

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Tuesday, February 8, 1977 at 8:03 P.M.

Trustee Baer reported that Edward Way had represented the Village last Friday at a meeting regarding the possible flooding problems due to the large amount of snow in the area. It has been decided by the Village, Town and the Corps of Engineers that, unlike past years, the gates in the dam will be opened as soon as possible and they will be kept open until the danger of flooding is past.

Trustee Baer reported that the Board held a meeting a week ago to decide on the allocation of community development funds for 1977. They will be allocated as follows: \$12,000 to Project Retap for the hiring of at least eight handicapped individuals during the summer of 1978 for maintenance work in Glen Park; \$10,000 for infiltration and inflow studies which have been going on since 1973; \$4,000 to help complete the tree planting program on Main Street; and \$20,000 towards preparation of a long range Village master plan.

COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
FUNDS  
ALLOCATED FOR  
1977

ON MOTION by Trustee Baer, seconded by Trustee Sheffer, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that Gordon Kuzon be authorized to attend the State University of New York at Buffalo from February 9, 1977 to April 13, 1977 for the purpose of attending a course entitled "Finding Funds and Getting Grants". The cost of \$58 to be paid by the Village.

AUTHORIZATION TO  
ATTEND COURSE

"Finding Funds and  
Getting Grants"

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Sheffer - aye; Trustee Kuzon - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Baer, seconded by Trustee Hansen, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that a petty cash fund in the amount of \$50 be created for the Department of Public Works -- the custodian to be Edward Way, General Foreman.

PETTY CASH FUND  
AUTHORIZED

Department of Public  
Works - \$50.00

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Sheffer - aye; Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Kuzon - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Baer, seconded by Trustee Hansen, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that Edward Way, General Foreman, is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Village of Williamsville a public entity established under the laws of the State

FEDERAL DISASTER  
APPLICATION FORM

Authorization to  
execute same

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of New York, an application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance available as a result of this area's designation as a major disaster area.

Trustee Baer stated this will serve two purposes. It will entitle us to funds for the recent snow storm and allow funds to prepare for the floods. Mr. Way will attend a meeting on Thursday to get the facts on the program.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Kuzon - aye; Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Sheffer - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Hansen commended the Department of Public Works and Edward Way for the terrific job they did during last week's storm.

Trustee Hansen stated International Cable is requesting a rate increase of \$1.00 in the basic subscription rate effective September 1st. The firm states the increase is necessary or the firm could become another victim of the economic crunch in the area.

ON MOTION by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Baer, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held at 8:10 P.M. on February 22, 1977 in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York to hear all persons interested in expressing an opinion on a proposed rate increase by International Cable.

PUBLISH NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Proposed rate  
increase by  
International Cable

Mayor Mason stated the reason for the hearing is that the firm operates on a franchise basis in the various municipalities. If the increase is authorized by the municipalities it still has to be approved by the State Commission on Cable Television.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Sheffer - aye; Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Kuzon - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Baer, vouchers in the sum of \$19,754.45 were approved as follows:

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Payroll Fund	W/E 1/28/77	\$ 4,928.95
	W/E 2/4/77	<u>2,805.54</u>
Total Payroll		\$ 7,734.49
General Fund	Abstract #386	8,857.89
Water Fund	Abstract #376	75.44
Federal Revenue Sharing	Abstract #26	1,566.63
Community Development Fund	Abstract #12	<u>1,520.00</u>
Total		\$19,754.45

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Kuzon - aye; Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Sheffer - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kuzon stated his next resolution dealt with a public hearing to amend the Traffic Code. This is the second time we have called for the hearing but due to the storm last week the hearing notice was not published in the Bee.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Hansen, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held at 8:05 P.M. February 22, 1977 in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in a local law which would amend the Traffic Code by providing for no parking in an area 30 feet from the entire intersection of Milton and Pasadena.	PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  Local Law to amend Traffic Code No parking 30 feet from entire intersection of Milton & Pasadena
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Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Kuzon - aye; Trustee Sheffer - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Hansen, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS the Village Clerk has returned her warrant and tax roll and has delivered to the Board of Trustees an account of taxes remaining due, amounting to \$1,434.75 containing description of the land upon	UNCOLLECTED TAXES RETURNED BY VILLAGE CLERK
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which such taxes are unpaid as the same were placed upon the tax roll, together with the amount of the tax so assessed and interest thereon, and

UNCOLLECTED TAXES  
RETURNED BY  
VILLAGE CLERK

WHEREAS the said Village Clerk under oath has sworn that the taxes mentioned in such account remain unpaid, and that after diligent efforts she has been unable to collect same, and

(Continued)

WHEREAS upon receiving such account from the Village Clerk, the Board of Trustees compared the same with the original tax roll of the Village, and

WHEREAS said Board of Trustees find such account to be a true transcript and has certified to the effect that they have compared it with the original tax roll and find it to be correct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Village of Williamsville is hereby credited by this Board of Trustees with amount of said account in said return, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the unpaid taxes or tax liens shall be collected by the sale of taxes or tax liens to the Village, with interest at 1/2% per month, as provided by Section 1436 of the Real Property Tax Law and the proceedings thereunder shall be as provided in said section and a copy of this resolution certified by the Village Clerk shall be filed in the office of the Village Clerk with the account, affidavit and certificate of such unpaid taxes.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Sheffer - aye; Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Kuzon - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Sheffer stated he was very pleased to report that the status of the senior citizens housing project is greatly improved, the main point being that the developer the Village designated has obtained options to purchase the land for the project. This consists of the Ernie's building and the vacant land to the west. It is encouraging to all of us that the site is secured and we can now begin the Senior Citizen Village process under Exceptional Development, by referring the Housing project to our various committees. Forest City Dillon has submitted Report

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a number of preliminary plans for our consideration. There are five of them. The Board has indicated they want a building no more than 45 feet high and the plans are for 45 feet and less.

Trustee Sheffer stated it is also important that the developer contact the Senior Citizens Center at this stage of planning, particularly with respect to the community space in the project. There should be coordination at the start so the two buildings compliment each other in terms of services and recreation.

Trustee Sheffer stated that while the Village is not in the same kind of flood danger as the northern portions of the Town, residents should consider obtaining some type of flood insurance. There is a 15 day waiting period between the application and when the insurance is effective. Trustee Sheffer stated Attorney Tisdall advises it is worth looking into federally subsidized flood insurance.

Trustee Sheffer stated he thinks the condition of our streets as opposed to the city and other municipalities speaks well of the Department of Public Works and Mr. Way. Village government, which is government at its smallest level, is worthwhile and worth perpetuating, especially when we can take care of ourselves this way.

Mayor Mason stated that Tuesday, February 15, 1977 is Grievance Day for those who have an increase in their assessments. Anyone with an increase can appear at the Village Clerk's Office on that day from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The Village assessor as well as a Board member will be in attendance. All who have had increases will receive letters. Grievance Day set 2/15/77

Mayor Mason stated that as Trustee Sheffer indicated we have received five different plans for the senior citizens housing project. We will refer these plans to the Planning Commission, Environmental Council, Traffic & Safety Committee and Recreation Committee and would ask the Clerk to forward to the Chairmen of these committees some advice as to what plans are and the Village Board would like their written reports in no later than Noon on February 22nd, the day of the next Board meeting. If we have the reports by then we can schedule a public hearing for our first meeting in March on March 8th.

Mr. Way complimented his men for their work around the clock during the storm. He now has six CETA men to help. They are in the process of clearing all the hydrants and sidewalks, and hope to begin removing snow from Main Street shortly.

Mayor Mason stated people have been inquiring as to why the sidewalk plow is not being used and Mr. Way advised it's useless at present due to the fact that the snow is hard packed. "It is a floating plow and does not work on hard packed snow. Mayor Mason asked if the walks could be cleared at the two schools and Mr. Way advised they had done the front of the Church that day and would be at Academy tomorrow.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Sheffer, it was moved to suspend the rules for public participation.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Kuzon - aye; Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Sheffer - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Spencer Schofield, 153 Highland Drive, stated he had had frozen water pipes in January and had written a letter to the Mayor and to the Board about this problem. The Mayor wrote back that under Village ordinances the property owner is responsible for the water lines installation and maintenance. He stated he would like the Board to advise him on how this problem could be resolved.

FROZEN WATER PIPES

Trustee Baer advised that this year's conditions have been extremely unusual. The lines would have to be excavated and located below the frost line, or a cable could be placed around the pipes to heat them continuously. Mr. Way stated you can buy electric wires to wrap around the pipes in the basement for \$6 or \$7 at Twin Fair or the like and plug it into a 110 V outlet and this would carry the current throughout the line into the main. This is not very expensive to run. You wrap it around where the pipes come into the house and there will be enough amps to carry throughout the line. You have to leave it on in severe weather.

Mr. Schofield asked what Village ordinances cover the water lines and Trustee Baer read him the section and stated the owner is responsible for the entire service of the line from our main to the meter. Attorney Tisdall advised that the Village has consistently followed this policy and if we do it for one we would get into a problem. This has been on the Village books for as far back as he can check.

Mayor Mason advised Mr. Schofield to look into the possibility of getting some relief from the Federal government under the disaster program.

Mrs. Shirley Donohue, 48 Hirschfield, stated she also had frozen pipes. She stated she was advised that at least 270 amps were needed to reopen a line so how would wrapping the pipes help unfreeze them. Mr. Way stated it takes at least 200 to 275 amps to open the line. The line he mentioned wrapping around the pipes should be wrapped before they freeze up and this prevents the freezing.

Mrs. Donohue also brought up the matter of the employees of the Shopping News parking on her street. This makes the street one lane and would like something to be done about it. Trustee Kuzon advised that the Traffic & Safety Committee was to have met with some of the neighbors on that street but the meeting was not held due to the storm. It will be taken up at our next meeting, possibly next week.

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He stated the committee has been looking into the matter for a few weeks.

Mrs. Donohue asked if there was any ordinance requiring an employer to provide parking for his employees. Mayor Mason said they could ban parking but would require a local law and Mrs. Donohue said this would not work but perhaps a two hour limit on parking would help. Mayor Mason advised the law could be structured to meet the needs and Trustee Baer stated that if conditions get worse perhaps we could have the time ban on parking on a temporary basis until we get rid of the snow. Trustee Sheffer stated there is no ordinance that specifically stated an employer must provide parking for his employees but we have an ordinance that each business, depending on the type of business and square footage, must provide a certain amount of parking. The Shopping News was built before the ordinance so we have this type of a problem. Complaints

Re: Shopping news parking

Attorney Tisdall stated that two to three years ago they were denied a permit to expand their business because they couldn't provide adequate parking.

ON MOTION by Trustee Sheffer, seconded by Trustee Baer, it was moved to return to regular session.

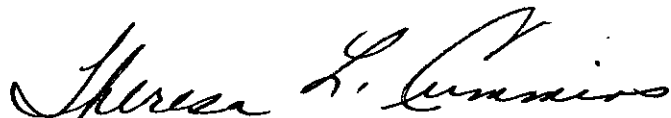
Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Sheffer - aye; Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Kuzon - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Baer, seconded by Trustee Hansen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Kuzon - aye; Trustee Hansen - aye; Trustee Baer - aye; Trustee Sheffer - aye; Mayor Mason - aye. Ayes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.



Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer