

Chronological List of Williamston's Chief Elected Officials

(please note: biographical information on some of these Mayors is far from complete.

If YOU have additional information, (or photos!) please call the City Hall at 517-655-2774 and help us fill in some of the blanks!)

Village Presidents:

- Name (biographical dates)

dates of service as President



- 01 - **James M. Williams** (1816-1886) ----- Mar 1871—Mar 1873
- 02 - **Thomas Horton** (1819-1901) ----- Mar 1873—Mar 1874
- 03 - **James M. Williams** (1816-1886) ----- Mar 1874—Mar 1876
- 04 - **Dwight A. Harrison** (1847-191?) ----- Mar 1876—Mar 1877
- 05 - **John S. Crossman** (1820-1884) ----- Mar 1877—Mar 1878
- 06 - **Frederick K. Rockwell** (1826-1906) ----- Mar 1878—Mar 1879
- 07 - **Martin V. Jessop** (1833-1901) ----- Mar 1879—Mar 1880



- 08 - **Daniel L. Crossman** (1836-1901) ----- Mar 1880—Mar 1881
- 09 - **James M. Williams** (1816-1886) ----- Mar 1881—Mar 1882
- 10 - **John F. Campbell, (MD?)** (1854-1914) ----- Mar 1882—Mar 1883
- 11 - **Quincy A. Smith, LL.B.** (Democrat?) (1841-1907) ----- Mar 1883—Mar 1885
- 12 - **Charles W. Beardsley** (Republican) (1844-1906) ----- Mar 1885—Mar 1887
- 13 - **Mathias Coad, MD** (Republican) (1836-1924) ----- Mar 1887—Mar 1888
- 14 - **John M. Gratrack** (Democrat) (1842-1928) ----- Mar 1888—Mar 1889
- 15 - **John B. Dakin** (c1824-1891) ----- Mar 1889—Mar 1890
- 16 - **Hamilton Miller Bigelow** (Republican) (1844-1914)----- Mar 1890—Mar 1891
- 17 - **Jacob D. St. Clair** (Democrat) (1841-1905) ----- Mar 1891—Mar 1892
- 18 - **Scott Waldo** (Democrat) (1850-1906) ----- Mar 1892—Mar 1894
- 19 - **George S. Pennock** (Republican) (1856-1937) ----- Mar 1894—Mar 1897
- 20 - **George Porter** (Citizens' Union) (1841-1907) ----- Mar 1897—Mar 1898



- 21 - **Mathias Coad, MD** (Republican) (1836-1924) -- Mar 1898—Mar 1901
- 22 - **Duncan Stewart** (1853-1935) ----- Mar 1901—Mar 1902
- 23 - **Frederick J. Barlow** (1851-1939) ----- Mar 1902—Mar 1903
- 24 - **Albert (Bert) A. Liverance** (1863-1953) ----- Mar 1903—Mar 1904
- 25 - **Orr C. Trask (JD?)** (Republican) (1873-1947?) ----- Mar 1904—Mar 1905
- 26 - **Albert (Bert) A. Liverance** (1863-1953) ----- Mar 1905—Mar 1906
- 27 - **Robert M. Porter** (1854-1936) ----- Mar 1906—Mar 1907
- 28 - **William T. Webb LL.B, LL.M** (Citizen's Union) (1864-1934) - Mar 1907—Mar 1909
- 29 - **George S. Pennock** (Republican) (1856-1937) ----- Mar 1909—Mar 1911
- 30 - **Edward Ned Crossman** (1872-192?) ----- Mar 1911—Mar 1912



- 31 - **Albert (Bert) A. Liverance** (1863-1953) --- Mar 1912—Mar 1913
- 32 - **Matthias D. Murphy** (1859-1923) ----- Mar 1913—Mar 1914
- 33 - **Benjamin B. Crapo** (1864-1951) ----- Mar 1914—Mar 1915
- 34 - **Orr C. Trask, JD?** (Republican?) (1873-1947?) ----- Mar 1915—Mar 1916
- 35 - **Clark E. Baker** (1861-1926) ----- Mar 1916—Mar 1919
- 36 - **Dwight M. Halsey** (1872-19??) ----- Mar 1919—Mar 1920
- 37 - **Elmer Wilkie Hammond** (1874-1957) ----- Mar 1920—Mar 1921
- 38 - **Andrew E. Poll** (1869-1948) ----- Mar 1921—Mar 1925
- 39 - **John Freeman Lechler, Jr.** (1887-1975) ----- Mar 1925—Mar 1932
- 40 - **John E. Fraser** (1880-1954) ----- Mar 1932—Mar 1936
- 41 - **Harry A. Love** (1893-1941) † ----- Mar 1936—Apr 1941
- 42 - **Ernest (Ernie) C. Lechler** (1896-1975) ----- Apr 1941—Mar 1942
- 43 - **Clarence L. Clarke** (1882 -1964) ----- Mar 1942—Mar 1943
- 44 - **Leo E. VanHorn** (1885-19??) ----- Mar 1943—Apr 1945

City Mayors:

- | <i># - Name (biographical dates)</i> | <i>dates of service as Mayor</i> |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 45 - Paul Gebhart Vaught (1894-1975) ----- | Apr 1945—Apr 1947 |
| 46 - Kyle George Brown (1900-1974) ----- | Apr 1947—Apr 1951 |
| 47 - Clarence L. Clarke (1882-1964) ----- | Apr 1951—Apr 1953 |
| 48 - William S. Maher (1917-1996) *----- | Apr 1953—Jun 1954 |

49 - **Kyle George Brown** (1900-1974) ----- June 1954—Apr 1957



50 - **Milton Joseph Steffes**, (1909-1993) * ----- Apr 1957—Oct 1958

51 - **John M. Smith** (c1929-) ----- Oct 1958—Apr 1961

52 - **Bruce H. Fowler** (1921-1992) ----- Apr 1961—Apr 1964

53 - **Harold E. McClenathan, DDS** (1906-1975) ----- Apr 1964—Apr 1967

54 - **Richard H. Adams** (1915-) ----- Apr 1967—Jan 1971

55 - **Victor H. Hogg** (1927-1988) ----- Jan 1971—Jan 1975

56 - **Raymond Bachman** (c1930-) ----- Jan 1975—Jan 1977

57 - **James P. Sneathen** (c1940-) * ----- Jan 1977—Sept 1979



58 - **Druscilla Roehm** (c1940-) ----- Sept 1979—Jan 1981

59 - **Jan H. Raad** (c1940-) ----- Jan 1981—Jan 1982

60 - **Wayne E. Blossey** (c1935-) ----- Jan 1982—Jan 1984

61 - **Milton Joseph Steffes** (1909-1993) ----- Jan 1984—Jan 1986

62 - **Raymond Bachman** (c1930-) ----- Jan 1986—Jan 1987

63 - **William McManaman** (1927-2000) ----- Jan 1987—Jan 1989

64 - **John Irvine** (c1960-) ----- Jan 1989—Jan 1990

65 - **William McManaman** (1927-2000) ----- Jan 1990—Jan 1992



66 - **Rhonda K. Bozek** (c1955-) ----- Jan 1992—Jan 1993

67 - **Robert Eppelheimer** (c1955-) ----- Jan 1993—Jan 1994

68 - **John H. Coe** (c1950-) ----- Jan 1994—Jan 1995

69 - **James Farrell** (c1960-) ----- Jan 1995—Jan 1998

70 - **James L. DeForest** (c1945-) ----- Jan 1998—Jan 2000

71 - **Kenneth V. Zichi, JD** (c1960-) ----- Jan 2000—present

* **resigned mid-term**

† **died while in office**

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