

MEETING MINUTES

ADMIN MEETING

Date: March 5, 2026

Time: 7:36PM

Meeting called to order by: Wally pacer

IN ATTENDANCE

Wally Pacer (Chair), Tom Petrocelli (Minutes Taker), Bill Tuyn, Nick Roth (on Phone), Dan Rider, Jim Celeste (Board Liaison), and Doug Richardson

Excused: Isabella Bakshi and Matt Schery

Mr. Pacer noted that Marilyn Alfes is no longer a member of the Committee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 8, 2026 meeting were discussed.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Tuyn. The committee voted to approve the minutes unanimously.

STATUS OF E-BIKE REGULATIONS;

Mr. Pacer spoke with the Town of Amherst attorney about their pending ebike ordinances. The Town attorney said they were still a work in progress. Mr. Pacer was given the impression that the Amherst law was not expected soon. Mr. Pacer also said that the Village of Springville (NY) just passed an ebike law and that he would try and obtain a copy of it. He was also checking with Clarence to see if they had ebike regulations.

Mr. Pacer further mentioned that there are several items that will be common among all laws such as speed, age of the bike rider, and response to a violation of the law. The Committee discussed the need for involvement of the Village attorney, the Town of Amherst, and Amherst Police Department.

Mr. Petrocelli noted that there seems to be more traffic enforcement by the APD. Fire Chief Vogel noticed the same.

DISCUSSION ON T&S RECOMMENDATIONS/VISION THE VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Messrs. Petrocelli, Tuyn, Rider, and Roth submitted ideas prior to the meeting. The committee distilled these ideas into the following categories:

- The need for reducing curb cuts on Main Street, thereby reducing the disruptions to the flow of traffic.
- The need for creating greater connectivity for pedestrians, especially across Main Street.
- Increased safety for all modes of traffic: cars, bikes, and on foot in the following manner:
 - Follow NYS complete streets program
 - Produce safer intersections
 - Create and promote bike routes
 - General traffic calming methods
 - Petition the DOT for a New Thruway Exit/Entrance at Youngs in order to divert through traffic from Main Street

The committee discussed the NYS Safe Route program that includes new raised crosswalks and sidewalks. It was felt that we should look to get help from our local representatives in applying for grants for these activities.

Mr. Tuyn put forth the idea trolley service paid for by the businesses, to shuttle visitors around the Village.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CCA REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN

Christian Central Academy requested that the Village put a stop sign on their property to control traffic out of their parking lot. It was noted that the Village cannot do so legally and that they can put their own Stop sign on their property. The Amherst Police, however, cannot enforce use of a Stop sign on private property.

FEEDBACK ON WHAT WE HAVE PUT IN PLACE AT ACADEMY/EAGLE/EVANS

Mr. Celeste reported that residents in the Eagle/Evans/Academy area have formed a group called the Academy Eagle Evans Safety Committee. They want to have a say in the traffic issues and solutions in the area.

Evidence points to the new speed humps, placed along Academy and Eagle as effective in reducing speeding. The Committee discussed next steps. Mr. Celeste said that raised crosswalks are next. The Committee believed that after the crosswalks are in place the Village should undertake a study to discern the efficacy of the changes.

Mr. Roth asked about the parking enforcement officer. Mr. Celeste said it is being included in the upcoming budget. The Village was looking at technology for enforcement and possibly paid parking on Main Street. No decision made regarding either. The parking enforcement officer may be in place for the summer.

LATEST ACCIDENT AT AERO/WEHRLE INTERSECTION;

In a recent accident, George's sign was smashed. It was a hit and run. The APD found the culprit. This is yet another example of the continuing issues with the Aero/Wehrle intersection since it's reconstruction.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rider and seconded by Mr. Richardson. Motion to adjourn assed unanimous.

