

VILLAGE OF WILSON

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Village of Wilson Board of Trustees Minutes – April 17, 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 7, 2025. Motion was made by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt, seconded by Trustee Ellen Hibbard. 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 Joanne Seefeldt made a motion to approve all vouchers, seconded by Trustee Ellen Hibbard. All in favor, motion passed.

General: \$22,554.89 Water: \$8,849.44 Sewer: \$61,763.04 Key2Business: \$11,480.15 NYMS: \$4500.00

BUSINESS

Tree City USA Official Proclamation: Mayor Greg Martin stated that Art did do this last year but this year we will be reading this at this years event. We will be planting a tree at Martin Park with the DEC and additional guests as well. Mayor Martin read the Official Proclamation (attached). Mayor Martin asked for a motion to accept the proclamation. Trustee Ellen Hibbard made the motion, seconded by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt. All in favor, proclamation passed.

Village Organics: Mayor Greg Martin read the objectives of our action plan for organic management within the Village of Wilson (attached). Mayor Martin would like a motion to adopt this plan. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made a motion, seconded by Trustee Doug Kepner. Mayor Martin asked if anyone had any questions. All in favor, motion passed.

Natural Resources Inventory: Mayor Martin apologized for skipping this as per our agenda. We have received some guidance on this and we need to put together all then important information together, We have been working on this ourselves with our friends at UB. We've pulled all the information from previous grants and our 2012 Comprehensive Plan.

Wilson Fire Co. #1 Event Request, May 3rd Touch a Truck: Mayor Greg Martin stated that our Attorney Mike Dowd has reviewed and insurance is in place. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve this event request. Trustee Ellen Hibbard made the motion, Trustee Joanne Seefeldt seconded the motion. All in favor, event request approved.

Wilson Elementary Event Request, June 13th Flag Day Parade: Mayor Greg Martin stated that our Attorney Mike Dowd has reviewed and insurance is in place. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to approve this event request. Trustee Joanne Seefeldt made the motion, Trustee Doug Kepner seconded the motion. All in favor, event request approved.

Wilson Little League Baseball Contract: Clerk O'Connor stated that we have received their insurance but we have not received the signed contract. Attorney Mike Dowd stated that you can accept it as long as there are no changes. Mayor Martin asked for a motion to accept the contract if it comes in without modification before their start date of May 1st. Trustee Ellen Hibbard made the motion, seconded by Trustee Joanne Seefeldt. All in favor, motion approved. Clerk O'Connor will reach back out to baseball.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Greg Martin opened public participation.

Wade Wagner stated that he did not receive his absentee ballots. Clerk O'Connor stated she remembers talking with Kim but the applications were never received. Clerk O'Connor stated to come to the office so she can look into this further.

Jill Rohring stated that Wilson Star Search is starting back up. The first one will be on May 10th.

Wade Wagner asked about the Wilson Organics. Discussion ensued between Mayor Martin and Wade. Mayor Martin stated that Farmer Pirates will be bringing bins for food drop offs soon. He asked if it will cost the Village. Mayor Martin stated that each resident would have to subscribe to it which would give them benefits to subscribing.

Mayor Greg Martin closed public participation.

REPORTS

Mayor Greg Martin opened reports.

Legislator David Godfrey asked if we got the money the Board requested. Mayor Martin thanked Legislator Godfrey for the money that helped the Village purchase four bike racks for the Village and the Wanderway program.

CEO Travis Evans reported that he issued eight permits. He has 10 open. He has reached out to the open permits. 5 STR inspections. 18 fire inspections. 4 have failed. Have had 4 complaints, mostly from Autumnview. He is still working with the Engineers on the Wilson Harbor Project. Travis asked Clerk O'Connor if we have a list of Special Use Permits. She stated she will look into it and let him know.

Superintendent Shawn Galyen stated that this is one of the worst winters we have seen in 10 years. The roads are in bad shape. Once the asphalt plants open back up, we will be repairing the streets. They have been working on the drainage in the Village. They had the DPW and the WWTP reviewed to see where we can save energy costs by switching to LED lighting. Jason Wilson has donated more dog stations for the Village in honor of Austin Wilson which will be placed around the Village.

Mayor Martin stated that it will cost the Village approximately \$5800 to upgrade the lighting at the WWTP and DPW which will save the village approximately \$13,000 a year.

Trustee Joanne Seefeldt reported that the Village will officially do the Arbor Day proclamation here on April 25th. She asked Legislator Godfrey if he could give us a contact at the Iroquois Job Corp as she has been reaching out with no luck. Legislator Godfrey stated he will get her that information.

Trustee Ellen Hibbard has nothing at this time.

Attorney Michael Dowd stated that he has some letters from Carey that he will look at and respond to.

Clerk Treasurer Carey O'Connor has nothing at this time.

Trustee Doug Kepner has nothing at this time.

Mayor Greg Martin wanted to report that Jason from UB in regards to the Climate Smart grant and that we are looking good for the July 11th deadline. We are really pushing to become a Climate Smart Certified Community. With this, we can apply for a highly sought after grant. We already do a lot of these items and all we need to do is put them together and put it on paper. Mayor Martin stated he just got out of a meeting with our Grant writer, LaBella. He has passed out the proposal for services (attached) and stated that this proposal is to prepare the Smart Growth Grant update and re-submittal and the EPF Grant for Robert R. Martin Park. We need to get it back to Ed as soon as we address it. Mayor Martin stated that he had a webinar on the NYMS grant. Our Team In Sight Architecture was in on the meeting and they have a lot of success. We will be looking at vacancy and ownership in the business district. We will devise a plan to put out possible new projects for new facade's in the business district. There will also be a streetscape idea put in there to make the village inviting. We will also be looking at the back of our business district look better on the Pettit Street side as it's a high traffic area within our Village.

Shawn wanted to inform the Board that on April 21st at Noon, they will be stocking the lake at the Townline Pier with fish.

Mayor Greg Martin closed reports.

CLOSING

Mayor Greg Martin stated that our next Employee Meeting will be on Thursday, May 15, 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 7:46pm. 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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