

MEETING MINUTES
of the Village of Windsor, N.Y.
107 Main Street
Windsor, NY 13865
March 5, 2026

Present:	Mayor:	Ronald G. Harting
	Trustee:	Elaine L. Card
		John R. McNulty
		James W. Miller
		Thomas M. Skinner - Absent
	Treasurer:	Patricia L. Harting
	Clerk:	Courtney J. Decker
	Streets & Water Supt:	David M. Decker
	Code Enforcement	Richard Osborne
	Attendees:	7

Call to Order: **Time:** 7:00 P.M.
 By: Mayor Ron Harting

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

WYSR – Sarah Hoover, Secretary for the WYSR was in attendance. She was happy to share the projected numbers for participation this year and that the WYSR offers ten league sports. Sarah stated that the new lights on the girls’ softball field are great! It really helps with scheduling to be able to use the field at night. Mayor Harting agreed and was thankful that Fred Akshar (when he was senator) was able to help with the grant process to get the lights on the girls’ field. The WYSR is planning to do some maintenance/regrading to both the baseball and softball fields when they have their annual clean up day. Supt. Decker told her to let him know what they will need so he can get everything ready for them. Sarah let us know that they plan to partner with WCHS Trades to have some picnic tables built for the area in front of the concession stand. The WYSR is still looking into possible grants to upgrade some of the playground equipment at Klumpp Park. Mayor Harting gave some suggestions on who they may be able to reach out to for grant assistance. Brenda Wilber, also with the WYSR, was in attendance, asked to use Klumpp Park this summer to have Movies in the Park. She is thinking Friday or Saturday nights and is looking into having a popcorn truck as well. She did not have specific dates but will be in touch with the office and WYSR to coordinate. She also asked if she/WYSR could put on a big ball tournament July 18th. The board gave their approval for both. Sarah Hoover, thanked the board for their continued support and said she would be in touch with Supt. Decker regarding WYSR cleanup day when she had more details.

Public Comment – Ruth Seward, who was in attendance, wanted to inquire about the shop going into the old Subway building on behalf of some of our residents. There have been several rumors and assumptions about what kind of shop it will be. She also inquired whether the Village voted out of marijuana being sold legally in the Village. Mayor Harting and Code Enforcement Officer Osborne were able to answer her questions. They let her know that the new shop going in, was going to be a deli and a smoke shop as of right now; similar to what the Country Mart is without gasoline. Mayor Harting also informed Ruth that the Village did not opt out of legal marijuana shops but the Town did. However, there are very strict laws and regulations to be able to open a legal marijuana shop to which there have been no inquiries about doing so within the Village. Ruth also brought up a different topic to which she was concerned. As the weather is warming up, she has been walking more often and has noticed that there is a lot of dog feces just being left on the sidewalk or right by it. Code Officer Osborne said that he would try to keep an eye open for it, but unless someone could report who was responsible for it or he was able to see it in person, it is difficult to give a violation directly to the owner of the animal. Ruth was also concerned about a gentleman who is in the Village

again who has in the past initiated some altercations with our residents. He left the Village but appears to have returned. Typically, he just sits on the benches and walks around the Village. However, there have been a few instances already that Ruth has witnessed and she wanted it known that she is concerned. Mayor Harting stated that he understood her concerns and the best course of action, if an instance of concern does occur would be to contact the Sheriff's Department at the non-emergency number to let them know. This also allows them to keep a record of each occurrence and take the necessary precautions and/or actions.

Code Enforcement Report, Rich Osborne present, a report was given. – 1.) Activity has been slow still with the cold weather. Taking the opportunity to finish and submit annual reports to New York State and the Census Bureau. 2.) Getting ready to send out annual fire inspection letters. We will then start scheduling and performing the fire inspections. 3.) Doing inspections for any open permits as warranted. 4.) Have been attending the mandatory yearly in service training classes as they become available. 5.) Answering any zoning and building questions as inquiries are made. 6.) We may have to adopt/amend local laws as the codes throughout the NYS are changing. We are waiting to see how the state proceeds with some of the new codes that are trying to be implemented. 7.) Mayor Harting inquired about a timeline for the new shop in the old Subway building. Rich said it is slow going; currently they are working on putting in the hood for cooking and correcting some early projects. 8.) Rich also had a few updates on other new/possible businesses in the Village. Someone has rented the downstairs of the old bank and is going to open a massage parlor and a t-shirt shop. Potential renter for the other half of the factory; looking to store SIPS (Structure Insulated Panels). Someone has also rented the lot and is looking to set up a food truck at 14 Main Street. Rich is working with them on what they can and cannot do with the space to get things up and running.

Attorney Report – No report was given, no activity for the last month.

Streets Report, David Decker present, a report was given. – 1.) Supt. Decker has been working on prices for the new zero-turn mower, trade-in amount and our bottom-line cost. The cost of the mower new would be \$12,238.38, after the trade-in for our current mower of \$9,990.00 the final cost to us would be \$2,248.38. Supt. Decker asked the board for a motion to approve the purchase of the new zero-turn mower for \$2,248.38.

Motion: to accept the purchase of a new zero-turn mower for \$2,248.38

By: Elaine L. Card

2nd: James W. Miller

Vote: AYE – All who were in attendance

2.) We had to order more salt, based on forecasts and how long it takes to receive salt ordered; we decided to err on the side of caution and place another order. We typically use a decent amount of salt this time of year from the melting and refreezing, as well as the mixed precipitation. The warmer temperatures have helped the last week or so but the rest of the month into early April looks like it could be below average temperatures for us. 3.) While there is a short break in the weather, we will be taking the dump truck to get a rough idea of a trade-in price. There is a chance that the school may be interested in buying the dump truck from us. As we have done in previous years, we would sell it to them at the trade-in cost and add-in extra to cover the salt spreader and plows. 4.) The Community House ran out of fuel oil early last month; it took them quite awhile to come out and fill the tanks. We were able to bleed the line and get it back up and running. Clerk Decker called and changed the delivery schedule so it would be more frequent.

Water Report, David Decker present, a report was given. – 1.) The water that was behind the factory does not appear to be a leak. We listened with our equipment and could not hear anything. We will be checking it again early next week. 2.) We did have a leak on the six-inch main up by the reservoir, the ring cracked due to the frost heaving. We were losing about fifty thousand gallons a day, thankfully, we were able to get it fixed within a few hours between snowstorms and the brutal cold.

3.) There were two water meters that froze up during the same weekend as the reservoir leak. One of them being the physical therapist office; usually Paul will leave the water trickling to avoid this. However, because the temperature was warmer, he thought that he would not have to. The ground is still frozen and the pipe froze under the road and/or sidewalk. I had to spent the quite a bit of time trying to find a welder that would be able to come out and unthaw the pipe underground; fortunately, we were able to find a welder that still does this and he was able to come out that same day. 4.) The pump control system was acting up late in the afternoon. To ensure water for our residents, Supt. Decker ended up having to go to the pump house every few hours to turn on/off the pumps manually. Cleaned out all the contacts that afternoon but it was still acting up, the readings rising quickly, causing the pumps to cycle on and off within seconds. Unsure if it could have been the signal, the reservoir leak or it just malfunctioning, however, the next day it seemed to have self-corrected. 5.) The gallons started to run higher over the last few day, so we will be out looking for another leak. Our first focus will be eliminating the possibility of a leak down by the factory. 6.) The annual report for the SRBC system water loss is complete. Supt. Decker will be submitting the annual DEC report next week and he will also begin the annual water quality report now that we have received all of last year's water sample results.

Treasurer's Report, Patricia Harting present, a report was given. – 1.) Treasurer Harting went over her report.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report

By: John R. McNulty

2nd: James W. Miller

Vote: AYE – All who were in attendance

Motion: to pay bills as authorized by vouchers signed by board members in the amount of \$ 21,145.80 for Abstract #1 and \$57,911.28 for Abstract #1A.

By: Elaine L. Card

2nd: John R. McNulty

Vote: AYE – All who were in attendance

2.) It is the 250th anniversary of July 4th, Independence Day this year. The Village will be having a parade this year in conjunction with the Town of Windsor on June 27th. Treasurer Harting would like to be able to make some wreaths to put by the Memorial at the Community House. In previous years the Windsor Legion would take care of this, however, they have disbanded. Treasurer Harting said that she did not have an exact price yet but would like permission to make them. A motion was made to allow Treasurer Harting to make the wreaths and not to exceed five hundred dollars.

Motion: to purchase supplies and make wreaths for the 250th anniversary, not to exceed \$500.00

By: Elaine L. Card

2nd: John R. McNulty

Vote: AYE – All who were in attendance

3.) Treasurer Harting gave the board Resolution No.6-2026 for approval.

Resolution #6-2026

RESOLUTION NO.6-2026

**BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR VILLAGE OF WINDSOR
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, the Village of Windsor Board of Trustees having previously adopted an annual budget for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2026, and the Village Tax Roll reflected an amount of \$.02¢ additional in taxes to be received than had been entered into the budget.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the said annual budget approved and filed as aforesaid, be amended as follows:

Estimated Revenues	A510		\$.02
Subsidiary Account		A1001 – Taxes	\$.02
Estimated Appropriations	A960		\$.02
Subsidiary Account		A1621.4 – Office Contractual	\$.02

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said budget as amended, is hereby adopted and established as the amended annual budget for this Village for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2026.

Offered by: John R. McNulty
Seconded by: James W. Miller

Vote: **AYE** - Mayor Ronald G. Harting
AYE - Trustee Elaine L. Card
AYE – Trustee John R. McNulty
AYE - Trustee James W. Miller
ABSENT – Trustee Thomas M. Skinner

Resolution effective March 5, 2026

Clerk’s Report, Courtney Decker present, a report was given. – 1.) It has been a very busy in the office this past month. We have been prepping our Village taxes, taking in water payments from the February water billing and working on the monthly financials for year end. 2.) Clean-Up Day is all set for May 9th, 2026; the cost to turn in tires did have a slight increase this year. Tires twenty inches and less will be four dollars each and tires twenty inches or more will be six dollars each this year. 3.) I did have to call Mirabito and change our fuel oil delivery to weekly. With all the frigid temperatures, the wind and weather, we ran out on a Friday and the Community House. It was a very busy that weekend with groups and rentals. After multiple phone calls for delivery and Supt. Decker being able to bleed the line, since Mirabito was not able to send a tech out, we were able to get everything situated without any interruption to any events. 4.) I also called Buell Fuel to increase our delivery of gasoline at the pump house to weekly. We ran out of gasoline again and between the Village, EMS and Fire Department we need our deliveries to be more frequent. 5.) The Press and Sun Newspaper reached out to the Village Office and asked for a statement/explanation regarding the tie election in the Village. I sent them the article that Mayor Harting had drafted for the Windsor Standard. 6.) Ken Wiley on behalf of the Windsor Partnership, requested to use Klumpp Park again this year for the annual CornFest and Tractor Show. They will need use of the park on August 28th and 29th, 2026. He wrote a letter to the board asking permission to use the park and the support of Supt. Decker again this year. The board made a motion to allow Klumpp Park to be utilized for the CornFest and Tractor Show.

Motion: to allow the Windsor Partnership to use Klumpp Park August 28th & 29th for the CornFest and Tractor Show.

By: James W. Miller
2nd: John R. McNulty
Vote: AYE – All who were in attendance; Elaine L. Card recused herself.

Motion: to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026

By: James W. Miller
2nd: Elaine L. Card
Vote: AYE – All who were in attendance

7.) Clerk Decker gave Mayor Harting Resolutions #5-2026 and #7-2026 to present to the board.

**Village of Windsor
Resolution No. 5-2026**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOME RULE AND RESTORATION
OF MUNICIPAL STANDING AND STANDARDS IN THE SITING OF
MAJOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES**

At a meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Windsor held at the Community House, 107 Main Street, Windsor NY on the 5th day of March 2026, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("CLCPA"), which established statewide goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, transition to renewable energy, and promote environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the CLCPA, New York State has enacted a series of laws that increasingly curtail the authority of municipalities over local land use and development decisions; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, New York State significantly altered the process for siting major renewable energy facilities and the 2025 New York State Budget included legislation commonly known as the "RAPID Act," which further restructured the State's energy siting laws; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these changes, host municipalities are no longer parties to energy siting proceedings as of right and must instead satisfy procedural thresholds to obtain party status, thereby limiting their ability to meaningfully participate in proceedings that directly affect their communities; and

WHEREAS, even when a host municipality raises concerns about a project's compliance with local laws, the review process may be limited to a public hearing without meaningful examination of disputed issues; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to State law have made it easier to override local laws by replacing a long-standing, balanced standard with one that prioritizes development; and

WHEREAS, local land use laws are adopted through a democratic process to balance environmental protection, public safety, community character, infrastructure capacity, and quality of life, and environmental goals alone should not be the primary or determinative metric for overriding carefully crafted local legislation; and

WHEREAS, the erosion of automatic municipal standing and the weakening of the standard for overriding local laws undermine the principles of home rule enshrined in the New York State Constitution and diminish the ability of towns to protect the interests of their residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Board of Trustees of the Village of Windsor calls upon the New York State Legislature to revise the State's energy siting laws to restore meaningful municipal participation in decision-making and control over local land use decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Windsor calls upon the New York State Legislature to halt the continued adoption of renewable energy laws that strip municipalities of their constitutionally protected home rule authority.

Offered by: John R. McNulty

Seconded by: James W. Miller

Vote: **AYE** - Mayor Ronald G. Harting
AYE - Trustee Elaine L. Card
AYE - Trustee John R. McNulty
AYE - Trustee James W. Miller
ABSENT – Trustee Thomas M. Skinner

Resolution effective March 5, 2026

**Village of Windsor
Resolution No. 7-2026**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND
STRENGTHENING NEW YORK’S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York’s strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Windsor applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York’s cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Windsor urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Windsor calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York’s local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Windsor.

Offered by: James W. Miller
Seconded by: Elaine L. Card

Vote: **AYE** - Mayor Ronald G. Harting
AYE - Trustee Elaine L. Card
AYE - Trustee John R. McNulty
AYE - Trustee James W. Miller
ABSENT – Trustee Thomas M. Skinner

Resolution effective March 5, 2026

Mayor's Report – 1.) Mayor Harting has in been in contact with Broome County Clerk, Aaron Martin, regarding 208 Chapel Street. The County foreclosed on the property due to non-payment of taxes. However, this is a lengthy process and prior to the eviction of previous owner, a water bill had accrued over the last year and was releived to the Village taxes. It was during this time that the previous owner was evicted, a new owner acquired the property and it is unsure of how the balance of \$599.01 should be handled. As of now, we have not been directed as to what the course of action will be. 2.) There are funds available for Broome County Small Community Fund Grants. Mayor Harting and Supt. Decker have been working on replacing/repairing the steps of the gazebo on the Village Green. Mayor Harting is hopeful the Village will be awarded funds from this grant to help cover costs of this project. 3.) Dave Markie, Village resident, who was in attendance asked at this time if there was something the Village or possibly a grant that would be available to help repair the sidewalks in the Village. He has recently started walking daily and has noticed how rough and uneven some parts of the Village sidewalks are. Mayor Harting and Supt. Decker fielded the question and are very aware of the conditions of the sidewalks in question. Unfortunately, there a lot of specific regulations, they are not the Village's responsibility and even though the Village will match the property owners cost up to \$300.00 to redo the sidewalk, it is not something that happens often.

Motion: to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

By: James W. Miller

2nd: Elaine L. Card

Vote: AYE – All who were in attendance

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney J. Decker, Village Clerk