

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held at Village of Williamsville, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, NY on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

The Village Board meeting was opened at 7:34 pm by Mayor Rogers

Trustee Lowther led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:34pm.

Present: Deborah L. Rogers, Mayor
Daniel O. DeLano, Deputy Mayor
Mary Lowther, Trustee
Eileen A. Torre, Trustee
Christine L. Hunt, Trustee

Also present: Judith A. Kindron, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Kelsey Lieb, Deputy Treasurer
Ben Vilonen, DPW Crew Chief
Charles Grieco, Village Attorney

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Torre, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 13, 2023.

Unanimously carried

Public Hearing

2023-2024 Budget

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Torre, it was moved at 7:35 p.m. to open the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Unanimously carried

No comments

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Hunt, it was moved at 7:36 p.m. to close this public hearing.

Unanimously carried

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Public Hearing

Tax Exemption for Active Volunteer Firefighters

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Torre, it was moved at 7:36 p.m. to open the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Unanimously carried

- 1.) **Rick Andrews**-50 Year member, Chairman of the Board of Directors. May entice younger members to purchase homes in the Village. Thank'd the Board for considering the Firefighter exemption.

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Delano, it was moved at 7:38 p.m. to close this public hearing.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Trustee Torre, it was moved at 7:38 pm 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.) **Doug Richardson- 365 Oakgrove-** Trucks park across the sidewalk. Commercial trucks are not allowed overnight. Ruts are 3-4 feet. Who fixes ruts? Trash cans out all day, every day. Deputy Mayor Delano went to look at it. Code enforcement or police? Truck-police, trash code.
- 2.) **Charlie Ciotta**-No code enforcement without any teeth. Violation says 10 days. Follow up. Budget-snow removal for business district. Mary addressed with WBA. Encouraged WBA perhaps a few that have private plow service to ask them to hire to plow a cut through to street.
- 3.) **Thomas Frank-5403 Main St.**-Thank'd Village Board for backing Town on Ellicott Creek Study. Sent comments to Town's LWRP regarding connectivity to Village. Tributary of Niagara River Watershed, Flood plain, NY Power project relicensing FERC 2216. 150,902 comments on Ellicott Creek Greenway interconnection.
- 4.) **Joe Salteri-23 Rinewalt**-Parking situation at Main & Rinewalt has become very busy. Iskalo building employees are parking in the street all day and into the night. It's become a nuisance. Hydrants on east side of street. Will write letter to Iskalo. [*Deputy Mayor DeLano-He and Trustee Torre will go tomorrow and look at it*]. Busses and firetrucks cannot get down there.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeLano, it was moved at 8:09 pm to close the public participation.

Unanimously carried

Report – Mayor Rogers

Parks will meet April 18, 2023 at 7:15pm

Update on Dam Gates-they will not be put in. Waiting on FEMA Grant

Putting together a press release to go out to the media

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made in the *General Fund* for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

To:	001-1410-4050-0000 (Village Clerk/Tax Roll Preparation)	\$	2.00
From:	001-1410-4061-0000 (Village Clerk/Cellular Phone)	\$	2.00
To:	001-1410-4600-0000 (Village Clerk/Computer Support)	\$	134.00
From:	001-1410-4620-0000 (Village Clerk/Lease Copy Machine)	\$	134.00
To:	001-1640-2000-0000 (Central Garage/Equipment)	\$	672.00
From:	001-1640-4070-0000 (Central Garage/Utilities)	\$	672.00
To:	001-3620-2010-0000 (Safety Inspection/Computer Software)	\$	2.00
From:	001-3620-4010-0000 (Safety Inspection/Office & Supplies)	\$	2.00
To:	001-3620-4100-0000 (Safety Inspection/Professional Fees)	\$	783.00
From:	001-3620-1000-0000 (Safety Inspection/Personal Services)	\$	783.00
To:	001-5110-4161-0903 (Street Maint./Repairs-2015 Dump Truck)	\$	97.00
	001-5110-4161-0905 (Street Maint./Repairs-2007 Intl.Sanders/Plow Dump)	\$	4.00
	001-5110-4161-0908 (Street Maint./Repairs-2011 Chevy Silverado 3500HD)	\$	107.00
	001-5110-4161-0918 (Street Maint./Repairs-2010 Ford F350XL Pickup)	\$	292.00
	001-5110-4161-0923 (Street Maint./Repairs-2019 John Deere Mini Excavator)	\$	785.00
	001-5110-4161-0926 ((Street Maint./Repairs-2012 Chevy Tahoe)	\$	125.00
From:	001-5110-4161-0000 ((Street Maint./Repairs-Equipment)	\$	1410.00
To:	001-6410-4111-0000 (Publicity/Website)	\$	33.00
From:	001-6410-4925-0000 (Publicity/Marketing)	\$	33.00
To:	001-8162-4161-0000 (Leaf Pickup/Repairs)	\$	136.00
From:	001-8162-4700-0000 (Leaf Pick/Repairs)	\$	136.00

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made in the *Sewer Fund* for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

To:	007-8120-4116-0000 (Sanitary Sewers/Engineer-Monitor Maint.)	\$	1250.00
From:	007-8120-4161-0000 (Sanitary Sewers/Repairs-Lines)	\$	1250.00

Unanimously carried

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made in the *Glen Park Fund* for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

To:	009-7141-2010-0000 (Glen Park/Capital Improvements)	\$	34.00
From:	009-7141-4070-0000 (Glen Park/Utilities)	\$	34.00

Unanimously carried

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget amendment* is hereby made in the *General Fund* for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to account for members award from J. Vinal for Fire Prevention Supplies for Fire Department.

Increase:	001-0001-3089-0000 (State Aid-Other)	\$	1318.00
Increase:	001-3410-4460-0000 (Fire Protection/Fire Prevention Expense)	\$	1318.00

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

RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$254,017.25** covering the period from **2/27/2023 – 3/22/2023** are hereby approved as follows:

PAYROLL COVERING - 2/27/2023-3/12/2023	\$ 35,901.95
VOUCHERS COVERING- 3/9/2023-3/22/2023	
GENERAL FUND-	\$ 201,246.28
WATER FUND-	\$ 0.00
SEWER FUND-	\$ 2,167.93
GLEN PARK FUND-	\$ 104.50
TRUST & AGENCY FUND-	\$ 12,521.49
DEBT SERVICE-	\$ 0.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-	\$ 0.00
CAPITAL FUND-	\$ <u>2,075.10</u>
	\$ 218,115.30
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 254,017.25

Unanimously carried

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed amendments to Chapter 97 (Taxation) of the Village Code in accordance with Section 466-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law to allow a tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance personnel, that was the subject of a public hearing on Monday March 27, 2023 is hereby adopted as **Local Law 1 of 2023**

Unanimously carried

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Report – Deputy Mayor DeLano

Tree Board has decided to concentrate heavy planting for this fall. Spring will concentrate on maintenance, pruning with DPW.

Working on putting together a Community Plan Update Committee. If interested contact Village Hall.

Forming a Sidewalk Committee to decide on best way to complete sidewalk plan. If interested contact Village Hall.

Planning Dept. from Amherst will present plan at April 10, 2023 work session.

Step 2 will be building dept.

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

WHEREAS, the *Tentative Budget* for the **2023-2024** fiscal year has been duly represented to the Village Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of Village Law, that the said tentative budget and the salaries and wages as stated in the Salary Schedule are hereby adopted for the Village of Williamsville for the **2023-2024** fiscal year, as follows:

- General Fund \$3.6945 per \$1,000 of assessed value at 100% equalization
- Water Fund \$1.87 surcharge
- Sewer Fund \$0.7876 per \$1,000 of assessed value
 \$7.7859 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed
- Glen Park Fund
- Debt Service Fund

Roll Call	Deputy Mayor DeLano	Yes
	Trustee Hunt	Yes
	Trustee Lowther	Yes
	Trustee Torre	Yes
	Mayor Rogers	abstain

Motion Passed 4-1

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

RESOLVED, that *Timothy Masters* of 5106 Ridge Road, Lockport, as *Code Enforcement Officer, Part-time*, employment is extended through April 30, 2023.

Unanimously carried

Report – Trustee Hunt

Planning Board will not meet April 3rd

Arts, Culture & Diversity will meet April 13, 2023 at 7:00pm

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

RESOLVED, that *Linda Nowak*, residing at 38 Scott Drive, Williamsville is hereby appointed to the **Arts, Culture & Diversity Committee** until the end of the **2022-2023** official Village year.

Unanimously carried

Report – Trustee Torre

Arbor Day & Earth Day are celebrated in June

Environmental Advisory Council is having a Green up Day April 17-23 asking public to clean up the Village by picking up garbage on April 22nd.

Glen Park Joint Board has changed their meeting day to 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00pm.

Next meeting is April 12, 2023

Environmental Advisory Council has changed their meeting time to 7:15pm

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

RESOLVED, that *Thomas Petrocelli*, residing at 60 Monroe Drive, Williamsville is hereby appointed to the **Traffic & Safety Committee** until the end of the **2022-2023** official Village year.

Unanimously carried

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

RESOLVED, that the position of Part-Time Park Maintenance Worker is hereby created in the Village of Williamsville.

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Trustee Lowther

HPC meets here tomorrow at Village Hall at 6:30pm

Receiving end of a Castle renovation.

Continue Public Hearing for 19 S. Long as an Historic property.

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

RESOLVED, to adopt **Local Law #2 of 2023** to amend Chapter 112 (Zoning) Section 27 the definition of Adult Entertainment Cabaret.

Roll Call	Deputy Mayor DeLano	Yes
	Trustee Hunt	Yes
	Trustee Lowther	Yes
	Trustee Torre	Yes
	Mayor Rogers	No
	Motion Passed	4-1

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

WHEREAS, the members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Historic Preservation Commission (“Land Use Boards”) of the Village of Williamsville are required by state and/or local law to complete four hours of training each year to more effectively carry out their duties (“Required Land Use Training”); and

WHEREAS, the enabling statutes mandating this Required Land Use Training further provide that such training be approved by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Preservation Buffalo Niagara offered a virtual lecture, by Christiana Limniatis, PBN’s Director of Preservation Services, called Preservation Commissions 101 on Thursday March 16, 2023 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that attendance at such training will be of benefit to the members of the Historic Preservation Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the members of the Historic Preservation Commission who participated in the Preservation Buffalo Niagara virtual lecture on Thursday March 16, 2023 with the topic of Preservation Commissions 101 and certifies that such participation shall satisfy 2 hours of the Required Land Use Training.

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WHEREAS, the enabling statutes mandating this Required Land Use Training further provide that such training be approved by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Preservation Buffalo Niagara is offering a virtual lecture, by Christiana Limniatis, PBN’s Director of Preservation Services, called Research to Landmark on Thursday April 20, 2023 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that attendance at such training will be of benefit to the members of the Historic Preservation Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the members of the Historic Preservation Commission to participate in the Preservation Buffalo Niagara virtual lecture on Thursday April 20, 2023 with the topic of Research to Landmark and certifies that such participation shall satisfy 2 hours of the Required Land Use Training.

Unanimously carried

Staff Reports:

Deputy Treasurer: no report

Attorney Grieco: no report

Administrator Kindron: no report

DPW Crew Chief: no report

ON MOTION by Mayor Rogers, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeLano, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Unanimously carried

Judith A. Kindron
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer