

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Monday, March 27, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Present John B. Sheffer, II, Mayor

Lois S. Idzak
Gordon J. Kuzon Trustees
Warren D. Miller
Roger C. Walker

Mary Harrigan, Deputy Clerk
Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney
Edward Way, Dept. of Public Works

Absent Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk

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

A moment of silence was observed with thoughts of Mr. Vincent Wirth who is in St. Josephs Hospital

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Idzak, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 13, 1978 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Idzak, seconded by Trustee Walker, the minutes of the special meeting held March 21, 1978 regarding certification of the election results were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Walker, it was moved to suspend the rules in order to hold a public hearing at 7:35 P.M. regarding the proposed Federal Revenue Sharing expenditures for the Village for the 1978-1979 fiscal year. The hearing was closed at 7:40 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Sheffer stated that while the possible closing or decommissioning of Academy School is not a political or governmental issue as such, it is a concern and a municipal issue of substantial importance. It is entirely appropriate for the Board to go on record with the School Board on this matter. He stated he believed it was a serious mistake to close Academy or any elementary school in our district. Population projections make it clear that all seven schools are necessary. The Mayor stated he has asked that a Board member be put on the Task Force that will make the final recommendations on the school.

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

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Williamsville Central School District is currently studying the proposed closing or "decommissioning" of Academy School in the Village of Williamsville, and

WHEREAS, Academy School, one of the two elementary schools which Village children attend, is a unique and historical source of community identification and pride, and is continuing to provide a quality education for our children, and

RESOLUTION TO
"SAVE ACADEMY SCHOOL"

WHEREAS, the continued existence of Academy School, as a neighborhood teaching facility, is of critical importance to the vitality and improvement of the Village of Williamsville and is a focal point of our sense of community in Williamsville, and

WHEREAS, irrespective of the particular importance of Academy School to the Village of Williamsville, it would be clearly imprudent, in light of competent population projections, to close any of the seven elementary schools in the Williamsville Central School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Williamsville hereby states its opposition to the proposed closing, or otherwise phasing out, of Academy School and respectfully requests that a representative of the Village Board be appointed to serve on the citizens task force which will evaluate the said proposal.

Mayor Sheffer stated the resolution does not even begin to state the whole case for leaving the school open. Forgetting the population projections for the Town or school district which are enormous, even in the Village we are getting more young families moving here and when the senior citizens are going into the new building, there will be more houses for sale. It would not be a wise decision to close the neighborhood elementary school. Moving of the students to other schools will overcrowd them. Four years ago the Village Board went on record in the same manner, simply stating they were opposed to the closing. The Mayor stated he would appreciate the Board's favorable consideration of the resolution. He stated he had written to the School Board asking for a Board member to serve on the task force committee but he has not heard whether this will be done or not.

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Mrs. Carolyn Schrauger said that on behalf of the PTA she wanted to commend the Board for their active role in helping to save the school. The closing of the school would have a far-reaching impact on the Village. She thanked the Board for their interest and their support.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Miller - aye; Trustee Idzak - aye; Trustee Kuzon - aye; Trustee Walker - aye; Mayor Sheffer - aye. Ayes-5; Noes-0.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Sheffer stated his second resolution dealt with the public hearing to be held regarding the 1978-1979 budget.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held April 10, 1978 at 7:35 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 1978-79 General Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund Annual Budget for the Village of Williamsville.

PUBLISH NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

General Fund,
Water Fund,
Sewer Fund Budgets

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Sheffer stated his next resolution dealt with the second public hearing to be held on allocation of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. The first hearing was held tonight.

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

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PUBLISH NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

FEDERAL REVENUE
SHARING BUDGET

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Sheffer stated this past Tuesday was the annual Village election. He congratulated Trustee Kuzon on his reelection and Rosemarie Sugg on her election to the Board. He stated another result of the election will be that this is Lois Idzak's last meeting as a Board member and he expressed on his behalf and on behalf of the Village appreciation for her work on the Board. She filled out the Mayor's term as a Trustee and did the position.

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more than justice and we owe her a debt of gratitude for her fine work.

Trustee Walker stated he wanted to join with the Mayor in congratulating the winners of the election. He stated there will be a reorganization meeting on April 3rd. The Environmental and Recreation Committees have some openings and anyone interested can call Trustee Walker at 632-4671.

Mayor Sheffer stated there are several openings on the various committees and anyone interested should contact a Board member.

Trustee Idzak stated the Old Home Day Committee met this week and the plans are moving right along. They will meet again on April 4th.

Trustee Idzak stated no bids were received on the Main Street tree planting and we will go back to having the Department of Public Works do the planting. It was started as of today.

Trustee Idzak reported that the Youth Vandalism Committee has met. One solution suggested was that a committee member meet with parents in various neighborhoods and talk about the various solutions to the vandalism problems.

Trustee Idzak stated this was her last meeting and she expressed her gratitude for having the opportunity to serve her community as a Board member. This has been an important year in our Village and she said she was glad to have been a part of it. We have seen a lot of things take place with the development of Glen Park, the acquisition of the Christian Church and the groundbreaking for the senior citizens housing. She stated she had enjoyed working with the other Board members and congratulated the election winners.

Trustee Kuzon thanked Mrs. Idzak for her service as a Board member and Trustee.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Idzak, vouchers in the sum of \$20,859.66 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 3/17/78	\$ 3,168.70
	W/E 3/24/78	3,252.14
Total Payroll		<u>\$ 6,420.84</u>
General Fund	Abstract #413	10,913.97
Water Fund	" #403	3,145.62
Trust & Agency Fund	" #48	<u>379.23</u>
Total Vouchers		\$20,859.66

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Trustee Miller congratulated the election winners and expressed his regrets in seeing Mrs. Idzak leave.

Trustee Miller stated the Department of Public Works has just about completed all the repair work on the flood control gates and they will be put in after the spring thaw has passed.

Mr. Way congratulated Rosemarie Sugg and Trustee Kuzon on their elections, and stated it had been a pleasure working with Mrs. Idzak this past year.

Mr. Way advised that the Department of Public Works will be going back on summer hours as of Monday, April 3rd. They will work from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. for the summer months.

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

James Saia, 20 Belmont, stated that at the last meeting he had questioned the road going into the new senior citizens building. He stated he now finds the road is not the way we discussed it at the hearings held on the building. He understands now that part of this road will be sidewalk. They had 15' and needed another 10'. The 10' will include a sidewalk with a small asphalt crown so will have a combination sidewalk and street.

Mayor Sheffer stated this is still the subject of finalization by HUD, as to whether the material used will be asphalt or concrete. HUD has a criteria regarding the ratio of land area to building. The owner, Village and Fire Department would prefer the material to be macadam but the HUD requirement might force the use of concrete. If macadam were used it changes the ratio of land area to building and the project would be dead. We are awaiting a decision by HUD on this.

Mr. Saia stated there should be a separate sidewalk and Mayor Sheffer stated we will ask for one if HUD should rule against us.

Chief Lavery stated the Mayor and Trustees are behind the Fire Department 100% in their requests on the senior citizens housing. We do not want to push the project out of the Village. We will be talking to the Forest City people when they are in town and we will be able to work this out.

Mayor Sheffer stated that HUD more than anyone else has the last word on this topic.

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

Mayor Sheffer announced that the annual reorganization meeting will be held on April 3rd. At that meeting, the Trustees will be

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making appointments to the various Village committees and be assigned as liasons to the various Village departments and committees. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on April 10th.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Mary Harrigan
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Deputy Clerk

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Monday, March 27, 1978 at 7:35 P.M.

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	Absent	Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk

Mayor Sheffer called the hearing to order at 7:35 P.M.

The Deputy Clerk read the notice of hearing regarding the proposed Federal Revenue Sharing expenditures for the Village of Williamsville for the 1978-1979 fiscal year. The Village expects to receive approximately \$40,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in the 1978-1979 fiscal year. It is anticipated there will be unappropriated funds in the amount of \$3,500 remaining from the 1977-1978 Federal Revenue Sharing Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING -

Mayor Sheffer advised that this is the first of two hearings on the allocation of these funds. There is a total of \$44,000 to be allocated. \$40,000 is expected in the coming year and there is \$3,500 left from this past year, along with \$500 in interest earnings.

Proposed Use of Federal Revenue

The Mayor stated that as part of their budget requests, the Trustees and department heads have already requested allocation of \$53,000 in federal revenue sharing money. This exceeds the amount available and any requests will have to be prioritized. The Fire Department has requested \$7,700 to take care of fire truck repairs. This was paid for in this way last year. There is a request for \$22,000 for street maintenance equipment - a leaf vacuum, a paver and a roller. There is a request for \$18,900 for snow removal equipment and contractual expenses for shade trees in the amount of \$4,500.

Sharing Funds 1978-79

The Mayor then opened the hearing to the public.

James Saia, 20 Belmont, asked what the sewer fees to the Town will be in the coming year. Mayor Sheffer advised they will be around \$240,000 to \$260,000. Mr. Saia stated the Village comprises only about 7% of the population of the Town. If we pay \$260,000 this amounts to about \$3½ million as the total sewer cost for the Town and Village. Mayor Sheffer stated the \$240,000 to \$260,000 is the total amount paid to the town and the largest item is payment by the Village towards the capital cost of the new plant. We did not participate in 1972 and 1973 and the Town thinks we should get caught up on this now. If we don't do it this year then next year it will add on more.

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Mr. Saia asked if the Town has paid into this all along and the Mayor advised that they had to some extent but not to the full extent they will have to. Mr. Saia stated we should use some of the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to look into the building of our own unmanned sewer plant. The government wanted the Town to build the new plant and now they say they didn't have to build it. The Mayor stated the Village was looking into all areas on the sewer question. We are not bound to payments in the budget. If it appears there is no other alternative we better have the money to meet our obligations to the Town.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Walker, the hearing was closed at 7:40 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

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