

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, February 9, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

The Village Board meeting was opened at 7:35pm by Mayor Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Frank at 7:35pm.

Present: Christine Hunt, Mayor
Jim Celeste, Deputy Mayor
Jeffrey Hahn, Trustee
Amy Jackson, Trustee
Steven Meyer, Trustee

Also present: Nick McCormick, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Charles D. Grieco, Village Attorney
Kathryn Rappleye, Deputy Clerk
Ben Vilonen, Crew Chief
Prachee Samant, Community Development Aide

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved at 7:36pm to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2026 meeting.

Unanimously carried

Statement from Mayor Hunt:

Late last night I received a post that the Glen Park Art Festival had been cancelled. That is very unfortunate and comes as a surprise quite honestly.

As Gina mentioned in her post, the Village and the Art Festival Council have been negotiating, along with the WFD (Williamsville Fire Department) and APD (Amherst Police Department), to make sure we create a safe and happy environment for all attendees, vendors, and residents.

Last summer's Art Festival was extremely well attended. Per the Art Festival council, there were over 13,000 attendees. The permitted space on Glen Avenue where the festival is always held is not large enough to safely accommodate 150+ vendors and thousands of attendees. There were two significant injuries that occurred last summer. For these and other reasons, all parties agreed that a safety protocol, such as improved barricades to prevent a vehicle driving through the crowd and vendors on Glen Avenue, needed to be developed and implemented.

The Village of Williamsville is a trendy, well-loved Village. Every year events in the Village increase in size and attendance. Because of this we have had to negotiate new safety protocols for all events held in the Village, including Music on Main and Old Home Days. The Glen Park Art Festival is no different.

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As part of these negotiations, we discussed:

- *Extending the timing for permits to be submitted until June 20th as requested.*
- *We originally asked for a reduction in vendors to 110, they asked for 151, we agreed to 130.*
- *We agreed to give them additional access on Thursday.*
- *We did not agree to increase the permitted area beyond Rock Street to Mill Street.*

On January 26th we received a response from Ms. Nasca indicating their understanding and appreciation of our flexibility. So, I was very surprised to see they had canceled when it was our understanding that we had reached or were very close to reaching a final agreement. Having said that, while we always want to support our local events and businesses, our main priority is and always will be protecting our Village residents and our Village property.

Thank you.

Mayor Hunt gave a synopsis of the Rules of Procedure for public meetings.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy mayor Celeste, it was moved 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.) Cheryl Cristler – Village Resident

- Represents special needs and sensory processing disorder residents.
- Businesses had an opportunity to self-regulate the noise level in the past and did not.
- Having a noise ordinance passed and codified is the only chance of helping residents .
- Have 50 signatures on petition so far.

2.) Cheryl Stevenson-Meyer – Village Resident

- Compliment previous speaker.
- Would like to work together with government, businesses and residents.
- Nothing will change if it is not put into law and enforce it.
- Willing to work within the community so that everyone can enjoy music in a safe and reasonable fashion.

3.) Thomas Frank – Village Resident/Business Owner

- Attended a very interesting meeting of the GBNRTC for the 2025-2026 plan.
- Connecting Glen Park to the Amherst State Park was in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.
- Town of Amherst Planning Board states that should be in the updated Plan. Interconnections of Ellicott Creek, management and maintenance and greenway concept. The GPJB liaison is Jack Kavanaugh.

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4.) Tricia Brown – Village Business

- Just learned of grant opportunities through New York State for insulation of historic buildings. Would like to share information with Historical District and buildings in the Village.
- Would also like to mention that there is a food pantry for the Williamsville School District. Would like to partner with the Williamsville Business Association and the Village as a drop off site to benefit the school district food pantry. Greatly utilized and empty quite often.
- Williamsville Business Association is open to working with and being part of any discussion in an effort to enable the Glen Park Art Festival to take place this summer.
- Collaborate on structure of policy of fees on different locations within the Village. WBA is willing to be a part of the discussions.
- Music on Main-WBA has been in talks and are addressing all the concerns aware of. Will eliminate music on Rock Street. Planning on bringing in some softer music (jazz, classical, etc.) and locate on SS Peter & Paul’s church and school. School to be involved with food trucks and bake sales. Also, family-focused activities will be on the increase. This will take some focus off open containers and drinking. This was meant to encourage ‘Walkable Williamsville’ for the entire communitiy. “Bringing in the reins” on the event.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:52pm.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Mayor Hunt

-Budget meetings moving along well.

-NYCOM was attended by the Board. Very informational and came back with great ideas.

-We will be using this information for the benefit of Village residents.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, the following resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made in the **General Fund** for the **2025-2026** fiscal year:

To: 001-6410-4920 Flags	\$386.00
From: 001-6410-4111 Website.....	\$386.00
To: 001-5142-4290 Salt.....	\$4,633.00
From: 001-5182-4270 Repair Lights.....	\$4,633.00

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To:	001-5110-0903 Repairs 2015 Dump Truck	\$1,301.00
	001-5110-4161-0906 Repairs 2007 International 4300 Dump.....	\$3,531.00
	001-5110-4161-0916 Repairs 2012 Chevy 2500 HD 4x4	\$656.00
	001-5110-4161-0925 Repairs 2013 Mini loader.....	\$1,375.00
	001-5110-4161-0926 Repairs 2012 Chevy Tahoe.....	\$776.00
From:	001-5110-4161 Repairs - Equipment.....	\$7,639.00
To:	001-5010-4050 Drug/Alcohol Testing.....	\$175.00
From:	001-5010-4041 Education Exp/Travel.....	\$175.00
To:	001-3410-4160-3402 Truck Expense Engine 2	\$1,235.00
From:	001-3410-4160 Truck Expense.....	\$1,235.00
To:	001-1110-4010 Office Supplies.....	\$403.00
From:	001-1110-4020 Postage	\$403.00
To:	001-1420-4100 Professional Fees.....	\$163.00
From:	001-1420-4620 Opinions	\$163.00
To:	001-1640-4110 Service Contracts.....	\$19.00
	001-1640-4160 Building Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$5,156.00
From:	001-1640-2000 Equipment	\$5,175.00
To:	001-1920-4000 Association Dues.....	\$185.00
From:	001-1950-4100 Refund of Village Taxes	\$185.00
To:	001-3410-2030 Radio Equipment.....	\$6,288.00
From:	001-3410-2010 Major Equipment	\$4,285.00
	001-3410-2020 Expendable Equipment	\$2,003.00

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BE IT RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$335,842.88** covering the period from **1/12/2026** through **2/06/2026** are hereby approved as follows:

PAYROLL COVERING 1/12/26-1/25/26	\$ 58,085.88
VOUCHERS COVERING 1/09/2026-2/06/2026	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 110,604.99
SEWER FUND	\$ 2,643.58
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 2,330.93
SECTION HOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT	\$ 66,600.00
SEWER SLIP LINING PROJECT	\$ 2,565.00
VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS	<u>\$ 93,012.50</u>
	\$ 277,757.00
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 335,842.88</u>

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Meyer, the following resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of a public hearing to be held on March 23, 2026 at 7:30pm to hear all persons interested in communicating on the proposal to amend Chapter 73 Section 4 (Activities requiring a permit from Mayor) as it relates to sound amplification in the Village.

Unanimously carried

Report & Resolutions – Deputy Mayor Celeste

-Meeting House Events Committee meets on February 23, 2026.

-Upcoming Events at the Meeting House:

-2/28/2026-Soup Stroll - Chicken Wing provided by The French Pub

-3/08/2026-Kimberly Gable—A Walk Through Time Down Main St.: People and Places of Historic Williamsville

-3/22/2026-Joe Buscaglia-Williamsville & the War of 1812

-3/21/2026-Saturday-Winter Party at Glen Park 1pm-3pm. Activities include snowman building contest, winter crafts, sledding (bring your own sled), hot chocolate, s'mores, fire pit.

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Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Hahn

-Funds from Soup Stroll to be distributed to Feed More of WNY, Williamsville School District Food Pantry as well as Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Very beneficial activity.

-Volunteers are needed on many of our committees, especially the hands-on committees- Bioswales, Parks, Youth & Recreation and Beautification.

ON MOTION by Trustee Hahn, seconded by Mayor Hunt, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that, *Dean Walczak*, of *Lancaster, NY*, is hereby appointed as DPW MEO, at a salary of \$21.82 per hour, effective February 2, 2026.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Jackson

-Glen Park Joint Board will meet this Wednesday (2/11/2026) at 7pm at Village Hall.

-Parks Committee will meet at February 17, 2026 at 7pm at Village Hall.

-Village website contains a QR code that will lead you to the Volunteer Application. All our committees are in need of volunteers. It's so important to give back to your community.

Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Meyer

-We are working on a very exciting idea of bringing a community garden to the Village of Williamsville. Details to follow in the coming months, however, if you are interested in volunteering or if you have experience in this area, please reach out to me and let me know.

-Environmental Advisory Council is meeting on Monday February 16 at 7:15pm.

-ZBA is meeting on Wednesday February 18 at 7pm

Staff Reports:

Attorney Greico:

-None

Administrator McCormick:

-Nothing more to report.

Crew Chief Vilonen:

-Nothing to report.

Deputy Clerk Rappleye:

-Nothing to report at this time.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt and seconded by Trustee Jackson, it was moved to adjourn at 7:59pm.

Unanimously carried

The next regular Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 23 2026, at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, NY.

Nick McCormick
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer