

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held in Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Present:                    Brian J. Kulpa, Trustee  
                                Brian J. Geary, Trustee  
                                Basil J. Piazza, Trustee  
                                Jeffrey L. Kingsley, Trustee  
  
                                Charles D. Grieco, Village Attorney  
                                Lynda L. Juul, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer  
                                Judith A. Kindron, Deputy Treasurer  
                                Marc Shuttleworth, DPW Crew Chief

Absent:                    Mary E. Lowther, Mayor

In Mayor Lowther's absence, Trustee Kulpa acted as Deputy Mayor.

**ON MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Kulpa seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 25, 2010.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

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

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

*Those who addressed the Board and their topics:*

*Judy Catalano, 57 Park Club Lane – Work Session discussion regarding zoning; Zoning Code; Development; Vacancies on Main Street.*

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*Richard Rich, 5854 Main St. – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the WBA; Requested DPW clean up of Main Street right-of-way; Status of Community Plan; Thanked Mayor Lowther for attending WBA meetings and acting as liaison; Invited the rest of the Board to attend WBA meetings starting in March.*

*Thomas Frank, 225 C Evans St. – Ellicott Creek most valuable asset in the Village; IJC meeting; War of 1812; Erosion of Island Park; Proposed moving Old Home Days event to Amherst State Park.*

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

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

**Report – Deputy Mayor Kulpa**

*Deputy Mayor Kulpa reported on the following topics: Zoning Code review; Community Plan.*

**ON MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Kulpa seconded by Trustee Piazza, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$173,425.52** covering the period from **1/18/10** to **2/03/10** are hereby approved as follows:

**Payroll covering: 1/18/10 – 1/31/10:** \$28,575.26

**Vouchers covering: 1/21/10 – 2/03/10:**

General Fund	\$84,006.98
Water Fund	\$40,976.67
Sewer Fund	\$4,171.73
Glen Park Fund	\$4,267.09
Trust & Agency Fund	\$11,427.79
Debt Service	\$0.00
Community Development	\$0.00
Capital Fund	\$0.00
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	<b>\$144,850.26</b>

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**GRAND TOTAL: \$173,425.52**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made in the *General Fund* for the *2009-2010* fiscal year:

To:	001-3410-4010 (Fire Protection-Office Supplies)	\$36.00
	001-3410-4160-3401 (Fire Protection-Truck Exp./Engine 1)	\$289.00
	001-3410-4160-3405 (Fire Protection-Truck Exp./Rescue 5)	\$1383.00
	001-3410-4160-3492 (Fire Protection-Truck Exp./Car 9-2)	\$132.00
	001-3410-4160-3409 (Fire Protection-Truck Exp./Car 9)	\$786.00
From:	001-3410-2070 (Fire Protection-Office Equipment)	\$36.00
	001-3410-4160 (Fire Protection-Truck Exp.)	\$2590.00
To:	001-1640-2000 (Central Garage-Equip.)	\$20.00
From:	001-1640-4070 (Central Garage-Utilities)	\$20.00
To:	007-8120-4163 (Sanitary Sewers-Sewer Cleaning/Televising)	\$1282.00
From:	007-8120-4117 (Sanitary Sewers-Equip./Siphoning)	\$1282.00

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the following *budget amendment* is hereby made in the *General Fund* for the *2009-2010* fiscal year to account for the purchase of a new truck #918.

Increase:	001-5110-2000 (Street Maint.-Equip.)	\$22038.00
Increase:	001-0001-0599 (Appropriated Surplus)	\$22038.00

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

**RESOLVED**, that *F. Robert Danni of 156 Morningstar Court, Williamsville, New York*, is hereby appointed as *Code Enforcement Officer, Part-Time*, at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

**Report – Trustee Kingsley**

*Trustee Kingsley reported on the following topics: Youth & Rec Winterfest was a tremendous success; Mill architect will attend the 2/22 Village Board meeting; First budget meeting will be held 2/14 at 9:00 a.m.; Zoning Code.*

Trustee Kingsley had no resolutions.

**Report – Trustee Geary**

*Trustee Geary reported on the following topics: Tree Board; Tree pruning by National Grid; Parks Committee.*

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

**RESOLVED**, that Dave Kubiak, Michael Measer, John Licata, and Eric Weinreber of the Williamsville Fire Department are hereby authorized to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana for the FDIC Firefighter Conference from 4/20/10 to 4/24/10, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Williamsville Tree Board's mission is to advise and support matters that impact the beauty, biological integrity and environmental quality of the community through its stewardship of the Village urban forest; and

**WHEREAS**, *Arbor Day* is celebrated during this time; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that in order to provide a high quality of life in Williamsville, each one of us must be good stewards of our air, water, land, flora and fauna; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that actions to protect and preserve trees through education, partnership and positive action should be encouraged.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees hereby proclaims that *Arbor Day* shall be celebrated in the Village of Williamsville on Saturday, April 24, 2010, including celebration activities and recognitions.

Motion carried. 4 - 0.

**Report – Trustee Piazza:**

*Trustee Piazza reported on the following topics:* Environmental Committee will meet 2/15; Earth Day; Conservation tips; AUC meeting 2/9; Jolly Boys Scholarship and support of youth; Jolly Boys Youth Scholarship applications are due 3/6.

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

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Williamsville (the “Village”) has constructed water system facilities within all areas of the Village, which are owned, operated and maintained by the Village; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Village under the Bulk Service Agreement receives potable water supply from the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA); and

**WHEREAS**, the ECWA provides direct service to various other communities within the region and for these areas, the ECWA owns the water system facilities and has all responsibilities, including capital improvements and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, several other communities are currently converting or considering converting to ECWA direct service/lease management due to anticipated cost savings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village believes there may be opportunities to reduce costs and improve efficiencies for their residents by having the ECWA takeover water service within the Village as a direct service provider, there by eliminating all future involvement and responsibility of the Village with respect to its water system facilities except for the payment of certain hydrant fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the ECWA has certain water system standards that the Village must comply with prior to becoming a direct service customer, and such standards may require improvements which the Village must identify and determine the financial impact of; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village in collaboration with the ECWA is submitting an application to the New York State Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Program to study the feasibility of consolidating/regionalizing water services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the LGE Grant Program has announced that it will accept applications for its “General Efficiency Planning Grant Project”, where the maximum grant request is \$25,000, including a required 10 percent matching local share; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGE Grant Program provides technical assistance and awards financial support for projects that will improve municipal efficiency and reduce costs through shared services, cooperative agreements, mergers, consolidations and dissolutions; and

**WHEREAS**, opportunities may exist between the Village and the ECWA to work collaboratively to find ways to improve efficiencies, reduce service costs, and provide for a sustainable water infrastructure for their respective ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, an application entitled the “Village of Williamsville and Erie County Water Authority Water Consolidation Study” would consist of a detailed feasibility study to determine the viability of consolidating the Village water system into the ECWA county-wide system as a direct service customer for the benefit of their ratepayers; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Village and ECWA will work cooperatively to share all necessary information in a timely manner to facilitate this grant application and feasibility study; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or an Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA) with the ECWA that will be contingent on the awarding of the grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Village that it hereby authorizes the Village Mayor and designee, the Village Administrator, Lynda Juul (project contact person) to apply for, a General Efficiency Planning Grant from the New York State Department of State in an amount of \$25,000, with a local match of 10 percent (\$2,500), to be paid by the Village; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village is hereby designated as the “Lead Agency” for this General Efficiency Planning Grant and fully authorizes the Mayor and designee to apply and execute all administrative and financial processes to supervise the grant.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Williamsville Environmental Advisory Commission’s mission is to advise and support matters that impact the beauty, biological integrity and environmental quality of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that in order to provide a high quality of life in Williamsville, each one of us must be good stewards of our air, water, land, flora and fauna; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that actions to protect and preserve the environment through education, partnership and positive action should be encouraged; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Williamsville wishes to recognize the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Earth Day*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby proclaims *Earth Day* to be celebrated in the Village of Williamsville on Saturday, April 24, 2010, with a variety of educational, earth-focused activities for the community.

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**ON MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to leave the regular agenda to open the Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss a legal matter.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

**ON MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to close the Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. and return to the regular agenda.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

**ON MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Kingsley, it was moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15p.m.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

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Lynda L. Juul  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer