

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, April 27, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

The Village Board meeting was opened at 7:41pm by Mayor Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Mayor Celeste at 7:41pm.

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 Rappleeye, Deputy Clerk

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved at 7:43pm to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2026 meeting.

Unanimously carried

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 at 7:45pm.

Unanimously carried

Member(s) of the audience who addressed the Board and their comment(s) [*Board of Trustees' comments are in italics*]:

1. Jim Mikoley – Village Resident

- Sidewalk Gap Project Update as it specifically relates to Hillside Drive.
- [*Crew Chief Vilonen – Hillside Drive not included this round. Possibly next project. Goal is to provide a sidewalk on every street in the Village.*]

2. Thomas Frank – Village Resident

- Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with Town of Amherst.
- Waterkeepers/Greenway
- Ellicott Creek Greenway
- Glen Park Joint Board is the lead agency.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting at 7:50pm.

Unanimously carried

Public Hearing

Extension of Moratorium on Short Term Rentals

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Jackson, it was moved at 7:50 p.m. to open this public hearing.

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Trustee Jackson, it was moved to close the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Reports & Resolutions – Mayor Hunt

- Looking to replace STOP sign at the exit Milton and Apartment Exit-Private Entrance at Asher Crossing.
- Looking at placing speed hump at Milton as a traffic calming measure. We have received multiple concerns regarding this area.
- Not voting on Local Law regarding sound amplification at this time. We expect businesses to be cognizant of noise level and self-monitor. If that is not done, the Board will look at alternate measures.
- Moving closer to a decision on the waterway restoration at Island Park. Currently seeking funding. This funding will also be used for native plantings on the Island.
- Resolution regarding the budget tonight should read “final budget” not tentative budget.

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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: 001-5142-4000 Repairs – Plow Trucks	\$362.00
From: 001-5142-2000 Equipment	\$362.00
To: 001-5110-4161 Repairs-Equipment.....	\$22.00
From: 001-5142-2000 Sewer Charges.....	\$22.00
To: 001-3410-4070 Utilities.....	\$1,897.00
From: 001-3410-4071 Sewer Charges.....	\$1,897.00

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 **\$268,147.29** covering the period from **4/06/2026** through **4/22/2026** are hereby approved as follows:

PAYROLL COVERING 4/06/26-4/19/2026	\$ 59,119.74
VOUCHERS COVERING 4/10/2026-4/22/2026	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 199,960.53
SEWER FUND	\$ 6,818.04
GLEN PARK FUND	\$ 320.68
ORCHARD ST/PARK ST. DRAINAGE	\$ 1,928.30
	\$ 209,027.55
 GRAND TOTAL	 <u>\$ 268,147.29</u>

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

WHEREAS, the *Final Budget* for the 2026-2027 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 final budget and the salaries and wages as stated in the Salary Schedule are hereby adopted for the Village of Williamsville for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, as follows:

- General Fund \$3.2815 per \$1,000 of assessed value at 100% equalization
- Water Fund \$1.87 surcharge
- Sewer Fund \$0.4223 per \$1,000 of assessed value
 \$10.4610 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed
- Glen Park Fund \$72,000
- Debt Service Fund \$464,790

Roll Call vote called for by Mayor Hunt:

Trustee Jackson	Yes
Deputy Mayor Celeste	Yes
Trustee Hahn	Yes
Trustee Meyer	No
Mayor Hunt	Yes

Motion Carried

Reports & Resolutions – Deputy Mayor Celeste

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to publish an advertisement for bids for the 2026 Monroe Drive Paving and Drainage Project. Bids for the paving and drainage project are to be received at the office of the Village Clerk until Thursday, May 21st, 2026, at 10:00am local time. At that time the bids received will be publicly opened and read.

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Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Hahn

- *Beautification Committee is doing great work.*
- *All are invited to participate in Love My Parks Day on May 2nd.*
- *All are invited to join our committees. Most of our volunteer committees are looking for assistance.*
- *Tree Board would like to thank the DPW for getting trees planted. We have increased the number of trees over the past few years and it benefits the Village significantly.*
- *Deer population is increasing and having destructive effects.*

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville Tree Board's mission is to advise and support matters that impact the beauty, biological integrity and environmental quality of the community through its stewardship of the Village urban forest; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated during this time; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that in order to provide a high quality of life in Williamsville, each one of us must be good stewards of our air, water, land, flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that actions to protect and preserve trees through education, partnership and positive action should be encouraged;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees hereby proclaims that Arbor Day shall be celebrated in the Village of Williamsville on Saturday, June 6, 2026, including celebration activities and recognition.

Unanimously carried

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby appoints *Joyce Alberti* of Williamsville, New York, to the Beautification Committee effective immediately.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby appoints *Diane Dwitzzak* of Williamsville, New York, to the Beautification Committee effective immediately.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Jackson

- *Thank you DPW for starting the top of the garden makeover at Glen Park. We will be working on that garden and planting native species that will attract bees, butterflies and birds. There are no plants there currently, we are in the midst of changing this over. Informative signs will be installed on approximately Wednesday. Plantings will take place late summer or early fall. This will be a great educational garden.*
- *Thank you **Cub Scout 619** for their amazing job at Island Park. They cleaned up the park and weeded the front garden.*
- *Love My Park Day is Saturday, May 2nd. Volunteers are welcome. We will be meeting at Noll Nature Pavilion.*
- *Park restrooms are open tomorrow.*

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

WHEREAS, the Williamsville Village Board has accepted a grant award for the Garrison Park Wading Pool and Bath House Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and its implementing regulations, activities classified as Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c) are exempt from SEQRA review because they are predetermined not to have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed Project, including a completed Part 1 of an Environmental Assessment Form, and has determined that it falls under the Type II action categories pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) and (9);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby classifies the Project as an exempt Type II action for which no review or determination of significance pursuant to SEQRA is required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is directed to file this resolution in the Project file, which shall serve as a record of this determination.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby appoints *Kevin Rishel* of Williamsville, New York, to the Parks Committee effective immediately.

Unanimously carried

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby appoints *Wendy Wilson* of Amherst, New York, to the Glen Park Joint Board effective immediately.

Unanimously carried

Reports & Resolutions – Trustee Meyer

- *June 6, 2026 10am-1pm on Island Park Environmental Action Commission was named Arbor Day Event in the Village of Williamsville. Very fun event on Island Park. All are welcome.*

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville Environmental Advisory Commission’s mission is to advise and support matters that impact the beauty, biological integrity and environmental quality of the community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that in order to provide a high quality of life in Williamsville, each one of us must be good stewards of our air, water, land, flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that actions to protect and preserve the environment through education, partnership and positive action should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville wishes to recognize the 51st anniversary of Earth Day;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees hereby proclaims Earth Day to be celebrated in the Village of Williamsville on Saturday, June 6, 2026, with a variety of educational, earth-focused activities for the community.

Unanimously carried

Staff Reports:

Attorney Greico:

-None this evening

Administrator McCormick:

-Nothing further to report

Crew Chief Vilonen:

-Yard waste should be going into paper bags or an open container for pickup by Modern Disposal; NOT in the street.

-I&I Update: We are working through the system. The quadrant we are currently working – 90% of the sewers are cameraed and cleaned. We encountered a significant quantities of grease on Main Street from our restaurants population that should be doing a better job managing that grease. This will cost us more money to have them cleaned again prior the lining taking place. Interesting engineering decisions have been uncovered and will need to be corrected. Fortunately, not as many spot repairs are required as once suspected. Still within the funds that were allocated.

Deputy Clerk Rappleye:

-Nothing to report

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved to go off agenda at 8:10pm

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste, it was moved to go into Executive Session to discuss employment history of a specific individual.

Unanimously carried

ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Celeste it was moved to go back on agenda at 9:15pm

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ON MOTION by Mayor Hunt and seconded by Trustee Hahn, it was moved to adjourn at 9:16pm.

Unanimously carried

The next regular Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, NY.



Nick McCormick
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

