

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, October 11, 1977 at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call:	Present	John B. Sheffer, II, Mayor
		Lois S. Idzak
		Gordon J. Kuzon Trustees
		Warren D. Miller
		Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk
		Edward Way, Dept. of Public Works
	Absent	Roger C. Walker, Trustee
		Joseph C. Tisdall, Village Attorney

Mayor Sheffer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Sheffer advised that Trustee Walker was operated on last Wednesday and is doing very well. He will be laid up in the hospital for some time yet and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Mayor Sheffer then read a short paragraph containing an oath for governmental officials which was over 2,500 years old but which is still relevant today.

Mayor Sheffer stated Attorney Tisdall is out of town on business.

ON MOTION by Trustee Idzak, seconded by Trustee Miller, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 26, 1977 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Idzak, seconded by Trustee Miller, the minutes of the public hearing held September 26, 1977 regarding Fiscal Impact Statements were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Idzak, the minutes of the special meeting held September 29, 1977 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Sheffer then stated we were now going to hold a public hearing regarding a proposal to change the street lights on Main Street to the high density sodium variety. This was going to be an informal informative hearing and it is not legally mandated. The Mayor stated that somewhat over a month ago he had been approached by a representative of Niagara Mohawk with the proposal that the Village change the Main Street lighting to a different type of lamp. The poles would be the same. We had a meeting with Mr. Richard Deptula of Niagara Mohawk and Mr. Way and went over the advantages and disadvantages of making this move.

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Mr. Deptula met with the Board and the Environmental Advisory Council. The Environmental Council was the main Village group asked to consider the question as to whether or not it was worthwhile to do this. A group went downtown to view lighting identical to the type of lamp and wattage to be used in our 42 lamps. Last Wednesday, the Environmental Council made a resolution that the proposed change be approved. One stipulation was that we look into whether the color and type of light would hurt the color renditions of the store fronts on Main Street and whether it would cut down on the effectiveness of the display windows. This has to be answered before the resolution is acted upon. The new lights would save a substantial amount of energy, perhaps 75% of current useage. Mayor Sheffer stated the main question to be answered is the esthetics of the light color.

Main Street  
Lighting  
Hearing

Mayor Sheffer then turned the hearing over to Trustee Miller who is in charge of the Department of Public Works and anything pertaining to lighting and streets.

Trustee Miller stated there are three basic types of lighting used on public highways - incandescent, mercury vapor and high density sodium. The latter is the one we are considering. A 75% energy saving is one reason to consider this favorably. It is more efficient, giving 50% more light at approximately the same cost and perhaps a bit less. We are discussing also providing outlets or receptacles on the lamp standards themselves for our Christmas decorations. This may not seem like a big thing but every year our decorations have to be wired into businesses and this is only part of the cost. There is a lot of man power required in installing the wiring and repairing it. At present, if a decoration is not lit we do not know if there is something wrong with the decoration or the wiring or whether the businessman has or has not turned it on. This way we would know immediately that a man is required to check or change a bulb and it would be much more efficient from that aspect.

Trustee Miller stated another aspect is that this type of lighting would be a big boon to safety in marginal conditions such as a rainy night. It is safer for pedestrians. The lights have a 15% back lighting to illuminate the sidewalks. It would provide better conditions for the motorists. Since we will soon be losing a good portion of our police traffic, the new lighting could be helpful in protection against vandalism and burglaries.

Mrs. Carolyn Schlifke of the Traffic and Safety Committee stated she had received a call from Dennis Murphy of that Committee a few weeks ago; when the item about the proposed hearing first appeared. He did not understand why the Traffic & Safety Committee had not been consulted about this lighting change in that pedestrian and traffic safety were involved.

Trustee Miller stated Mr. Murphy had not contacted the Board about this and Mrs. Schlifke stated the Board usually contacted the Committee

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when anything came up involving safety. Mayor Sheffer advised we would not be voting on this tonight or in the near future as we still have more investigation to do on this. It was presented to Environmental first because the main aspect is energy saving. If this is pursued by the Village, at that point it will be worthwhile to send it to the Planning Board and to the Traffic and Safety Committee. No one from the audience spoke on this proposal.

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Mayor Sheffer advised there would be no initial or capital cost to the change over. Niagara Mohawk does the work and simply bills us on a utility basis the same as we are now. The present watt usage in our present lamps is 31,000 and with the new lamps it would be 8,300. The main question is the esthetics, whether the new lighting would be too garish for the Village. He stated he has seen some of this type of lighting in various places and at times it is garish.

Mayor Sheffer then closed the informal hearing and asked if there was any correspondence. The Clerk read a letter from Trustee Walker stating his views on the new lighting proposal. He feels it is a good step to comply with the energy saving program. It will give us more light and they are good in bad weather situations. Safety for the residents is our main concern. This will save us money. He stated he would give his support to this project and urged the other Board members to do so also.

Mayor Sheffer reported that with respect to the Joint Glen Park Committee the Town has completed their appointments to the Committee by naming Esther Wirth from the Village as their fourth member on the Committee. The Joint Committee has found in their first several meetings that there is a substantial amount of work to be done during the construction stage of the park. They have begun to deal with that work load. Another additional member is Joyce Troy, who is a non-voting member, but who is acting as secretary to take the minutes.

With respect to the Williamsville Christian Church, Mayor Sheffer advised he spoke with one of the two Church trustees this week. The situation right now is that we have come to a substantial agreement as to the transfer and are now awaiting approval of the papers. The Trustee confirmed that this is the situation. We hope within the next several weeks that the transfer will be made and we can hold a dedication ceremony at the Church to commemorate the occasion. We very much appreciate this gift to the Village.

Trustee Idzak stated Trustee Walker is at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and if anyone wishes to contact him about anything they can call or write him there. He would be glad to hear from you.

Trustee Idzak reported the hearing was held on vandalism on September 28th and was well attended. There was a great deal of

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input from teenagers and community leaders, from the PTA's and the man-on-the-street. The results could be summed up by saying that even the children called for better enforcement of the laws and coming down hard on the kids. The main concern of the adults was parental guidance for the children. Trustee Idzak reported that a State law was passed on October 1st called for parental responsibility for a child's vandalistic acts. She stated she would like to have Attorney Tisdall look into this and see if the Village could adopt a similar law.

With respect to senior citizens, Trustee Idzak reported that the survey we took is turning out to be much more valuable than we thought it would be. She stated she is meeting with a representative from the Community Development Program of the Erie County Division of Planning on October 20th to discuss funding for transportation for senior citizens to get to doctors' offices and go shopping and other areas they need transportation to. There is a van arrangement in Erie County but you must prove you need it and you must be able to maintain and man it. Hopefully our survey will document our needs and we will be able to get a van.

Trustee Idzak stated she has talked with Mr. Reeves of the Forest City Dillon Management Group that will rent the apartments in the senior citizens building as soon as they get HUD approval. When they get approval they will be here to interview those interested in living in this apartment housing and send out brochures and applications. About two months before they start renting the apartments they will have one completely furnished one set up for viewing by those interested in living in the building. They have assured us the building is perfectly beautiful and we will be proud to have this in our Village. The Senior Citizens Committee will be meeting tomorrow night and she will discuss this with them.

Trustee Idzak stated her resolution tonight was for a public hearing which has been requested by the Village Attorney to change the terminology from one kind of Board to give the Board a different name.

ON MOTION by Trustee Idzak, seconded by Trustee Miller, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, October 24, 1977 at 7:35 P.M. to hear all persons interested in a local law which would amend Section 16.32 of the Fire Code by providing that applications for variances may be made to and acted upon by the Board of Appeals of the Village of Williamsville. All decisions of the Board of Appeals shall be filed with the Village Clerk within 10 days of adoption.

PUBLISH NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING

LOCAL LAW  
Amend Fire Code  
Section 16.32

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Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kuzon had no report but had one resolution.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Idzak, vouchers in the sum of \$35,860.91 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 9/30/77	\$ 6,767.90
	W/E 10/7/77	<u>3,111.40</u>
Total Payroll		\$ 9,879.30
General Fund	Abstract #402	16,683.27
Water Fund	Abstract #392	1,558.89
Community Development Fund	Abstract #20	200.00
E.D.A.	Abstract #5	556.40
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	Abstract #39	78.70
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #42	<u>6,904.35</u>
Total Vouchers		\$35,860.91

Trustee Kuzon stated there were two large vouchers - one for \$6,706.65 for garbage pickup and one for \$6,744.38 for Social Security.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Miller stated that with respect to the water system and the storm sewer system, he and Mr. Way have been compiling a list of problem areas. We are investigating all these areas and deciding on what needs to be done. We are trying to establish a priority basis for repairs and are hoping to get funding for these projects in the future. Trustee Miller then listed some of the problem areas. One area is the storm water system on Mill Street across from the tennis club. 65 acres are draining into one pipe. The water pressure in the pipes blows the filling material out of the pipe and this comes to the surface making holes in the process. This is a long standing problem and so far only minor remedial work has been done. We need a system to disperse the water into the creek channel.

Trustee Miller stated there is a surface flooding condition at Columbia and Brookside. There is a storm sewer problem between Pasadena and Los Robles. This is a 24" line and the jointing material comes out of the pipes and allows the infiltration of silt and sediment into the line, which will eventually plug the line. Mr. Way has come up with some solutions and methods to alleviate this.

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Trustee Miller stated there is a large amount of water which lies on the pavement on Garrison between Willowbrook and Lehn Springs. This is at a stop light and causes a safety hazard. Need a receiver system that can take the water into Lehn Springs and Ellicott Creek.

Trustee Miller stated the North Ellicott Street water main between Belmont and Arend is pre-1930 and has lots of leaks. We have a particular problem there when we use the pumps. We want to find out how much of the line is bad and what the cost and current construction figures are.

The Rinewalt water storage tank has a one million gallon capacity and was installed some years ago. The recommended procedure is that every ten years the entire tank be inspected. Every winter the water level is dropped from 31' to approximately 15' to 16' to allow for normal ice build up in the tank. Despite rumors to the contrary, the water drained from the tank is not just let loose in the area. It is absorbed into our water system and the water is all tested before being put in the system. The tank is overdue for internal inspection and should be done soon.

Everything is moving along on the Main Street water line. The upright posts are in the top of the curbing on the north and south sides of Main Street and we will have the guardrail installed hopefully by Thursday, weather permitting. The pipe is ordered and should be in probably next week. We still have to put up the striped signs at both ends of the guardrail.

Trustee Miller stated that on Rock Street we need to install new guardrails. We also need this on Spring Street. There are problems with the existing concrete posts and cable rails up there. Along the north side of Spring Street and the east side Rock Street in the south west corner of Glen Park there are rock fractures and the escarpment is in bad shape. A couple of places have had to be shored up. He believes the hill in Glen Park could be placed up against the escarpment to help shore it up. It would also be safer for any children who might be sledding there in winter. This would also give us an entrance to the park on Spring Street. Trustee Miller stated he has serious reservations about the maintenance of the park.

Trustee Miller stated he is withdrawing his resolution from the agenda in as much as he and Mr. Way will not be attending the Public Works School.

Mayor Sheffer stated it is one of the most significant public works projects in the Village to prioritize the problems that have been here for so many years so we can come up with solutions and go ahead with the projects as the funding becomes available. Trustee Kuzon works in the funding and grants area and hopefully will work hand-in-hand with the Department of Public Works and Trustee Miller in securing funding for their projects as they are prioritized.

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Mayor Sheffer stated the Joint Glen Park Committee is now in charge of overseeing the operation of the park and its problems. The hill in the park is one of the main problems being considered by them. The hill will be reduced in size by about one-half and moved back about 30 feet from the street. The fill will be used for filling up about one-half of a large pond behind the hill and the remainder of the fill will be used to shore up the bank of the Glen at Rock Street. Mayor Sheffer stated Trustee Miller would like to see a larger scale shoring up of the ledge than the committee is talking about. He recommended that Trustee Miller take his ideas to the committee and Mr. Ward to see if it is possible to do this or not.

Mr. Way of the Department of Public Works stated that this coming Saturday, October 15th, will be the last time for the twice a week pickup. He stated they will be starting next Monday with the leaf machine.

Trustee Miller stated the Main Street water line was originally committed \$12,000 in Community Development funds. By doing a lot of the work ourselves, we were able to come in around \$8,000 to \$8,500.

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

Unanimously carried.

William Groth, 15 Garden Parkway, stated a petition had been taken around the neighborhood on Long Street and Garden Parkway regarding the sheds at the railroad station. They should be demolished or something should be done to upgrade them. About two to three weeks ago some young people took some mattresses and other trash to the sheds. The police and fire department were called regarding this and they caught three or four kids ready to fire the buildings. He asked if anything was being done to get these buildings demolished.

Trustee Miller stated the Village was aware of this and has been in contact with the owners of those sheds. There are negotiations going on now between the owners of the property and others so that one of the benefits of the sale of the property would be that it would be fenced in. One of the garages is sure to come down. He stated the property belongs to the Metzloff estate. Letters have been sent regarding the sheds and some legal action has been taken against the property owners to have the sheds locked and boarded up but it is a poor area to police. The agent for the estate has patrolled the area himself from time to time.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Idzak, it was moved to return to the regular agenda.

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Sheffer stated our next meeting will be on Monday, October 24th at 7:30 P.M. He stated our meeting was held tonight due to the holiday on Monday.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Unanimously carried.



Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

# Village of Williamsville

5583 Main Street  
Williamsville, New York 14221

October 10, 1977

Honorable Mayor  
Village Board Members:

Due to the fact that I am unable to attend the Public Hearing this evening on the proposed new lighting system for Main Street, I would like to express my views on this project.

1. It would be a giant step in complying with President Carter's energy saving program in the Village of Williamsville.
2. These new lights give 50% more light thereby increasing visibility and safety on Main Street.
3. They are especially good in bad weather and this is my main concern - safety for the residents of our Village.
4. They save us money in full adjustment costs.

If I were here tonight, I would give my support to this project with a very definite "yes" vote and urge the remaining members of the board to follow suit.

Let the Village of Williamsville be leaders in Erie County and be recognized.

Yours truly,

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE



Roger C. Walker  
Trustee

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