

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, July 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

The Village Board meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Rogers

Trustee Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30pm.

Present: Deborah L. Rogers, Mayor
Basil J. Piazza, Deputy Mayor
Matthew J. Etu, 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
Charles Grieco, Village Attorney

Absent: John Murphy, Trustee
Ben Vilonen, DPW Crew Chief

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 22, 2020, as submitted.

Motion carried 4-0

Public Hearing
Parks Master Plan & Guidance Documents

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 7:37 p.m. to open this public hearing that is a continuation from March 11, 2020.

Motion carried 4-0

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Yates, it was moved at 7:38 p.m. to close this public hearing and continue it on July 27, 2020.

Motion carried 4-0

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ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved at 7:39 p.m. to open the public participation portion of the meeting.

Motion carried 4-0

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

- 1) **Michele Mesi-S. Cayuga Rd. - Wellington Ct.** - Drain gets plugged eroding the roads. Flooded front yard, river in back yard. Concerned about winter, freezing and people walking in the street. Worried about bedroom, on slab. Been there since 1999, problem just the past 3 years. Receiver is on road. [*Trustee Etu – suggested televisive line and also talk to Ben and the Town of Amherst, Town of Cheektowaga, Village, County, about the road*] [*Mayor Rogers- storm drain does not have capacity when it rains hard. Can Town televisive*]?. Yellow house, red roof, lots of flowers. Traffic on street around 11:30pm-midnight is very fast. [*Mayor Rogers – we are reaching out to Amherst police*].
- 2) **Team Hunt – owner of 75 Evans**- Did they want to ask for a public hearing? Christine Hunt – no objection to it being voted upon without a public hearing.
- 3) **Dan Rider**- 38 Garden Parkway- request executive session to discuss a property issue. Confidential & sensitive. It would effective the value. [*Attorney Grieco-Board cannot discuss property issues unless it effectives the value*]. [*Trustee Etu – Dan call me*].

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 8:01 p.m. to close the public participation.

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Report – Mayor Rogers

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made in the *General Fund* for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

To:	001-3410-4160-3401 (Fire Protection/Truck Expense E-1)	\$580.00
	001-3410-4160-3402 (Fire Protection/Truck Expense E-2)	\$580.00
From:	001-3410-4160-0000 (Fire Protection/Truck Expense)	\$1,160.00

Motion carried 4-0

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

RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of \$301,448.39 covering the period from 6/17/2020 – 7/07/2020 are hereby approved as follows:

Payroll covering- 6/08/2020 – 6/21/2020: \$45,855.93

Payroll covering- 6/22/2020 – 7/05/2020: \$36,846.88

Vouchers covering- 6/17/2020 – 7/07/2020:

General Fund	\$105,404.06
Water Fund	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$4,158.10
Glen Park Fund	\$141.40
Trust & Agency Fund	\$30,221.81
Debt Service	\$72,600.00
Community Development	\$0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$6,220.21</u>
	\$218,745.58

GRAND TOTAL: **\$301,448.39**

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

RESOLVED, that the use of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant funds of approximately \$30,000.00 for Project #2 be amended to the Village Meeting House Exterior Restoration.

Motion carried 4-0

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

WHEREAS, the Williamsville Meeting House Exterior Restoration project was duly advertised and bids were opened on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the project is hereby awarded to Horizon Masonry Restoration for their low base bid of \$26,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following bid alternates/allowances may apply:

- Alternate #1: \$10,750 Additional Masonry
- Alternate #2: \$12,000 New Hardware at Door #101
- Alternate #3: \$6,500 New Hardware at Door #102
- Alternate #4: \$7,700 Replacement of Rear Doors at Grade
- Alternate #5: \$1,100 New Roof-mounted Lights

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Report – Trustee Yates

Beautification is still working hard, even in this heat.

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

WHEREAS, African Americans across the state of Texas were made aware of their right to freedom on June 19, 1865, more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863, when Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston with federal troops to read General Order No. 3 announcing the end of the Civil War and that all enslaved people were now free, as well as to maintain a presence in Texas for the purpose of enforcement of emancipation among slave-owners throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the New York State and its local governments have a tradition of acknowledging significant milestones in advancing the cause of freedom, and New Yorkers, some of whom descend directly from those brave men and women that gained freedom on that day, join in celebrating the anniversary of the official announcement made in the State of Texas regarding the abolition of slavery and the freeing of some quarter-million African Americans, which anniversary has come to be known as Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Juneteenth honors the history, perseverance, and achievements of African Americans, and celebrates America’s progress and continuing commitment to realizing the principles of liberty and equality upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, this observance is a reminder of the hardships and losses suffered by African Americans in their struggle to attain freedom, and we pay tribute to the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in this quest; through their experiences and those of others who were successful in achieving victory, we find among the most poignant and valuable lessons of humankind that continue to resonate with people of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the official emancipation of African Americans throughout the United States literally and figuratively opened doors of opportunity that enabled following generations to contribute immeasurably to our nation’s richness, equality of citizens, and global leadership, and today communities across New York State mark the anniversary of Juneteenth with appropriate commemoration; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all New Yorkers, including the residents and employees of the Village of Williamsville, join to commemorate such an important day in our nation’s history, and take the opportunity to reflect upon and rejoice in the freedom and civil rights that we all share as Americans;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Governor officially recognized June 19, 2020 is as Juneteenth and declared that Juneteenth shall be a holiday for state employees;

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NOW, THEREFORE, effective in the calendar year 2021 and thereafter, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville designates Juneteenth as an official holiday within the Village, during which Village Hall and other Villages offices will be closed and Village employees, who if not required to work, shall be entitled to leave at full pay without charge to existing accruals and for those employees who are required to work, they shall receive one day of compensatory time.

Motion carried 4-0

Staff Reports

Administrator Kindron: no report

Attorney Greico:

Regarding SEQR determination of 135 Evans

Deputy Treasurer Pasco: no report

Director of Community Development DePriest:

Rock on Williamsville- drop a painted rock day from Beautification

Garden Walk 2020 is virtual, look for videos

DPW Crew Chief:

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 8:18 p.m. to open the Executive Session portion of the agenda to discuss the employment of a specific Village employee and to discuss a pending litigation matter.

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Etu, it was moved at 9:09 p.m. to close the Executive Session portion of the agenda and to return to regular agenda.

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Piazza, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09pm

Motion carried 4-0

Judith A. Kindron
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer