

VILLAGE OF WILSON

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Village of Wilson Board of Trustees Minutes – May 15, 2025

Village Representatives	Present	Absent	Village Representatives	Present	Absent
Mayor Greg Martin	X		WWTP/DPW Supt. Shawn Galyen	X	
Deputy Mayor Joanne Seefeldt	X		CEO Travis Evans		X
Trustee Ellen Hibbard	X		Attorney Michael J. Dowd		X
Trustee Doug Kepner	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.

MINUTES

Mayor Greg Martin asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from April 17, 2025. Motion was made by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt, seconded by Trustee Doug Kepner. Trustee Mayor Greg Martin stated that you can find a copy of these minutes in the Clerk's office or online. All in favor, motion passed.

MONTHLY BILLS

Mayor Greg Martin stated that you can find a copy of our monthly bills at the back of the room. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve the bills. Trustee Ellen Hibbard made a motion to approve all vouchers, seconded by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt. All in favor, motion passed.

General: \$22,621.21 Water: \$287.16 Sewer: \$4,823.47 Key2Business: \$10,461.41

BUSINESS

Resolution 22-2025, Resolution Establishing Energy Benchmarking Requirements for Certain Municipal

Buildings: Mayor Greg Martin read the attached resolution. Mayor Martin asked Clerk O'Connor to take roll call to accept resolution. Clerk O'Connor asked via roll call, Trustee Doug Kepner, yes; Trustee Joanne Seefeldt, yes; Trustee Ellen Hibbard, yes; Mayor Greg Martin, yes. All in favor, resolution passed.

Resolution 23-2025, Authorizing Year End Budget Transfers: Mayor Greg Martin read the attached resolution. Mayor Greg Martin asked Clerk O'Connor to take roll call to accept resolution. Clerk O'Connor asked via roll call, Trustee Doug Kepner, yes; Trustee Joanne Seefeldt, yes; Trustee Ellen Hibbard, yes; Mayor Greg Martin, yes. All in favor, resolution passed.

Leon Festival Event Request: Mayor Martin stated that Mike Dowd, our attorney is not present, however we still need to obtain the insurance listing the Village. Mayor Martin would like to ask for approval of this event contingent on approval from our Attorney and receiving the insurance. Trustee Ellen Hibbard made a motion to approve the event request contingent on the attorney's approval and receiving the insurance. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt seconded the motion. All in favor, event request passed.

Discussion on the Walking and Biking Plan: Mayor Greg Martin discussed the "Wander About Wilson" Biking and Walking Plan. Its objective is to develop a sustainable, community-driven bicycle and pedestrian network, including the Wilson Wanderway, to reduce vehicle dependency, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance livability in Wilson, aligning with the CSC P6 action. More information can be found in your Village Clerk's office and attached to these minutes.

Solar Law Discussion: Mayor Greg Martin stated that we took planning and zoning training with Wendel recently. We have been working on a solar law and know what we want in it. He forwarded it to them along with the battery storage. They stated they can help us for \$1000 or less. He briefed the board and attendee's with the attached scope of work. Mayor Martin would like to move forward with the Solar Law. Trustee Ellen Hibbard made a motion to move forward with the law, seconded by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt. All in favor, motion approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Greg Martin opened public participation.

Jill Rohring stated that they had their first Star Search which was successful. She thanked Shawn for making sure the lights were off. She also stated that there were new people that brought their telescopes who had no idea what they were doing. She's hopeful for clear skies and successful events! Mayor Martin stated he heard that they were asked if they'd take donations. Jill stated that their telescope is old and you can't get the parts for them anymore. The next Star Search is June 14th.

Alexandria McKenzie asked about the status of Lakeside Market. Mayor Martin stated that we have not heard on anything official.

Mayor Greg Martin closed public participation.

REPORTS

Mayor Greg Martin opened reports.

Legislator David Godfrey stated that the county passed a law that any solar companies putting one in now have to have a bond for decommissioning. If they bring it in, they have to take it out. Dawn Timm is very knowledgeable with solar, we should reach out to her. The bike initiative, the last legislature approved. We should be getting a check in the mail. He has additional discretionary funds, if we have something to reach out. This past Monday, there was a ribbon cutting on the Niagara River Shoreline. It's been in the works for 12 years. It is 54 miles long and what we are doing here, we should look at how to bring that traffic to the Village. He recommended signage with the funds he brought up!

Engineer Mike Marino reported we had a meeting last week in regards to the electric vehicle charge station. We've been awarded but now it's to get the contract in place. Once it is, we will get it done. Mayor Martin thanked Mike for his work on this grant. The State budget has passed so he's hoping for info on the consolidated funding grant.

Superintendent Shawn Galyen stated they have been working on getting the parks ready for Memorial Day. The flower pots are up from Celebrate Wilson!. The Hometown Hero banners are going up. Our new flags are up. We need to use the fire company ladder truck to get the WWTP flag up. Pot holes have been fixed. There's a problem with Pettit Street is falling a part. He would like to recommend to the Village to mill the street and then put a new layer of pavement. This winter was rough on our streets. Shawn explained the equipment at the plant that runs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The energy consumption is high. The last thing he is going to say is that he will be resigning from the Village. This will be his last meeting. To squander any rumors, the Village board has been great to work with and it is not the reason as to why he is leaving. Anyone have any questions, to call him. He is thankful for working with the Village and hates to leave but he has a personal reason for leaving but will still be a part of this community.

Mayor Martin wants to Thank Shawn for his dedication to the Village. He brought professionalism and love for the community to the Village.

Trustee Joanne Seefeldt has nothing to report except that she said Shawn has brought a lot to the table and he will be missed.

Trustee Ellen Hibbard has nothing at this time but will miss Shawn a lot.

Clerk Treasurer Carey O'Connor reported in the past month, the office has prepared the meter for water readings, we attended an OSC webinar on Policies & Procedures, we started working with our Accountant to prepare for our fiscal year end this month. We assisted Travis when needed, also assisted the Board with various grant requests. We worked on preparing for our June tax season and will be getting the tax bills tomorrow. Jim Bird, our Assessor was gracious to pick them up for us. We had one property that had unpaid water and sewer. It will be placed on their tax bill. \$193.19 for water and sewer and the \$150.00 administration fee. We've completed the 2024 Annual Water Quality Report, you can find it on the village website. We have been updating and adding to our new website. One item is the Wander About Wilson Bike Waiver. Nicole has also attended training for the new Village electronic sign, She's been doing a great job heading that up. Also, I will not be at next month's board meeting as I will be on vacation with my husband. Nicole will be in attendance.

Trustee Doug Kepner has nothing at this time but wanted to thank Shawn for everything he has done.

Mayor Greg Martin wanted to report that we had our first Arbor Day event. The DEC came down and it was great. Tree inventories, tree studies, grants to take down and replace. We will apply to Tree City USA in September.

Shawn took the old Village sign to the Factory Outlet Mall for recycling.

Attended a pre-submission meeting for the LWRP contract. We need it submitted by the 20th.

Attended ZBA training and received interesting info on the wet land regulations which we can use in the LWRP. That will create more wetlands and spread the waterfront boundary out further to protect them.

In 2017 the VOW applied for a Sam Grant and it got approved in 2022, which we didn't know about. We are working with Mike to work on it and hopefully we can try to parlay it into water upgrades.

Angela from the DOState came down, she graded our Smart Growth Grant last year and she came to visit and got her to look around with Christina from LaBella to look at our area and how some of the Smart Growth plans can be put into our comprehensive study. Angela is so excited, she wants to bring the regional council next month to also help us identify ideas to apply for the Smart Growth or DRI. These are really exciting events happening.

We have been tossing around municipal software, we met with Edmunds.

We had a battery storage webinar from NYSEDA, we learned where the State is on it.

Met with Mike Marino in regards to our ZEV grant and where we are at with that.

We had a sit down with our Village accountants with where we are now from the last five years and what changes we need to make to stay ahead of the curve and inflation. The village dollars are not keeping up with this inflation.

We met with a couple companies to add signage, one of the final projects is to put signage at the Townline Pier. We have some quotes and meetings to turn it into a destination, not a drive by. We did all those upgrades, we would be silly not to draw visitors there.

Meeting on Workplace Violence, someone wants to possibly do some training.

Sat on a Medicare discussion on saving money with Retirees.

Met with one of the people opening the Wilson House and what their vision is. They really want to be involved in the community. They're going to push the Air BnB to have a place for visitors to stay.

Our fix it event is this Saturday from 10-12pm at Sharkey's Repair. We will have some not so professional professionals helping fix things.

Climate Smart is at 116 points out of 120. Our assistants at UB are working on assisting us. All the different items we have been working on to certify us as Climate Smart and becoming a Climate Smart community. We get extra points when applying for grants if we are.

He has taken a lot of pier insurance calls. The Army Corp of Engineers are mandating us to hold the liability insurance on the Federal Pier. Our Board stance is entering into this obligation, could hurt the Village in the long run. We are working with our County and State officials to find a better solution to cover the insurance. Trustee Hibbard said we paid 7705 for the contract and now they want us to cover it with insurance. It is currently at the Governor's office for assistance. Our overall goal is to look at a possible co-insurer as we cannot take this on solely.

Working on the Solar Law.

The Discovery Channel will be here next week.

He met with the Rick Hauser, Mayor of the Village of Perry. He is one of the leading revitalization architects and has used his knowledge to make their village better. It's beautiful down there.

Mayor Greg Martin closed reports.

CLOSING

Mayor Greg Martin stated that our next Employee Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025 here at the Town Hall at 2:30pm, and our Board meeting will be that evening at 7:00pm. Mayor Greg Martin requested a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:58 pm. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Doug Kepner. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carey L. O'Connor

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