

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 23, 2026 at 7:39 p.m.

The Village Board meeting was opened at 7:39pm by Mayor Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Kathleen Delaney at 7:39pm.

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

Also present: Charles D. Grieco, Village Attorney
Nick McCormick, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Kathryn Rappleye, Deputy Clerk

[Mayor Hunt: Having been alerted to the misinformation that was on Facebook and elsewhere, I need to open this meeting a little differently than I usually do. If you look around you will see that there are many positive things going on in the Village. We're currently under construction here at Village Hall to become ADA compliant with the help of a grant from New York State from our Assembly Member McMahan. This will allow us, in the event of a severe weather event/storm, to potentially be a warming station for folks. We have a sewer project going on for the entire village to line our sewers, which are an aging infrastructure. These are very positive for the Village. We have a grant from the New York State Parks and Recreation Department to completely redo the Garrison Park wading pool and which we'll do the after this season. Wonderful things - we work really hard here at this Hall with very few staff to accomplish what we accomplish. I would rather be discussing all of those things tonight because that's the work that gets done here; instead I must address the following: this evenings public hearing is about the nights that the Mayor's Permit for amplified sound will be issued.

Unfortunately it was spun into a misinformation campaign that really got out of control - we're at standing room only. Unfortunately, that's what happens sometimes in today's society. We have social media we have all kinds of outlets and we have lots of people who just chase whatever sounds good at the moment.

The WBA and I have been working collaboratively on Music on Main for the past two years. We all have a vested interest in its success. This is not about Music on Main, this is about nights that permits will be issued for amplified sound. Myself and this Board worked very hard over the past several months to come up with a compromise that would take into consideration the needs of the businesses and that community and the consideration of our constituents and our residents here because we did hear from residents that it's too loud or it's too messy or it's too out of control. We hear all these things, we are listening. We have worked with Trisha Brown (Eagle House Restaurant) has sat at the table, Jim Nau (RationAles) has sat at the table, Mike DaVita has (Sorrentino's) sat at the table with me we have worked really hard over the last two years to reduce concerns, reduce residential concerns. The change to this local law is the result of that work and the

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work that this Board has done to come to a compromise. We're looking to have quiet enjoyment Sunday night through Wednesday night for residents and we're looking to have the ability to provide live music and entertainment for the business community from Thursday night through Sunday afternoon. With all of that being said and clarified for everyone, if you would like to speak about anything other than the changes in this local law which are very simple, you can see it's underlined -part C- they are the only changes we're talking about. If you would like to speak about that during the public hearing portion of this meeting please do so then. If you would like to speak about anything else including decibel levels, Music on Main or any other topics please do so under the public participation portion of this meeting. We just need to make that clear because the public participation portion is before the public hearing. If you stand up here for the public hearing and you start to talk about something else we will ask you to sit down because it's not related to a change to the local law and those are the rules of order for this municipality

I anticipate that the businesses will follow the expectation of reasonable noise levels. If anybody's concerned about those and that residents and visitors to the Village will be respectful of each other and of public and private property. We have a really vibrant Village here and those are all important parts of keeping it that way and keeping it as an entertainment hub for our very short summer. I appreciate your time.]

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved at 7:48pm to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2026 meeting.

Unanimously carried

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

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Hahn, 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.) Jim Nau – Village Resident/Village Business Owner

- Happy with the civic response.
- Communication of this meeting was pretty poor. Didn't know about it.
[Mayor Hunt-It was published in the Amherst Bee as it should be. The Bee is the paper of record for the Village of Williamsville.]

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2. James Millard – Village Residents

- Drivers ignoring crosswalk – need sign with lights upon approach.

3. Dan Mink – Nonresident

- Amazon sells very large, LED decibel meter. Each band could consider purchasing.
- For residents bothered by the music, consider purchasing a sound machine. Very effective on blocking sound.

4. Cheryl Meyer – Village Resident

- Police should be involved in enforcement of law.
- Amherst Code Enforcement to enforce law.
- Use Permit income to enforce law.

5. Brandon Kapral – Village Resident

- Enjoys vibrant Village activities. This is the reason he bought in the Village.
- Sewers are more concerning than the music on Thursday.

6. Bob & Andrea Duke – Village Resident

- Live behind Sorrentino's.
- Family does not have an issue with the noise.

7. Zach Frank – Village Business Owner

- Consider cultural impact of Music on Main and the Art Festival has on the Village.

8. Cheryl Cristler – Village Resident

- Please consider residents in the Village that suffer from Down Syndrome, Autism or a traumatic brain injury.
- Looking for local law to change not end Music on Main.

9. Bill Mason – Residency Not Indicated

- Decibel levels – gave examples of decibel levels.
- Autistic/special needs children come to see him perform. They bring ear protection.

10. Jordan Abrams - Village Resident

- Village is great community.
- Thank you for getting garbage cleaned up at Asher Crossing.
- Please replace stop sign at Asher Crossing.
- Crosswalk at (S) Cayuga and Milton is dangerous.

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11. Catharine Venzon – Village Resident

- Has special needs grandchild.
- Has no issue or problem with Music on Main.
- Use headphones as needed.
- Thank you for the Garrison Park pool. It's great!

12. Dan Delano – Village Resident

- Music on Main is not being cancelled.
- Discussed the Tree Program & Tree Board. Through support of Village Board, 105 plantings this year.
- Thank you Board and Trustee Hahn.
- Have had Tree City designation for 17 years.

13. Bill Simpson – Village Resident

- Longtime resident of the Village
- Has no issue with Music on Main at all.

[Mayor Hunt explained the Local Law proposed changes as it relates to Music on Main.]

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting at 8:19pm.

Unanimously carried

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Public Hearing

Local Law Amending Chapter 73 (Public Order) Relative to Permits for Activities Involving a Sound Amplification Device

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved at 8:19 p.m. to open this public hearing.

1. Jordan Abrams – Village Resident

- Suggested that wording be changed from “and” to “or” in an effort to give the Village more leeway and flexibility when trying to be supportive of certain activities.

[Discussion with Attorney Grieco for guidance and clarification.]

2. Julie Flannigan – Village Resident

- Urges Board to reconsider changes.
- A few residents needs should not override the interest of thousands.
- Williamsville’s identity is tied to its music. Music and outdoor events are who we are and what we represent.
- Don’t overregulate this.

[Mayor Hunt: Data shows minimal need for permits requested on Sunday.]

3. Jim Nau – Village Resident/Business Owner

- If a business owner wanted to host a fundraiser on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday would that be possible?

[Attorney Grieco – If it is sponsored by a bonified charitable organization/not-for-profit organization.]

- Nothing to keep any Mayor from declining an event.

[Trustee Hahn and Attorney Grieco discussed the terminology “Mayor’s Permit”]

[Mayor Hunt advised that this code has been in effect since 1989.]

4. Bill Mayson – Residency Not Indicated

- Seems discriminatory. Why pick Sunday at 4pm, why not 7pm?

[Mayor Hunt explained that this is for outdoor music. If a business would want to have indoor music on those nights, that most certainly could.]

5. Catharine Venzon – Village Resident

- Seems too early. Please consider a little later on a Sunday.

6. Brandon Kapral - Resident

- Overwhelming majority of speakers this evening were in favor of keeping. We all, as a community, like the music.

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7. Cheryl Meyer – Village Resident

- There is a petition with 75 signatures regarding music being too loud.*
- Willing to work with the restaurants as well as bar owners to all live happily together.

**Note: To date, no petition has been received by the Village.*

8. Margot Davis- Non-resident

- Requested clarification if family parties fall under these guidelines as well.

9. Dan Delano – Village Resident

- Former Trustee, Deputy Mayor and Mayor for the Village of Williamsville
- Lives 1 block in from Main Street. Music does not disturb him.
- Thursday through Sunday is great. Could be a little later on Sunday.
- Music on Main is good for this Village
- Having this ordinance will eliminate this discussion over and again.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved to close the public hearing participation portion of the meeting.

Reports & Resolutions – Mayor Hunt

-Would like to thank the Jolly Boys and Trisha Brown for coordinating the food drive we have named The Potluck to be part of our 250 year celebration this year. This will benefit the Village and the Williamsville School District.

-Mr. Delano and the Village Tree Board is planning on a special tree to be planted in commemoration as well.

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

To:	001-51110-45161-0902 Int'l Dump with Plow Frame	\$20.00
	001-51110-4161-0903 Repairs 2015 Dump Truck.....	\$1,454.00
	001-51110-4161-0908 Repairs 2011 Chevy 2011 Silverado 3500.....	\$192.00
	001-51110-4161-0914 Repairs 2017 Wille Sidewalk Plow	\$154.00
	001-51110-4161-0915 Repairs 2013 Ravo Sweeper	\$416.00
	001-51110-4161-0925 Repairs 2013 Mini Loader	\$314.00
	001-51110-4161-0928 Repairs 2020 Vactor Paradigm Vacuum Excav Truck.....	\$46.00
From:	001-51110-4250 Gas & Oil	\$2,596.00
To:	001-51110-4050 Drug/Alcohol Testing.....	\$75.00
From:	001-5010-4061 Cellular Phone.....	\$75.00
To:	001-3620-4060 Telephone.....	\$40.00
	001-3620-4110 Service Contracts.....	\$634.00
From:	001-3620-4040 Education Exp/Travel.....	\$674.00
To:	001-3410-4070 Utilities	\$2,655.00
From:	001-3410-2050 Turnout Gear	\$2,655.00
To:	001-1620-4070 Utilities	\$1,318.00
	001-1612-4230 Building Maintenance	\$1,009.00
From:	001-1620-4240 Paint/Carpet/Etc.....	\$2,327.00
To:	001-1411-4020 Records Disposal.....	\$66.00
From:	001-1410-4450 Miscellaneous.....	\$66.00
To:	001-1110-4010 Office Supplies.....	\$17.00
	001-1110-4620 Publications & Updates.....	\$83.00
From:	001-1110-4040 Education Exp/Travel.....	\$100.00

Unanimously carried

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

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

To: 009-7141-4163 (Glen Park) Lighting Fixtures\$25.00
From: 009-7141-4351 (Glen Park) Park Supplies\$25.00

Unanimously carried

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that payroll and vouchers in the amount of **\$53,492.46** covering the period from **2/23/2026** through **3/08/2026** are hereby approved as follows:

PAYROLL COVERING 2/23/26-3/08/2026	\$ 53,492.46
VOUCHERS COVERING 2/27/2026-3/12/2026	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 137,686.52
SEWER FUND	\$ 227,338.56
GLEN PARK FUND	\$ 321.78
VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS	\$ 8,000.00
	\$ 373,346.86
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 426,839.32</u>

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Jackson, the following resolution was adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, that, *Ashley Obstarczyk* of *Williamsville, NY*, is hereby appointed as Community Development Aide at a salary of \$46,206.16 per year, effective March 30, 2026 to fill a vacancy through the 2025-2026 Village year.

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Report & Resolutions – Deputy Mayor Celeste

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

WHEREAS, it was previously determined that asphalt replacement, storm drainage improvements and gutter installations are necessary to improve the conditions on Monroe Drive in the Village of Williamsville; and

WHEREAS, a proposed agreement has been submitted by WM Schutt Associates to provide engineering services including bidding and contract award assistance, general administration of construction contract, and part-time Resident Project Representative (RPR) on site to assist assuming 12 weeks of construction at 20 hours per week;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to approve and sign the proposal with WM Scutt Association for professional services at an estimated cost of \$49,060.00 to be paid from the general fund appropriations.

Unanimously carried

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

WHEREAS, a topographic survey is required to determine improvements needed for paving and drainage on Mill Street, North Ellicott Street and Hirschfield Drive, and

WHEREAS, a proposed agreement has been submitted by WM Schutt Associates to provide a topographic survey for design base mapping, to include areas within the ROW of each roadway;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to approve and sign the proposal with WM Scutt Association for professional services at an estimated cost of \$31,200.00 to be paid from the general fund appropriations.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Hahn

-Would like to thank the Parks Chairman for coming to the meeting tonight.

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes the importance of maintaining timely payment of all utility obligations to ensure uninterrupted services and avoid unnecessary penalties and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Williamsville Board hereby authorizes the Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer to auto-remit payment in advance of audits for National Grid and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such payments shall be made in accordance with all applicable laws, policies and internal controls, and shall be reported to the Board at the next regular meeting for approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Jackson, it was moved to go off agenda at 8:48p.m.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION BY Trustee Hahn seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, the following resolution was adopted.

BE IN RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees adopts the attached credit card purchasing policy effective immediately.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt seconded by Trustee Meyer it was moved to go back on agenda at 8:48p.m.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Jackson

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees recognizes the value of having Notary Public services available within Village Hall to better serve residents and support municipal operations; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees wishes to provide an incentive encouraging full-time Village Hall employees to obtain Notary Public certification; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a one-time stipend in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) shall be paid to any eligible full-time Village Hall employee upon submission of proof of successful completion and passing of the Notary Public examination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this stipend shall be subject to applicable payroll taxes and processed in accordance with Village payroll procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Unanimously carried

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

RESOLVED that the Administrator is directed to publish a notice of public hearing to be held on April 27, 2026 at 7:30pm for those interested in commenting on the proposed local law regarding the extension of the Short-Term Rental Moratorium in the Village of Williamsville, New York.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Meyer

ON MOTION by Trustee Meyer, seconded by Trustee Jackson, 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 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference is being held in Cooperstown, New York from April 15, 2026 through April 17, 2026;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that co-chairpersons of the Historic Preservation Commission, Catherine Waterman Kulpa and Susan Fenster are hereby authorized to travel to the Statewide Historic Preservation Conference in Cooperstown, New York, for a duration of two (2) days between April 15, 2026 and April 17, 2026, at an estimated cost of \$316.75 for

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compensation for early registration \$150.00 and half of the milage incurred (\$166.00) to be paid from Education Expense/Travel budget appropriation line.

Unanimously carried

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

WHEREAS, the preservation of the Village of Williamsville’s many diverse historic properties is whole-heartedly supported by the Board of Trustees in order to protect our rich cultural legacy; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has recommended to the Board of Trustees that a survey be undertaken to determine eligibility of several properties in the Village of Williamsville; and

WHEREAS, a proposed agreement has been submitted by Preservation Studios for professional services including survey of identified properties, historic research, review of existing Historic District, and determination of local and potential national eligibility for nominations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to approve and sign the consulting agreement with Preservation Studios for up to forty (40) hours of services at a maximum cost of \$3,000.00 to be paid from Historical Property budget appropriations.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste it was moved to go off agenda at 8:52pm.

Unanimously carried

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

RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendations of the Meeting House Events Committee dated March 17th 2026, incorporated by reference, hearing Meeting House Events Committee recommendation, Trustee Celeste is hereby authorized and directed to apply to the Historic

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Preservation Commission for Certificate of Appropriateness to remove a single pew from the Meeting House as proposed in the Meeting House Events Committee recommendation

Unanimously carried

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

RESOLVED, that Mayor Hunt is hereby authorized and directed to apply to the Historic Preservation Commission for Certificate of Appropriateness to repaint and improve the paint on the interior of the Meeting House in the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste it was moved to go back on agenda at 8:54pm.

Unanimously carried

Staff Reports:

Attorney Greico:

-None

Administrator McCormick:

-Nothing further to report

Crew Chief Vilonen:

-Nothing further to report

Deputy Clerk Rappleye:

-Nothing to report

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt and seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved to adjourn to Work Session at 9:54pm.

Unanimously carried

The next regular Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2026, at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, NY.

Nick McCormick
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer