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Village of Wilson Board of Trustees
 Minutes – April 16, 2026

Village Representatives	Present	Absent	Village Representatives	Present	Absent
Mayor Greg Martin	X		Superintendent Keith Lepine	X	
Deputy Mayor Joanne Seefeldt	X		CEO Travis Evans	X	
Trustee Bob Morgan	X		Attorney Michael J. Dowd	X	
Trustee Aaron Pringle	X		Engineer Mike Marino		X
Clerk-Treasurer Carey L. O'Connor	X		Legislator David Godfrey	X	
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Nicole Martin		X			

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Greg Martin called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00pm. We then proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing on Local Law 3-2026 – amending Chapter 143 Structures, Unsafe. Mayor Greg Martin opened the public hearing. Mayor Martin explained that this gives people due process and since it was originally written in 1969, updated language. He asked if anyone had any questions. Mayor Martin closed the public hearing and asked for a motion to approve Local Law 2-2026, amending Chapter 143 Structures, Unsafe. Motion was made by Trustee Bob Morgan, seconded by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt. Clerk Carey O'Connor took roll call. Trustee Aaron Pringle, yes; Trustee Bob Morgan, yes; Trustee Joanne Seefeldt, yes; Mayor Greg Martin, yes. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Mayor Greg Martin asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the April 6, 2026 Re-Organizational Board meeting. The meeting minutes can be found on the Village website. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Trustee Aaron Pringle. All in favor, motion passed.

MONTHLY BILLS

Mayor Greg Martin asked for a motion to approve payment of all vouchers (attached). The abstracts are located at the back of the room. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made a motion to approve all payments, seconded by Trustee Bob Morgan. All in favor, motion passed.

BUSINESS

Mayor Greg Martin opened the business portion of the meeting.

Resolution 15–2026 Authorizing the Establishment and Operation of a “Take It or Leave It” Shed Program: Mayor Martin read the attached resolution. Mayor Martin explained that this comes out of the Climate Smart initiative. Discussion ensued. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve resolution. Motion was made by Trustee Aaron Pringle, seconded by Trustee Bob Morgan. Clerk Carey O’Connor took roll call. Trustee Aaron Pringle, yes; Trustee Bob Morgan, yes; Trustee Joanne Seefeldt, yes; Mayor Greg Martin, yes. All in favor, motion passed unanimously. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to accept the MOU with Alexandria McKenzie, Motion made by Trustee Bob Morgan, seconded by Trustee Aaron Pringle. All in favor, motion passed.

Arbor Day Proclamation: Mayor Martin read the attached Proclamation. Mayor Martin then proceeded to ask for a motion to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Bob Morgan. All in favor, proclamation passed, April 25th will be celebrated down at the Historical Society and invites everyone to come,

Event Request: EA Racing Club Bicycle Race on Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 9am–5pm: Mayor Martin stated that our Attorney has reviewed and all information, pending insurance. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve this event request, pending insurance. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Aaron Pringle. All in favor, motion passed.

Event Request: Niagara Hospice Gran Fondo Charity Bike Race on August 2, 2026 from 7am – 1pm: Mayor Martin stated that our Attorney has reviewed and all information is in place. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve this event request. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Bob Morgan. All in favor, motion passed.

Niagara Hospice Gran Fondo Sponsorship Request: Mayor Martin stated that we have sponsored them in the past and he will personally sponsor it on the behalf of the Village of Wilson.

Event Request: Star Search (Buffalo Astronomical Association) for the year 2026 at Krueger Park at Dusk: Mayor Martin stated that our Attorney has reviewed and all information is in place. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve this event request. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Aaron Pringle. All in favor, motion passed.

Event Request: Wilson Central School for the annual Flag Day Parade on June 12th at 9:30am: Mayor Martin stated that our Attorney has reviewed and all information is in place. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve this event request. Trustee Bob Morgan made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt. All in favor, motion passed.

Announce Public Hearing on Local Law 4–2026 Regulating Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Village of Wilson at next months board meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7pm: Mayor Martin explained that he will be attending the Niagara County Planning Board meeting to see if they will approve it so we can move forward with it. Clerk O’Connor stated that you can receive copies of this law in the Clerk’s office.

Fund Balance Worksheet Review: Mayor Martin explained that we have changed our Fund Balance policy. With that, we have a worksheet to distinguish what our Fund Balance needs to be in accordance with our policy. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to accept the worksheet numbers for the end of the fiscal year. Motion to accept numbers as is was made by Trustee Bob Morgan, seconded by Trustee Aaron Pringle. All in favor, motion passed.

Discuss Blighted Building, RV & Storage Unit Laws: Mayor Martin stated we have been working hard on developments within the Village. To do this, we need new laws. Discussion ensued on the Blighted

Law, Recreational Vehicles and Campers, and Storage Unit laws. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to announce public hearings on the Blighted Building and RV laws. He recommends tabling the Storage Unit law to review in more detail. Motion to announce public hearing made by Trustee Aaron Pringle, seconded by Trustee Bob Morgan to have a public hearing next month.

Water & sewer connection policy review: Mayor Martin stated that we had two separate policies that needed updated and put together. Discussion ensued. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve this policy. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Bob Morgan. All in favor, policy has passed.

Re-codification Discussion: Mayor Martin has stated that our Codes have not been updated in years. We will have some work to do as this is necessary. Mayor Martin has been speaking with Todd Metcalfe at General Code and the cost will be \$13,500 to go through our Codes. We will develop a Committee and we will work through our Codes. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to enter into discussion with Todd Metcalfe. Motion made by Trustee Aaron Pringle, seconded Trustee Bob Morgan. All in favor, motion passed.

Income Survey Discussion: Mayor Martin stated that we need a few more survey's completed in order to make sure we are grant eligible. Joanne & Bob stated that they will re-canvas for more surveys.

Vending Discussion: Mayor Martin stated that Bob has a little experience in this. Mayor Martin asked him to take the lead. Trustee Bob Morgan stated that he spoke with someone out of North Carolina who takes machines and fixes them up, which you cannot tell. Discussion ensued. Mayor Martin stated that some of our assessment values are low in the village. With these machines, they could profit approximately \$500 and is an opportunity to add an amenity to our piers and create revenue. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve the purchase. Trustee Bob Morgan made the motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt. All in favor, motion to approve.

Tabled request from last month's meeting from Jeff Fire at 246 Seminary Street: Mayor Martin stated that it is a tree in the Village right of way. Keith Lepine stated that they have inspected it and will have the guys trim it in the next couple weeks. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to have the DPW trim the tree. Trustee Aaron Pringle made a motion to have the tree taken care of, seconded by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Greg Martin closed the business portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Greg Martin opened public participation.

Alexandria McKenzie went to a Greenway Summit today in Ellicottville. There were about 125 people there. More special interest groups than municipalities. The big topic is to put a dollar value on the trail. There are community developers that want to build up the trail. These types of trails can help communities and to bring events to the community. She was there to let them know to continue the trail that Wilson wants it. There was discussion on encouraging communities to want this and on how to find volunteers to maintain these trails. Our Mayor received many compliments as an energetic mayor that wants to get things done in our community.

Garry Seefeldt is excited about the Bike Race, it has the potential to be really huge. He's wondering if the businesses know, Business Association? Mayor Martin stated he has reached out to our businesses to be involved. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Greg Martin closed public participation.

REPORTS

Mayor Greg Martin opened reports.

WWTP Operator Keith Lepine reported (notes attached):

Wastewater

- All our monthly numbers are within our permit limits
- May 1st, we resume our weekly fecal and E.Coli samples until the Fall
- I would like to chase funding to do a condition assessment on the WWTP – there are a few items that are going to need reconditioning or replacing in the near future as they reach their end-of-life expectancy
- We plan on switching to our other aerobic digester soon and do a clean-up on the other
- All 3 solenoids on the Raptor fine screen have been replaced and are working great, saving potable water that we were previously wasting in the process
- Our maintainer/operator is taking online studies and working towards his Level 1 Operator license

Water

- This past week we replaced the leaking valve at the corner of McChesney and Wood St. Unfortunately, many of the older water valves in the village are failing, resulting in a water shutoff for the whole village until the new valve was installed
- We are meeting online with Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for a funding consult; we would request funding for valves, clamps, and piping
- Although we've fixed a couple major leaks in our water distribution system the past couple weeks, we are still seeing high demand; there may be another hidden water leak in the system that we continue to search for

Roads

- I'll be meeting with the Town Hwy Superintendent tomorrow to discuss road paving; after patching up the water main break digs from the winter, we expect to be paving streets on the East side of the Village – High St., Warren St., Seneca St., Washington St., and the East section of Wood St.
- DPW has been picking up a lot of branch debris over the past week; they have also been working on improving drainage – ditches and drainage interceptors
- We're looking to do some road line painting in the next couple of months

Trees

- Tree that fell on Harbor St. and is near service wires will be taken down in the next couple of days
- Tree on Seminary St that has dangerous overhanging branches is to be trimmed back next week

CEO Travis Evans reported he has issued four new permits, fourteen open. He has done three fire inspections, four short term rental inspections. Have three order of remedy, one has been rectified and one is working on it this weekend and one will more than likely go to court. He had court this month with IGA, Dollar General and the old bank on Young. IGA pleaded Not Guilty, Dollar General was a no show. We are trying to get some movement on DG. He would like to remind the Board that we need to figure out the fines in our Codes. Some don't even cover the cost of himself or the Attorneys time. Our property management program will be through GoGov. The one with Wendel is no longer working. He is working to get it up and running. They're saying it'll take approximately 8 weeks.

Trustee Joanne Seefeldt has nothing to report.

Attorney Mike Dowd has nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Bob Morgan reported that last Saturday, with the Mayor, they walked around the Village with a couple consultants. They had a wide broad range of ideas for the Village. He has negotiated with the vending machine sales rep., and with tonight's motion we will be going with that. He went to

Medina to the Printshop to pick up the new Hometown Hero banners and dropped them off to the DPW.

Trustee Aaron Pringle has nothing to report.

Clerk Treasurer Carey O'Connor reported that we have filed our Tax Cap and our Constitutional Tax Limit with the Office of the State Comptroller. We also sent out late water/sewer bills from the March billing. Sent out letters to Vacant Building Owners who have yet to register with the Village with what they need to do and the fees. Slowly working on preparations for our fiscal year end.

Legislator David Godfrey reported that he has been working on the Clerk's new laptop which once Nicole is done using it, we will set it up for Carey. He also recommends getting another one to set up on Nicole's desk as they need to update them. A little update on Beebe Road as he is getting phone calls about product not being able to deliver due to weight limits. Dave explained that if they are only going down the road to deliver a product and leave, they may do so. This is true for any street or road. Had questions about cameras on roads. They are not facial recognition. They read license plates. There are 62 in the county. We've already caught 3 people with these cameras. These are good if they need to find a vehicle quickly. They are not there to track you. He stated that the USDA has money for water infrastructure and we will be going after that. Alexandria agreed. The last thing is the Harbor. He has been actively working to get money to dredge. He is working with the Army Corp. The Wilson Harbor will be under control of the Army Corp to be dredged.

Mayor Greg Martin reported:

- Our Clerk Carey has celebrated her 10 year work-iversary.
- He was out at the water break and wants to thank Dave Branch with the county and the couple town guys that came out to help. We need to start fixing areas that need fixed. We know it's not good when we have to shut all of our resident's water off, we need to start looking into how to communicate and minimize it. After the water break, we reached out to a texting group to meet next Tuesday to see what type of costs come with it. They can also do surveys, which he likes.
- After months and months and months, we got an insurance quote that is 7,000 over what we currently pay. NYMIR stated they would be cheap, but they're not as cheap as Selective.
- He also reached out to the DOT about the increased traffic coming down 425 with the oversized permits to be concerned with out sewer laterals. Our roads are rated for a standard load, we could ask for a DOT checkpoint to make sure these loads coming through are legal.
- Treeman Tom will be working on taking a tree down tomorrow on Harbor. Glad he's working in the Village and is very knowledgeable.
- Worked on a lot of legislation. Chapter 144, 145. Organized some laws for the Board to review.
- Worked on the re-codification project.
- Working on vacant buildings and how to get fees out there and the next step on tacking them.
- Worked on the BESS law and getting ready for the County Planning Board meeting.
- Worked on the budget summary and fund balance policy.
- Worked on a Budget vs Actual analysis of all funds to better understand projecting for the fund balances.
- Worked on tax levy comparisons working up to the budget.
- Worked on our utility rates as they're not producing what we need and where to go and how to make it work.
- Put a post on FB on the angle of parking on Young Street. That did not go as planned. Just sparking conversation and looking at safety and with revitalizing our downtown, we need to look at every area and work towards change. Does not mean we would do that. We need ideas for our grants and forward motion showing that we are doing little steps proving we are committed.
- Looking at other studies on water meters.
- Reached out to Mike Marino as he is working on getting us on the Intended Use plan for grants. Trying to go after some EFC funds, and also the green initiative that funds meters. He is working with Susan at Syracuse EFC on our next steps.

- We received the Ralph C. Wilson foundation grant for the fence in Martin Park and we will write them a letter and ask if we can change it up for more inclusive play.
- We had our LWRP update meeting with the state. They're bringing in Resiliency specialists next month to discuss. A lot of municipalities are running out of money. This is an area where they help prioritize our assets which helps with costs. They also have an area to help with updating laws.
- Spoke with Jason on the Splash Pad.
- We have some ditching on Casewood to do.
- Reviewed vending machine proposals.
- Ongoing work with the Teamster negotiations.
- Fix it Festival & Take it or Leave it event.
- Touch a Truck coming this summer, Spoke to Rob at firehall.
- Plan2Peak cycling stage race.
- Spoke with Barth Consulting, he will put together a proposal. He is a consultant to work with. He has connections and try to get people to buy, sell or rent. He loved this area and thought it was a hidden gem.

Mayor Greg Martin closed reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Martin would like to go into Executive session in regards to ongoing negotiations with Teamsters. Trustee Bob Morgan made a motion at 8:33 pm to go into executive session, seconded by Trustee Aaron Pringle. Clerk Carey O'Connor asked if any decisions were being made. Attorney Mike Dowd stated no. She did not attend executive session.

The Village Board came out of Executive Session at 8:45 pm.

CLOSING

Mayor Greg Martin stated that our next Employee and Board meeting will be on Thursday, May 21st at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm here at the Town Hall. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. Motion made by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt, seconded by Trustee Bob Morgan. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carey L. O'Connor

Carey L. O'Connor
Village Clerk-Treasurer