

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, May 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

DPW Crew Chief Vilonen led the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:04pm.

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
Hazel J. Pasco, Deputy Treasurer
Keaton DePriest, Director of Community Development
Ben Vilonen, DPW Crew Chief
Charles Grieco, Village Attorney

The Village Board meeting was opened at 8:04 p.m. by Mayor Rogers

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 27, 2020, as submitted.

Unanimously carried

Public Hearing

Reduce the number of Planning/Architectural Review Board

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 8:06 p.m. to open this public hearing that was continued from March 9, 2020.

Attorney Greico – *this is a different version from March 9th draft. He explained Section 7-718 difference/ Village Board to use something other than NY State Village Law for terms.*

Deputy Mayor Piazza – *In the future the Board can make changes by resolution.*

Attorney Greico – *Practice for Village members to 3 year terms.*

If public hearing is closed, Chip will clean up draft to be consistent with what the Board would like.

Trustee Yates – *Straw pole vote of where the Board stands*

Trustee Yates – would like to keep as 7

Mayor Rogers – in favor of 7

Trustee Murphy – in favor of 7

Deputy Mayor Piazza – not in favor

Trustee Etu – not expressing an opinion

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ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved at 8:25 p.m. to close this public hearing that was continued from March 9, 2020.

Unanimously carried

Public Hearing
Prohibit excessive Offensive Lighting

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved at 8:26 p.m. to open this public hearing.

Mayor Rogers – *on March 9, 2020 meeting there was only 1 resident, Amy Alexander that spoke. Mayor reached out to Amy for any suggestions.*

- 1.) Lighting would not be allowed to cause glare to drivers or pedestrians.
- 2.) Usage of neon /laser lights, only for decorative displays.

Attorney Greico – *stated that lighting regulation design standard is in the MU code. None in residential district. Drafted as general applicability to fill the gap. General anti-nuisance to apply to anyone. Design standards for MU, NMU are very clear. Need to be careful not to create confusion/conflict with what is already there.*

- 1.) **Jordan Abrams** – 130 Milton St. –Flags need to be illuminated overnight (Federal guidelines). Up lighting in front yards looks really nice. [**Attorney Greico** – *probably several ground signs that are uplit. Taken from E. Aurora. Maybe Tim Masters could check with E. Aurora.*] [**Mayor Rogers** – *suggested eliminate “b” from draft*].
- 2.) **Nick Roth** – 135 Oakgrove – Will there be a definition of obnoxious. [**Attorney Greico** – *it is nuisance language. It will be subjective. Will have to be proven.*] [**Mayor Rogers** – *can be subjective. Person can complain to C.E.O. and explain their reasons behind complaint*]. [**Deputy Mayor Piazza** – *is non-compliance covered elsewhere in code?*] [**Attorney Greico** – *Yes*]

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 8:39 p.m. to close this public hearing.

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Public Hearing

Disability and Senior Exemption Limits on Taxation

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 8:40 p.m. to open this public hearing.

Look at value of “M”. This will change along with Town. Makes sense since the Town is the assessing unit for the Village.

Attorney Greico – 1999 first adopted under Mayor Piazza.

Mayor Rogers – Good benefit to be in step with the Town

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved at 8:45 p.m. to close this public hearing.

Unanimously carried

Public Hearing

Parks Master Plan & Guidance Documents

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved at 8:46 p.m. to open this public hearing that is a continuation from March 9, 2020.

Trustee Etu presentation (PowerPoint) POP 2025 (POP=Picture Our Parks) Guidance document – (PGD)

- 1) **Nick Roth** – 135 Oakgrove – East/West tennis court, most are North/South so not to have to play into the rising/setting sun.

Deputy Mayor Piazza – any guestimate on time frame?

Trustee Etu – named 2025 with hope to ambitiously achieve by then.

Trustee Yates – nice work, you and the committee did a great job.

Trustee Murphy – will power point be available?

Trustee Etu – yes

Mayor Rogers – since we are unsure of SAM grant, will we move forward this fall with the \$125,000 in the budget?

Trustee Etu – unsure of community build this year. Maybe move forward with some other smaller (low hanging fruits) jobs first.

Mayor Rogers – Island Park play piece okay to leave up another year?

DPW Crew Chief Vilonen – feels it is safe. He would let his child play on it. DPW went over it about a month ago, when the swings went up.

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved at 9:44 p.m. to continue this public hearing at the next Village Board meeting on May 26, 2020.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 9:45 p.m. to open the public participation portion of the meeting.

Unanimously carried

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

- 1) **Jordan Abram – 130 Milton St.** – Thanks to DPW; baseball diamond looks nice. Repair to Tennis court looks good, No Parking sign pulled down on California. S. Long path by Int'l Chimney - No Smoking sign that is on the ground. Gazebo – low hanging flashing needs to be rehung. Glass block in S. Long park bathroom is broken. So is the outlet box cover. Asked Mayor Rogers about incident at S. Long basketball court – car parked on court, loud music, was camera paid for by Village? This happened at 9:00pm on Sunday 5/3/2020, hold these people accountable? [*Mayor Rogers – sent Jordans video to Captain Brown at APD. Concerned that officer showed up and nothing was done.*] [*DPW Crew Chief Vilonen – camera is accessible by APD for serval months. Accessible by Administrator.*] [*Mayor Rogers – this was an APD issue*]. Asking if APD has view of basketball court. Remind APD they have this camera view because it is relatively new. Hold APD accountable. Looking to feel safe walking his dog on a Sunday night. [*Trustee Yates – press charges for damage to basketball court*]. Jordan feels officer was intimidated by the number of kids that were there. Has seen 2 incidents in Village Park. Section House-request Natale to close main gate and vehicle gate each night. Please stay on top of them. Wants Village to charge them for items that they damage. [*Mayor Rogers – Thank you for your comments. She will follow up*].
- 2) **Nick Roth – 135 Oakgrove** – Apologized for the disruption before Thanked the Board for work on Budget. Is there a plan to transfer Sewer System to Town or Erie County? [*DPW Crew Chief Vilonen – conversation we are having with the Town. Must fix the system before transferring. 6 million to fix*]. Requesting bids for paving – no storm receiver on Oakgrove- will this be addressed? [*DPW Crew Chief Vilonen – Not in the plan for this. With rain today, feels about 50% certainty that it will be corrected. On the radar now*].

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Murphy, it was moved at 10:06 p.m. to close the public participation.

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Report – Mayor Rogers

Swings at Garrison Park?

Trustee Etu- put them up. People must be smart about use

Administrator Kindron – should we put signs in the bathrooms?

Trustee Etu – take lead from NYS-Open Parks but not bathrooms

Crew Chief Vilonen – what about port-a-potties?

Mayor Rogers – if parks are open, open brick and mortar restrooms. Sign on the door “use at your own risk”

Crew Chief Vilonen – hard to get cleaning solution

Will schedule bathrooms to be open once ECWA can turn on water.

Mayor Rogers – Keaton, you are doing a great job with these meetings! Thank you

Farmers market to open June 6th

Attorney Grieco – Farmers Markets were identified as essential for food

Trustee Yates – allowing them to bring other products too since they are not creating additional risk.

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$233,748.43** covering the period from 4/13/2020 – 5/5/2020 are hereby approved as follows:

Payroll covering 4/13/2020 – 4/26/2020: \$38,958.50

Vouchers covering 4/22/2020 – 5/5/2020:

General Fund	\$176,009.36
Water Fund	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$1,786.77
Glen Park Fund	\$0.00
Trust & Agency Fund	\$16,493.80
Debt Service	\$0.00
Community Development	\$0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$500.00</u>
	\$194,789.93

GRAND TOTAL: **\$233,748.43**

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ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that an amendment to the Sewer Fund O & M rate to \$5.8988/1000 gallons of water consumption for the tax year 2020-2021 due to an error in previous calculations is hereby approved

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 10:07 p.m. to go off regular agenda.

Unanimously carried

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

RESOLVED, that light duty is hereby approved for David Klein for the period through August 2020 is hereby approved.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved at 10:08 p.m. to return to regular agenda.

Unanimously carried

Report – Trustee Yates

*Thanked Beautification for their hard work in the parks
Garden Walk will be virtual this year
Trees-will do some tree planting that was in the budget
Environmental Advisory Council has not met*

Report – Trustee Etu

*Gratitude to Parks Committee
Gratitude to Mr. DePriest who has been doing a super job with these meetings. Thank you*

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ON MOTION by Trustee Etu, seconded by Trustee Yates, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to publish a Notice of Public Hearing to be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., in Village Hall, 5565 Main St., Williamsville, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 13 proposed local landmarks as recommended by the Village of Williamsville Historic Preservation Commission

Unanimously carried

Report – Trustee Murphy

Glen Park Joint Board has not met

Thank you to Trustee Etu on a great report tonight

Thank you to Crew Chief Vilonen/DPW for picking up a TV that he had out

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed amendments to Chapter 103 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Village Code to clarify parking enforcement of private property, that was the subject of a public hearing on Monday March 9, 2020, is hereby adopted as **Local Law 4 of 2020**.

Unanimously carried

Staff Reports

Attorney Greico: No reports.

Deputy Treasurer Pasco: No reports

Director of Community Development DePriest:

This meetings identity was stolen tonight for a short time

Attorney Greico-items were disturbing. May ask APD to look at them. How do we legally decide who can and cannot come in

Mayor Rogers-Does the Board want APD on future meetings?

Crew Chief Vilonen- APD has very good internet task force

Trustee Yates- talk to Julie. She does this for the Town

Mayor Rogers-Keaton, please forward recording to Craig Johnson

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DPW Crew Chief:

Crew Chief Vilonen- starting next Monday going to full crew

Bee News – *Izzy from the Bee asked this – Planning Board Law to be voted on will not have 7 to 5 in it?*

That is correct

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:33pm

Unanimously carried

Judith A. Kindron
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer