nowak of Hutchinson Hose Co. are hereby authorized to attend Fire Expo 2008, in Harrisburg, PA, May 16-18, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$1,132.00, to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Kulpa, it was moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

Lynda L. Juul
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer