

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Tuesday, December 26, 1978 at 7:51 PM

Roll Call

Present

John B. Sheffer, II, Mayor

Gordon J. Kuzon
Warren D. Miller Trustees
Rosemarie Sugg
Neil M. Frank

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk
Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney
Edward Way, Dept. of Public Works

Mayor Sheffer called the hearing to order at 7:51 PM.

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing regarding a local law which would amend the Traffic Code by restricting the parking of commercial vehicles on Village streets between the hours of 1 AM to 7 AM.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sheffer stated that last summer the Town passed a new ordinance pertaining to the restriction of parking commercial vehicles on Town streets between the hours of 1 AM and 7 AM. He stated he had been approached by some in the Village who think this is a constructive idea and that the Village should consider having a similiar ordinance. Essentially it would make the restriction applicable all year and not just in the winter. The public hearing tonight is on that specific question. The Board has the larger task of taking that idea and fitting it into our other ordinances on parking restrictions. It is not known whether the Board will act on this specific question or deal with the whole question of parking restrictions pertaining to commercial vehicles, their weights and the hours of the restrictions.

AMEND TRAFFIC CODE

PARKING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Robert Kreiter, a Village resident, stated he would like to see this restriction. He feels it would enhance many neighborhoods by making them more residential in nature.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Sugg, the hearing was closed at 7:55 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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The Clerk read the notice of public hearing regarding how to spend the \$46,017.00 fifth year grant the Village is eligible for under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The hearing is to provide an opportunity for citizens to express community development and housing needs and to discuss possible projects or programs to meet those needs, particularly projects which would benefit low and moderate income persons in the Village.

Mayor Sheffer advised this was the second of two required public hearings regarding the allocation of funds for the next calendar year. This is the first year of a three year program and we will receive \$46,017 in each of those three years. As we discussed at the first public hearing the restrictions which the federal government places on the funds makes it difficult for a smaller municipality to spend the funds. The government prefers that the Village use the funds in a three year program rather than many separate projects in each year. The Board has considered the ideas presented at the first hearing and since then and, while no decision has yet been made on the allocation, the Board has basically decided to use the first year funds, and probably the funds for all three years, to aid the handicapped and senior citizens within the Village, particularly those of lower income. Under that general premise, several ideas are being considered. One is to continue to fund renovation of the Village Meeting House and museum, not only for the senior citizens and handicapped but for some public programs such as under the State Matching Funds Program beginning in January, 1979. Some money was allocated towards the church last year and this will be a continuation of that same renovation effort.

PUBLIC
HEARING
(2nd)

1979
Community
Development
Funds

Mayor Sheffer stated they are also considering curb cuts in the Village, particularly for wheel chairs. This was brought up at the last hearing and the Board hopes to do something about this. Funding may also be allocated towards renovating the public laboratories in the Village Meeting House, parks, etc. in order to better serve the handicapped. To the extent possible, the Board is considering funding to promote job incentive and development within the Village. In addition to aiding the poor, money can also be used for this. However, it is difficult to use funding for this. Mayor Sheffer stated the Board is happy to have the

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residents' ideas and the Board will decide over the next month or so on the exact allocation of the funds.

Mrs. Milbraith of the Senior Citizens Center stated she was glad to see the Village Meeting House included. She asked if perhaps some of the renovation couldn't be done in the kitchen of this building so that perhaps the Meals on Wheels program could utilize these facilities for their program. Many Village citizens are helped by this program. We may be running out of space and opportunities to service those who need this program. They presently serve 50 and perhaps they could do more if this kitchen renovation could be done. The senior citizens could also use an escort service for getting their groceries, and other related services for delivery of groceries and perhaps a store in the Village of the neighborhood type.

PUBLIC
HEARING
(2nd)
Community
Development
Funds
for
1979
(Con't)

Mayor Sheffer stated it was his understanding that under the restrictions we can't use the money to specifically fund the Meals on Wheels program. We tried to do this last year. Perhaps we could use the funds to get the kitchen renovated to accomodate the program, however.

Mrs. Charlotte Frantz of the Outreach Program stated that perhaps some funds could be used for a drop-in center where people could come and learn of the many other services available to them through the various agencies. There are many services for senior citizens and other citizens that many people do not know about. Perhaps funds could be used to advertise about this.

Mayor Sheffer stated we found that there is an option to pool the money at the County Community Development Office to make it available for the individual use of qualified people in the Village to renovate and insulate their homes. If this money were not used it could be reallocated to another project as long as it was within the guidelines in effect that particular year the money was originally allocated.

Charles Akers, 73 Oakgrove, asked if any money could be used to purchase some land in the Youngs Road, Wehrle Drive area for a green area or buffer between the industrial development and the residential area. He stated he understands that an option has been picked up on all that land for commercial development. Perhaps with Village and Town funding we could purchase some land for a buffer zone.

Mayor Sheffer advised there would be a problem in documenting that it would be used by lower income families. Perhaps this could be done under the job incentive and economic development phase of the funding. We would have to find this out.

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Trustee Kuzon advised that we have an application before the New York State Urban Renewal Agency which has a program for this purpose. It would be to buy up 20 acres to be used for open space recreation and it would be adjacent to Hirschfield Drive in the Village.

PUBLIC
HEARING

Jerry Nirschel, 205 A Evans Street asked if we didn't have to have 51% of those using the facility in the lower and moderate income group. Mayor Sheffer advised this was correct and that 75% of the money had to be spent on this. On this basis, the funding could not be used for the purpose suggested by Mr. Akers but a second aspect of the community development program deals with job incentive and economic development and perhaps could base the funding on jobs for the unemployed if we could document it.

1979
Community
Development
Funds
(concluded)

Mr. Nirschel stated he would like to see the majority of the money spent on improving the Meeting House for the senior citizens.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Miller, the hearing was closed at 7:51 PM.

Unanimously carried.



Theresa L. Cummins,
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Mayor Sheffer called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Mayor Sheffer stated he would like to welcome Neil M. Frank to the Village Board. He is replacing Roger Walker, whose resignation was effective between the last meeting and this meeting. He has known him for many years. He has been active in the fire company and many Village organizations. He is currently serving on the Board of Appeals in the Village. He was appointed by the Mayor after consultation with the Trustees and many people in the Village. It is a real pleasure to welcome him and know he will do an outstanding job.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Sugg, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 11, 1978 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Sugg, seconded by Trustee Kuzon, the minutes of the public hearing held December 11, 1978 regarding community development funds were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Sugg, it was moved to suspend the rules at 7:36 PM in order to hold a public hearing regarding the allocation of community development funds. (The hearing was closed at 7:51 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Sugg, it was moved to suspend the rules at 7:51 PM in order to hold a public hearing regarding a local law which would amend the Traffic Code by restricting the parking of commercial vehicles on Village streets between the hours of 1 AM and 7 AM. (The hearing was closed at 7:55 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Sheffer advised that the parking restrictions would not be voted on by the Board tonight because we do not know whether we will be voting just on this or on a broader consideration of the parking ordinances. We have to vote within 60 days of this public hearing and most probably will vote within the next meeting or two. Anyone can contact the Trustees (Trustee Kuzon is in charge of Traffic and Safety) as to when the vote will occur.

ON MOTION by Mayor Sheffer, seconded by Trustee Sugg, vouchers in the sum of \$84,448.36 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 12/15/78	\$ 3,307.95
	W/E 12/22/78	<u>3,114.21</u>
Total Payroll		\$ 6,422.16
General Fund	Abstract #431	6,935.44
Water & Sewer Fund	Abstract #12	21,312.91
Federal Revenue Sharing	Abstract #64	8,092.89
EDA Glen Park	Abstract #28	30,010.29
Special Assessment	Abstract #5	4,118.25
Trust and Agency Fund	Abstract #59	<u>7,556.42</u>
Total Vouchers		\$84,448.36

The large vouchers were for Four Winds Nursery - \$30,010.29; Lebis Contracting - \$4,118.25; Wellington Bros. - \$7,373.00; Erie County Water Authority - \$20,710.27.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Sheffer stated the Glen Park project is coming to a completion as to the physical condition of the park and the expenditure of all the federal money. One of the last requirements we have to fulfill, which was set up by the federal government, is that the Village has to appoint an auditor to completely review the three contracts involved in the project and report to us and the government that the total grant has been used up and has been used appropriately along the guidelines of the application.

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

RESOLVED that Raymond J. Zimmerman, C.P.A.	APPOINTMENT
be appointed the auditor for the EDA Project	
#01-51-03705 at a fee not to exceed \$1,185.00.	E.D.A. Auditor

Mayor Sheffer stated the money comes from the grant itself and not from Village taxes.

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Sheffer stated the Village annually approves a contract with the County whereby we plow, using Village plows and personnel, the county highways within the Village. They pay us \$650 per lane mile. It is time again to approve this for 1978-1979. The payment last year was \$550 per lane mile.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor execute on behalf of the Village of Williamsville a contract with the County of Erie to provide plowing and sanding of the County highways by the Village at a rate of \$650 per lane mile for the winter 1978-1979.

AUTHORIZATION

Mayor to execute snow contract with County of Erie

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Sheffer advised this was his last meeting as Mayor and he wanted to say to his colleagues on the Board, Mrs. Cummins, Tom Troy, Ed Way and all of the office and Department of Public Works staff that he has greatly appreciated their cooperation and friendship over the last several years. It is a terrific challenge and responsibility for him to go to the Assembly but there is no higher honor than to be Mayor of his hometown and he appreciates all the help and support he has received. He stated he has great confidence in the strength of the Village and the ability of the Board to run the Village government effectively.

Trustee Kuzon welcomed Trustee Frank to the Board and wished him well in his future as a Board member.

Trustee Kuzon informed the public that the Building Department is initiating a fire inspection program within the Village. There are some 35 buildings within the Village to be inspected and these include motels, restaurants, schools, churches and other high occupancy buildings. We are establishing a priority list with the heaviest occupancies being inspected first. These would include motels and restaurants. We will work in cooperation with Chief Lavery and the Fire Department. This will be put into effect after January 1st. It will also include a review of the building for backflow potential. Phil Boudreau our Assistant Building Inspector is in charge of the program.

Trustee Kuzon stated his first resolution concerns the Village alley. It is evident to the Board and the Traffic and Safety Committee that some type of action is necessary due to the narrowness of the alley. We have talked to Forest City Dillon about this. Traffic and Safety has recommended that the alley be made one-way from Main to S. Long Street which is the entire length of the alley. We hope this will improve traffic flow.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held on January 8, 1979 at 7:35 PM 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 restricting the flow of traffic on the Village Alley to one-way only.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Village Alley
to be one way
from Main to
S. Long St.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kuzon stated his next resolution concerns the installation of high pressure sodium lights on the Cayuga Road curve. This was the subject of a hearing held at the end of September. After all public hearings the Board has 60 days within which to act and if no action is taken we have to hold another public hearing. We had a number of considerations to be thought about. We now have some answers from Niagara Mohawk and others and want to hold another public hearing on the matter. He also has two other resolutions regarding public hearings relating to the rezoning of property on the North side of Wellington Court at Cayuga. People from this area should be in attendance at those hearings. At the last hearing on the lighting there were not too many people present so we are scheduling the lighting hearing prior to the rezoning hearing in the hopes we can get a better turnout.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held on January 22, 1979 at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the installation of high pressure sodium lights on Cayuga Road.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING

High pressure
sodium lights
on Cayuga Road

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kuzon stated his next two resolutions deal with an application to rezone about 3.1 acres on the north side of Wellington Court from R2 to R3M. R2 is a two-family area and R3M is for multiple family dwellings. Notices will be sent to property owners within 500' and this includes the Town.

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

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RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held on January 22, 1979 at 7:40 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in a proposed rezoning of the John Berryman Property on the North side of Wellington Court from R2 to R3M.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING
HEARING
Proposed rezoning of John Berryman Property on Wellington Ct.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kuzon stated this project will require an exceptional development permit. This type of permit is required when there are more than five dwelling units or the gross floor area is more than 10,000 sq. ft. Forty townhouses are being planned. Another requirement is that the matter be referred to various Village committees for their recommendations. These committees are Traffic and Safety, Planning, Environmental and Parks and Recreation. He then referred this matter to these committees for their recommendations.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held on January 22, 1979 at 7:45 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in an exceptional development permit for the John Berryman property on the north side of Wellington Court.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Exceptional Development Permit for John Berryman Property

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kuzon thanked Mayor Sheffer for his dedicated and unselfish service to the Village. It was a pleasure to work with him and an education.

Trustee Miller welcomed Trustee Frank to the Board and knows he will contribute much to the Board.

Trustee Miller reported on the rather successful joint venture undertaken between the Village and the County. On Garrison Road at the Lehn Springs area we have always had a big problem with water collecting there. New storm receivers are now in place there. We supplied the pipe and the county did the rest. We have eliminated a very hazardous condition there. Mr. Boudreau and Mr. Way were instrumental in negotiating this for us.

Trustee Miller stated we have another savings in that we have so far had a lack of snow. It is 40" to 50" less than last year. The savings is about \$1,500 in the amount of salt used and the labor to apply it. We are saving on plowing also. We hope it will not be eaten up during the rest of the winter.

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Trustee Miller reported that Mr. Way has been able to obtain for the Village some leaf collection boxes. We thank Mr. Way for his work on this matter.

Trustee Miller joined the other members of the Board in wishing Mayor Sheffer a fond farewell and thanking him for his services to the Village. We appreciate his contributions and the time he has spent to make this Village a better place to live.

Trustee Sugg welcomed Trustee Frank to the Board and wished him well.

Trustee Sugg thanked the Beautification Committee and Mr. Brunskill and his committee for their work on the first annual Village carol sing and we encourage him and his committee to make this an annual event. The Beautification Committee helped in getting the decorations in the church and in getting young people to help with the decorations.

Trustee Sugg stated she has two appointments to the Youth Committee to replace members who can no longer serve.

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

RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Youth Committee until the end of the official 1978-1979 Village year:

APPOINTMENT TO
YOUTH COMMITTEE

Greg Ferguson
60 Swan Place

Greg Ferguson
Heather Affleck

Heather Affleck
118 N. Long St.

Trustee Miller stated he has had occasion to meet Greg Ferguson and think he will be an asset to the committee.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Sugg added her thanks to the Mayor who has been a good friend and able advisor. She wished him well in Albany and we will miss his wit and judgment.

Mr. Way welcomed Trustee Frank on behalf of the Department of Public Works and stated it had been nice working with the Mayor and wished him luck in Albany.

Mr. Way stated we have been getting complaints about the private snowplows pushing snow into other peoples' driveways. If anyone sees this being done they should take down their license numbers and phone either him or the Village Office and we will see that it is taken care of.

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

Unanimously carried.

Jerry Nirschel, 205A Evans Street, thanked the Mayor for himself and the other senior citizens in the Village for all that he has done for them. Mr. Nirschel feels that the Mayor's feelings regarding senior citizens has worn off on the other Trustees and he thanked them all. He also stated he thinks Mr. Frank will work well with the other Trustees.

William Brunskill, 43 Howard Street, thanked the Board for allowing use of the Meeting House for the first annual Christmas caroling.

Trustee Miller, on behalf of the Board and Village residents, presented Mayor Sheffer with a Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the Village. Also presented was a plaque.

Charles Akers of the Environmental Committee asked about the plans for the renovation to the Island Park pavilion.. They are concerned about the ice skating rink as there is presently one for Glen Park. He stated he agrees that the pavilion needs renovation but question if roller and iceskating rinks are a viable use for it. Mayor Sheffer stated this matter is just being investigated. No decision has been made. This would be an attachment to the south side of the pavilion.. Money was not available in the past when the plan was first brought up but some funding is available now. It would the subject of public hearings prior to any decision being made.

Trustee Sugg reported regarding the Glen Park ice skating rink. She stated 26,000 gallons of water were put into the pond and as soon as it freezes over there will be public ice skating there.

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

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Frank thanked everyone for their warm welcomes to the Board and stated he would do his best. He wished Mayor Sheffer good luck in Albany.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Frank, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Unanimously carried.



Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer