

MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: December 4, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting called to order by: Wally Pacer

IN ATTENDANCE

Wally Pacer (Chair), Tom Petrocelli (Minutes Taker), Bill Tuyn, Nick Roth, Matt Schery, Isabella Bakshi, and Doug Richardson

Excused: Dan Rider, Jim Celeste (Board Liaison), and Marilyn Alfes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 10-9-2025 MEETING

The minutes of the October 9, 2025, meeting were discussed. It was noted that they were not approved at the November meeting of the Committee since there was not a quorum.

Motion to approve: Mr. Roth. Seconded by Mr. Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

LAISON REPORT

Mr. Pacer informed the committee that Trustee Celeste could not be present at the meeting. He then informed the committee that Mr. Celeste informed him that the Village is following with the Town of Amherst by increasing fines for traffic and parking violations. He further informed Mr. Pacer that our county legislator, the Honorable Jeanne M. Vinal, is going to work with the Village government to get some improvement on the Eagle/Evans intersection. Evans is a Country road while Eagle is a Village road.

ILLEGAL PARKING ON CALIFORNIA AT MAIN ST.

Mr. Pacer informed the committee that he had received a complaint about the intersection of California and Main. Apparently, both personal cars and delivery vehicles for nearby businesses pose problems for drivers at the intersection.

Problems include cars parking on both sides of California, including the striped area. This creates difficulties for people turning on and off Main Street. There is a bus stop and fire

hydrant at the corner on Main Street as well. The committee agrees that it is a matter of enforcement.

There was additional discussion about a request from Trustee Hahn asking for a recommendation on whether to hire a code enforcement officer. The committee agreed that that was a solution to the persistent parking issues in the Village.

Motion: Mr. Petrocelli moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees that we hire a code enforcement officer to help alleviate the multitude of parking problems. Furthermore, we recommend that the Board address this issue as soon as possible given the scope of the problems. It was second: Ms. Bakshi. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued about private parking companies such as Buffalo Roam. It is believed that this may also help with parking problems. It was also felt that the Village could benefit from an updated parking study.

The use of E-Bikes and E-Scooters on sidewalks and in Village parks, notably Lehigh Memory Trail.

Mr. Pacer discussed restrictions on e-bikes and scooters. We were informed by Mr. Rider in writing that Captain Persons discussed this with the Amherst Traffic and Safety Committee. The matter has been referred to the Town of Amherst attorney to draft a set of local ordinances for e-bikes and e-scooters. It was felt that we could piggyback onto the Town's ordinances, perhaps cutting and pasting for a Village ordinance.

It was reported that there is movement in the State to reclassify e-bikes as motor vehicles.

Motion: Mr. Tuyn moved that we recommend to the Board of Trustees that the Village work with the Town to craft e-bike and e-scooter regulations. This was seconded by Mr. Richardson and the motion passed unanimously.

Request from Gary Palumbo, Planning Department

Mr. Palumbo from the Town of Amherst Planning Department requested a set of criteria that could be shared with a developer that informs them of when they should come to Traffic and Safety Committee. The Village code sets forth some criteria but in practice it's been at the request of the Planning or Zoning Board or HPC.

Mr. Pacer read the current criteria for the Town of Amherst and the committee thought they were mostly adequate. The committee suggested adding changes to pedestrian circulation and sidewalks to their criteria for the Village.

Community Plan Request

Mr. Pacer explained that the Community Plan Committee is looking for items from different committees that they would like to see addressed in the Community Plan update. All committee members were requested to send lists of important issues to Mr. Pacer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will not be held on the normal day, since that will be New Years Day, a holiday. The meeting is tentatively set for January 8, 2026.

Motion: Mr. Petrocelli moved to adjourn. Mr. Pacer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.