

MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: June 4, 2026

Time: 6:32 pm

Meeting called to order by: Wally Pacer

IN ATTENDANCE

Wally Pacer (Chair), Tom Petrocelli (Minutes Taker), Jim Celeste (Board Liaison), Nick Roth, Dan Rider, Bill Tuyn, Matt Schery, Doug Richardson (arrived 7:00pm).

Excused: Isabella Bakshi

Also in attendance: Michael Vogel (Fire Chief)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 7TH MEETING

Mr. Rider made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tuyn. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking issues on North Ellicott between Main and Eagle

Note: Several residents of North Ellicott and Eagle were in the audience.

An email from a resident was sent to the committee prior to the meeting. It outlined instances of illegal parking on their North Ellicott near both Main and Eagle Streets including, in one instance, parking across a driveway curb cut.

Mr. Rider began the discussion by reminding the committee that we recommended to the Board of Trustees that a parking enforcement officer be hired. Mr. Roth then stated that the board has not yet done that". Mr. Petrocelli explained that the Committee has done its job in making the recommendations and did not need to repeat that recommendation. Mr. Roth then said he had a prepared resolution for the committee that would declare that it would no longer discuss parking with residents. Mr. Petrocelli stated that he would not support that resolution since it would preclude other solutions to problems other than hiring a parking

enforcement officer. No motion was made and the matter of the resolution was dropped. Various members explained to the audience our responsibilities, which is primarily to make recommendations to the Board, and limitations.

Mr. Pacer explained that he spoke to one of the people on Eagle and N. Ellicott. He said that she had called the police who ticketed and towed illegally parked vehicles. In Mr. Pacer's estimation the resident did what is correct and so did the APD. A resident in attendance confirmed that the police had responded to her complaints and had been helpful.

Mr. Tuyn discussed the responsibility of individual drivers. He also said that he wouldn't criticize the Board of Trustees since he didn't know the situation and limitations they were dealing with. Mr. Celeste explained to the committee that there were budget concerns that prevented the Board from including a parking enforcement officer in the next budget. He further clarified the limitations such an officer would have and that they would be more limited in scope than the police.

The committee discussed the concept of raising fines. Mr. Richardson said we have the lowest in the state, though did not offer evidence to that effect. Mr. Celeste said that he would look into it to make sure our fines are on par with Amherst.

The committee recommended that a "No Parking Here to The Corner" sign be erected on North Ellicott at an appropriate distance from Eagle Street. It was felt that this would dissuade drivers from trying to get two cars in a space that is not large enough for them, heading off the desire to park across the curb cut. Mr. Pacer said that he would contact the DPW about getting such a sign in place.

Cut through/speeding complaints on Hirschfield from residents

Mr. Celeste said a number of residents on Hirschfield are complaining that their street is being used as a cut through between Main and Wehrle and that many drivers are speeding. Mr. Richardson thought that problems may have been reduced because Ingram-Micro is no longer on Wehrle Drive. Mr. Tuyn suggested that it is because people are trying to avoid the Wehrle/Garrison intersection. The committee discussed the ability to get some data on the scope of the problem. Mr. Celeste will find out about getting a machine from Amherst to track speed and number of cars.

Mr. Petrocelli took a sidebar suggesting that the Village talk to the WBA about the parking problems in the neighborhoods adjacent to their businesses. Mr. Celeste said he would take up that suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Town's recommended e-bike regulations

Mr. Pacer has received no update from the Town regarding their process of creating ebike regulations. The committee renewed its discussion about issues that ebikes are causing. It was suggested that the Village create regulations and let the Town follow if they are moving too slow.

Ascher Crossing

Mr. Pacer brought the committee up to date on how Natale is addressing issues with the Ascher Crossing site, especially the outlet onto Milton. Chief Vogel discussed some of the solutions he had discussed with the developer. Mr. Celeste said that the Board is going to move forward, putting in a barrier at the playground rather than waiting for the developer to do so.

Pfohl St update

Signs along the 155 foot No Parking zone are erected, and issues seem to have improved.

LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Celeste reported that there is a verbal commitment with the county to place a raised intersection at Eagle and Evans to slow traffic and make it more pedestrian safe. He also reported that Milton St Is getting a speed hump. He was not sure where it was going to be located.

Motion to adjourn, Tom, Second Dan, Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pacer said that the next Traffic and Safety Committee meeting would be held on August 6, 2026.

Mr. Petrocelli motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.