

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held in the Village Meeting House, 5658 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Present: Brian J. Kulpa, Mayor
 Basil J. Piazza, Trustee
 Daniel O. DeLano, Trustee
 Christopher J. Duquin, Trustee
 John "Al" Yates, Trustee

Also present: Charles D. Grieco, Village Attorney
 Lynda L. Juul, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
 Judy A. Kindron, Deputy Treasurer
 Kenneth Kostowniak, DPW Crew Chief
 Charles Specht, Director of Community Development

ON MOTION by Mayor Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2013, as submitted.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Duquin, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to hear all persons interested in commenting on a proposed modification to Chapter 112 (Zoning) to allow manufacturing in conjunction with retail in the MU District and to make certain technical amendments to eliminate internal inconsistencies and to clarify procedures for granting special use permits.

The Administrator read aloud the legal notice as it appeared in the November 6, 2013 Amherst Bee.

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The member of the audience who addressed the Board and his topics:

Bill Tuyn, 241 Columbia Dr. – Would be concerned about the definitions; He was comfortable with the wording read by Village Attorney Grieco.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Duquin, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to hear all persons interested in commenting on the proposed use of the 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The Administrator read aloud the legal notice as it appeared in the November 6, 2013 Amherst Bee.

Mayor Kulpa discussed the CDBG program. The Board is proposing to use the funds on the red house (60 E. Spring St.) on the Williamsville Water Mill property.

No one from the audience addressed the Board.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to close the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

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State of the Village Address

Mayor Kulpa gave a PowerPoint presentation on the state of the Village and opened it up to questions from the audience.

Members of the audience who addressed the Board and their topics (Village Board's responses in italics):

1. Trey Measer, 90 S. Ellicott St. – Asked for an update on the status of the HAWK signal. *(DOT is studying it.)*
2. Sarah Mischler, 186 Evans St. – Thanked Ken Kostowniak and the DPW for everything they have done at the Meeting House.
3. Chuck Akers, 170 S. Cayuga Rd. – Moved his office into the Village and is really enjoying it; Encouraged better communication on the part of the Board as to timelines for projects; Asked if the revamping of Spring Street would be completed before the Bills win the Superbowl. *(Hoping to complete this project in the next 1 ½ to 2 years.)*
4. Sergio Fornasiero, 5854 Main St. – Asked for opening date for Sweet Jenny's in the Mill *(Dec. 7th)*
5. Unidentified audience member - Will Sweet Jenny's in the Mill be a year 'round business? *(There is currently a month to month lease);* He has been involved with government officials since the 1970's and has never seen a harder working group.
6. Unidentified audience member – Asked for an update on Iskalo's commitment as well as a timeline. *(Iskalo is still in the picture; Village needs to use all the grants before we can transfer the property to another entity.)*
7. Tom Fisher, 198 Monroe Dr. – As a winter activity suggested that after snow removal, DPW mound up snow for kids to play in; Asked if there was a goal or plan for the empty lot at Main and Garrison *(None that we are aware.)*
8. Annette Herrman, HomeRun Creative Services, 5456 Main St. - Holiday in the Village event is December 7th; “When in WMSVL” app will be launched with a scavenger hunt.
9. Eileen Wall, 27 Howard Ave. – Gave the Board a lead on a canon and wondered if that was followed up on *(In process of following up on it.)*
10. A Hirschfield resident – Asked who will be working on the website? *(Still formulating a plan to determine what we want to get out of it.)*

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11. Unidentified audience member – Asked what Senator Ranzenhofer and Assemblyman Walter have done for the Village – What can they do. (*Senator Ranzenhofer and Assemblyman Walter have had meetings with NYSDOT urging them to work with us and have given us assistance with federal funding*); Asked if there is anything they could do but have not done yet. (*Not at this point.*)

12. Tom Fisher, 198 Monroe Dr. – Make the website evolutionary not revolutionary; Can work on it incrementally.

13. Unidentified audience member - Asked if Village has tried involving high school kids, scout troops, etc. in planning. (*Have had some Eagle Scout troops over the years get involved in the parks, Glen Park Art Festival, tree plantings, etc.*)

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

Unanimously carried.

No one from the audience addressed the board.

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

Unanimously carried.

Report – Mayor Kulpa

Mayor Kulpa – No report.

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

RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$620,124.37** covering the period from **11/07/13** to **11/20/13** are hereby approved as follows:

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From: 001-5110-4161 (Street Maintenance-Repairs/Equipment)	\$2719.00
To: 001-1640-2000 (Central Garage-Equip.)	\$966.00
001-1640-4160 (Central Garage-Building Repairs)	\$278.00
From: 001-1640-4160 (Central Garage-Building Repairs/Maint.)	\$1244.00
To: 001-7550-4520 (Celebrations-Music in the Park)	\$135.00
001-7550-4980 (Celebrations-Oktoberfest)	\$41.00
From: 001-7550-4540 (Celebrations-Glen Park Art Festival)	\$176.00

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfer* is hereby made in the *General Fund* for the *2013-2014* fiscal year:

To: 001-6989-1000 (Other Econ. Oppty. & Dev./Personal Services)	\$32,500.00
From: 001-1990-4000 (Contingency - Contingent Account)	\$25,000.00
001-6410-4111 (Publicity -Website)	\$5,000.00
001-7110-4660 (Parks - Trees Maint./Replacement)	\$2,500.00

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget amendment* is hereby made in the *General Fund* for the *2013-2014* fiscal year to account for the National Grid award for the *10,000 Trees and Growing Program*:

Increase: 001-0001-2770 (Misc. Revenue)	\$5450.00
Increase: 001-8560-4360 (Shade Trees – Tree Replacement/Regular)	\$5450.00

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

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed as members of the *Arts & Culture Committee* until the end of the **2013-2014** official Village year.

1. Mary Sue Bauer, 365 Rambling Rd., E. Amherst
2. Lauren Etu, 91 Monroe Dr., Williamsville
3. Claire Lynch, 347 Frankhauser, Amherst
4. Vincent Mastrantonio, 23 Arend Ave., Williamsville

Unanimously carried.

Report – Trustee Yates

Trustee Yates reported on the following topic(s): Youth & Rec movie on 12/13 at 7pm – Polar Express; Thanked Sarah Mischler for her kind comments.

Trustee Yates had no resolutions on the agenda.

Report – Trustee DeLano

Trustee DeLano reported on the following topic(s): Check from National Grid for planting trees meeting their criteria under power lines; Tree City application.

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

RESOLVED, that Brian J. Kulpa, as Mayor of the Village of Williamsville, or such person's successor, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for 50% matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Williamsville for tree planting and right-of-way restoration.

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Report – Trustee Duquin

Trustee Duquin reported on the following topic(s): Right-of-way restoration in areas that were paved over in the past to bring green space and trees back.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Village of Williamsville, contracts with the Town of Amherst and Williamsville Fire Department/Hutchinson Hose Company, for fire protection for the year 2014 in the following districts:

Autumn Harvest	District #1
Lamm Post	District #2
Lehn Springs	District #3
Mill Street	District #4
Park Club Lane	District #15
Williamsville - Sheridan	District #16

Unanimously carried.

Report – Trustee Piazza

Trustee Piazza reported on the following topic(s): The Historic Preservation Commission is working on nominations of 45 properties as historic designated sites.

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

RESOLVED, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to publish legal notice of a public hearing to be held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., in Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, to hear all persons interested in commenting on a proposed water rate increase.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

Lynda L. Juul
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer