

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Keaton DePriest, Director of Community Development led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:32pm.

Present: Deborah L. Rogers, Mayor
Basil J. Piazza, Deputy Mayor
Matthew J. Etu, Trustee
John Murphy, Trustee
John "Al" Yates, Jr., Trustee

Also present: Judith A. Kindron, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Ben Vilonen, DPW Crew Chief
Charles Grieco, Village Attorney
Hazel J. Pasco, Deputy Treasurer
Keaton DePriest, Director of Community Development

The Village Board meeting was opened at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Rogers

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2020, as submitted.

Unanimously carried

Mayor Rogers - this is a Historic Meeting for the Village of Williamsville.

Trustee Etu – Meeting is being held in accordance with EO 202.1 of the NYS Governor Cuomo

Public Hearing
2020-2021 Tentative Budget

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 7:45 to open this public hearing.

Unanimously carried

Director of Community Development Keaton DePriest explained agenda & where to find on website. Recording will be available on the website tomorrow. Budget is on the website and he reviewed additional rules.

Audience comments

1. **Peggy Lane – Hirschfield** – ramifications above tax cap. [*Mayor Rogers – there are no ramifications. There are steps that need to be followed, which the Village is following*]

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2. **Mary Lowther – 120 N. Ellicott St.** - % of increase after the 2% taxable valuation. Look at senior discount? [*Trustee Murphy – can get list from Town*]. Maybe 30-50 more people would qualify. [*Trustee Etu – looked at Town. They are more advanced than Village. Scale of Village range is low. This is something that should be looked at and addressed. Probably cannot be applied to 2020-2021*]. [*Mayor Rogers provided the annual salaries for Mayor: \$9,765.52 and Trustees: \$6,783.85*]
3. **Dan Rider – Garden Parkway** – Court questions- double fines, speed zone cameras in school zones. [*Mayor Rogers – this is State approval for Main Street. Stringent process.*] [*Deputy Mayor Piazza – will take time, but worth looking at*]. [*Trustee Etu & Trustee Yates – agree it should be looked into*]. [*Mayor Rogers – Captain Brown – do not support policing for profit*]. What about funds for new email system? [*Trustee Etu – need to work with the Town on file transfer*]. Painting of Meeting House doors [*DPW Crew Chief Vilonen – CDBG for pointing, painting of door. Documents are in the works. Picture circa 1890 – taller doors, no window*]. Solicit donations, have fundraisers. [*Attorney Grieco – Village fund raising, Village cannot engage in fund raising, solicitation of moneys*]. He (Dan Rider) was happy with the way the meeting is going. [*Trustee Etu – shared photo of Meeting House doors*].
4. **Nick Roth – 135 Oakgrove** – Pilots – 17,500 – Sales Tax [*Mayor Deb Rogers – Explained the Boards budget meeting from 2/29/2020*]. [*Administrator Kindron explained how many active Pilots and plan for loss of sales tax*]. [*Deputy Mayor Piazza explained some of long chunks that will not be long term continuation*]. [*Trustee Etu – correct- park increase is anticipated for 5 years, permit review fees are added*].

Any Board comments:

Deputy Mayor Piazza – We do not know if any FEMA money will flow to Village.

Trustee Etu – 3rd budget cycle. Gone through line by line. Cut parties, events, fun things. Raised fees on rental, permits, generate revenue as much as we can. Each year we get handed down more requirements. We have tightened the belt. This is our only recourse other than to turn the lights out and roll up the carpet.

Mayor Rogers - keep hearing open until 8:00pm April 24, 2020. The Board will vote on the budget 4/27/2020.

Director of Community Development DePriest – stated that email comments/questions will be open until 8:00pm 4/24/2020.

Attorney Grieco – keeping comments open until 4/24/2020; there will be no live comments, only email.

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 8:30pm to continue the public hearing until 8:00pm on 4/24/2020.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 8:30 to open public participation.

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Member(s) of the audience who addressed the Board and their comment(s) [*Board of Trustees' comments are in italics*]

- 1.) **Nick Roth – 135 Oakgrove** – Asked about hiring a contractor for parking consultant. Hopes Village has not entered into a contract. [*Mayor Rogers – No, Village has not*].
- 2.) **Dan Rider – 38 Garden Parkway** – Asked Trustee Etu about Meeting House doors. He has been looking at old churches for past 6+ months. Wants a copy of picture. Hold off on painting, maybe recreate large doors. [*Trustee Etu – sent picture to Dan Rider*]. [*Mayor Rogers – with budget the way it is, Village does not have money to make changes*]. [*DPW Crew Chief Vilonen- has not gone out to bid yet*].

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 8:45 to close public participation.

Report – Mayor Rogers

*Resolution #2 is to extend union contract to May 31, 2021 due to COVID-19.
Stay safe & be healthy*

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$210,679.50** covering the period from 3/16/2020 – 4/7/2020 are hereby approved as follows:

Payroll covering 3/16/2020 – 3/29/2020: \$35,204.15

Vouchers covering 3/18/2020 – 4/7/2020:

General Fund	\$134,419.51
Water Fund	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$16,066.84
Glen Park Fund	\$150.62
Trust & Agency Fund	\$12,772.75
Debt Service	\$12,065.63
Community Development	\$0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>\$175,475.35</u>

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GRAND TOTAL:

\$210,678.50

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ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Village and the AFSCME N.Y. Council 66, Local 1783-C (“Union”) are parties to a labor contract effective from June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2020 (“CBA”); and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, the Governor of the State of New York declared a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the Covid-19 pandemic (“State of Emergency”); and

WHEREAS, effective from March 17, 2020 – April 15, 2020, and extended to April 29, 2020 through Executive Order 202.14, the Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Order No. 202.4, which provides:

Any local government or political subdivision shall, effective March 17, 2020, allow non-essential personnel as determined by the local government, to be able to work from home or take leave without charging accruals, except for those personnel essential to the locality’s response to the COVID-19 emergency. Such non-essential personnel shall total no less than fifty-percent (50%) of the total number of employees across the entire workforce of such local government or political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, due to the State of Emergency, both the Village and the Union desire to extend the term of the current CBA, with certain modifications to protect both the Village and the Union during the State of Emergency, as memorialized in a Memorandum of Understanding negotiated between the Village and the Union;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Village, the Memorandum of Agreement between AFSCME N.Y. Council 66, Local 1783-C (Village of Williamsville D.P.W. Employee’s Union) and Village of Williamsville and to take any and all such further steps as are necessary to effectuate the terms thereof.

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Report – Trustee Etu

Stay safe, follow guidelines for social distancing

Report – Trustee Murphy

Echo's Mayor & Trustee Etu

Report – Deputy Mayor Piazza

Ditto on safety comments

Doors on Meeting House Historic Preservation? Yes

Report – Trustee Yates

Echo others

Special thanks to medical, first responders, grocery stores

Staff Reports

Attorney Greico:

This is the time to work on projects like this (sewer consolidation)

Things are changing very quickly. Village must respond quickly. Do the best we can to keep things running.

Deputy Treasurer Pasco:

Stay safe everyone

Director of Community Development DePriest:

Thank you to all that showed up virtually

DPW Crew Chief:

Thank you

DPW is working 5 guys on every other day

A team/ B team, equity to crew

Brush today, general

Sanitary sewer – broken main on Arend, 150ft of pipe beyond break. Clean ground water flow through pipe. Village needs to get system up to snuff.

Fire Department: no report

Izzy from the Bee Newspaper – Just to confirm the Village will accept budget comments through 8:00pm on 4/24/2020.

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm

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Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer