

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, January 8, 1979 at 7:37 PM

Roll Call

Present

Warren D. Miller, Acting Mayor

Gordon J. Kuzon
Rosemarie Sugg Trustees
Neil M. Frank

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

Acting Mayor Miller called the hearing to order at 7:37 PM.

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing regarding a local law which would amend the Traffic Code by restricting the flow of traffic on the Village Alley to one-way from Main Street to S. Long Street.

PUBLIC HEARING

Acting Mayor Miller then turned the hearing over to Trustee Kuzon who stated the proposed law would make the Village Alley adjacent to the Senior Citizens Housing one-way in its entirety from Main Street to S. Long. It has been evident to the Board and to the Traffic and Safety Committee that since the construction of the senior housing we need to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety in the alleyway. There is an increased flow of traffic and the alley is narrow being 15 feet at its widest point. This does not allow enough room for two-way traffic. The intersection at Main Street presents a traffic problem also. It is not opposite the intersection at Main and Reist Street and this causes many problems, including making left turns. Trustee Kuzon stated this action comes upon the recommendation of the Traffic and Safety Committee. At a recent meeting they considered many possible solutions to this problem and this seems to be the best solution. The Fire Department would also prefer that the alleyway be one-way from Main Street. He then read the recommendation made by the Traffic and Safety Committee and a copy is attached to the minutes.

AMEND TRAFFIC CODE

MAKE VILLAGE ALLEY ONE WAY

Carolyn Schlifke, of the Traffic and Safety Committee, advised the Board of the procedure that was followed to notify the neighbors on either side of the Village Square Apartments. A letter was sent to Greyco Company, the owner of the building where Amherst Linoleum is located, and a letter was also sent to Timothy Clare who owns the building on the other side. Mr. Clare's property houses a barber shop, dentist's office and insurance office. The Greyco letter was returned due to the fact that one of the partners has moved to Florida. She stated she stopped at the linoleum shop and left a message for the other partner who resides in this area. Mr. Cook called her at home and said he felt this was a good idea and would not interfere with his business. Most of his deliveries are from Main Street side or next to his building and the trucks exit out the back and come over to S. Long.

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Mrs. Schlifke stated she spoke to the receptionist in the dentist's office and the receptionist stated she would inform them about having to exit out the rear and if anyone had objections they could attend the meeting. At the insurance office there were no objections as most of his business is over the phone. At the barber shop there were no objections as long as the Board did not do away with the parking along side the building. The man in the building behind the Clare building said it would not interfere with his business and said he thought it was a good idea. She stated they had not received any objections so far. A letter had been received from Mr. Brunskill, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee. We spoke to him because we thought the people using the ball diamond might object to change in the traffic flow. The Parks Committee is in favor of this being one-way and they would also like to have the Board consider making the south side a no parking zone. We see no particular hardship to the senior citizens if no parking were established. There is a great deal of traffic during ball games and perhaps the no parking could alleviate some of the congestion and hazards involved. The Fire Department also advised the Traffic and Safety Committee that they are in favor of this being a one-way area.

PUBLIC
HEARING

(CON'T)

MAKE
VILLAGE
ALLEY

ONE WAY

Richard Hill, 18 Brookside, asked if the area around the Department of Public Works couldn't be made wider because of the trucks turning there. Mr. Way advised they see no problem in this area. Mr. Way said perhaps the no parking could be on the north side instead of the south side as if someone were standing on the north side someone could hit them very easily.

Mrs. Schlifke advised the no parking question will be reviewed later on.

Mr. Way said they will have to plow the alley the opposite way. If they don't all the snow will go into the senior housing area. The plow is considered an emergency vehicle and can travel on a one-way street the wrong direction.

Timothy Clare, 5409 Main Street, stated his tenant Frank Moliterno has stated over the past couple of years that he has had problems going from Main Street down the alley past the ball diamonds and on a few occasions has almost hit someone. Trustee Kuzon stated this problem has occurred in the past due to the high shrubs and other growth in that area. Since the construction of the senior housing this has been eliminated and you now have a pretty clear view of the diamonds when going down the alley.

Mr. Clare said it was his understanding that the signal had been put at Los Robles instead of at Reist Street because of the post office. He asked if there had been any discussion of moving the signal. Trustee Kuzon stated the DOT has begun a study and the Traffic and Safety Committee is responding to their request for input. We run into a problem because the Alley and Reist Street are not directly opposite.

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Mr. Clare asked how much of a problem it would be to eliminate left turns out of the alley. Also, the dentist in his building feels his patients will be confused if they have to go out the back way. Trustee Kuzon stated preventing left turns is only part of the problem. The alley width is also a problem. We feel the safest thing for all concerned is to make it one-way.

PUBLIC
HEAR ING

Mr. Clare asked about the people who come into the area only once in a while. They will be confused. Trustee Kuzon stated there is parking on Main Street. They can go out the back to either Union or Cayuga. Mr. Hill stated that at the senior housing they are going to give out maps to help the people find their way and perhaps this could be done for any others who might be confused.

(Concluded)

Village
Alley
One Way

Mrs. Schlifke stated that the Los Robles signal might have been put there for the post office but the children at St. Peter and Paul School also use it. There used to be a crossing guard at the driveway of the church who would stop traffic to cross the children but the state said this was illegal. If the Los Robles signal were not there they would have to cross at Cayuga or at Reist and this is out of the way for many students.

Trustee Kuzon advised the estimated cost of the signal would be \$35,000 to \$40,000. This does not include the Los Robles signal and this would add more cost.

Mr. Hill stated he understands it would take 8 to 14 months to get the equipment to put up a signal.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Frank, the hearing was closed at 7:56 PM.

Unanimously carried.



Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Roll Call

Present

Warren D. Miller, Acting Mayor

Gordon J. Kuzon
Rosemarie Sugg Trustees
Neil M. Frank

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

Acting Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Sugg, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 26, 1978 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Frank, seconded by Trustee Sugg, the minutes of the public hearing held December 26, 1978 regarding 1979 Community Development Funds were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Sugg, seconded by Trustee Frank, the minutes of the public hearing held December 26, 1978 regarding a local law to amend the Traffic Code were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Sugg, it was moved to suspend the rules at 7:37 PM in order to hold a public hearing regarding a local law which would amend the Traffic Code by restricting the flow of traffic on the Village Alley to one-way from Main Street to S. Long Street. (The hearing was closed at 7:56 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Acting Mayor Miller stated this was his first meeting since taking over the duties of Mayor. The Board will have to act to fill the mayor's seat and until this is done he will act as Acting Mayor. There are some appointments pending and after some discussion with the other Trustees we will be filling these vacancies. One of these is the position of Village Historian.

Since he is still a Trustee, Acting Mayor Miller stated he will be reporting on the Department of Public Works and the Water and Sewer Departments. He stated our plows have been out and are doing a good job. He said that when the plow edges are changed they will be putting on a rubber edge that will wear much longer than the other edge and will act as a squeegee on the street.

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Acting Mayor Miller reported the flood gates are out of the creek channel and will be left out until we are required to put them back in in spring.

Acting Mayor Miller said he has mentioned cross connections many times in his reports relating to the plumbing department. These devices are to protect the public water system and are required at the point of connection on certain classes of buildings. The devices prevent contaminants in the private water system from entering the public system. To provide this protection and since we now have a new individual assuming the responsibilities of the plumbing department (Phil Boudreau) his second resolution authorizes him to attend a course being given at Erie Community College. Much of the information is from the Erie County Water Authority. At the end of the course he will be certified as a testor and be knowledgeable about these devices. He stated the County should be congratulated on having this course as it is only the second school in the country, the other being in California.

ON MOTION by Acting Mayor Miller, seconded by Trustee Sugg, vouchers in the sum of \$81,963.62 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 12/29/78	\$ 6,569.88
	W/E 1/5/79	<u>3,163.97</u>
Total Payroll		\$ 9,733.85
General Fund	Abstract #432	10,987.11
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #13	2,801.32
Capital Fund	Abstract #93	57,650.09
Special Assessment	Abstract #6	<u>791.25</u>
Total Vouchers		\$81,963.62

The large vouchers were for- Town of Amherst Youth Board - \$5,056.00; Nick Costa Construction - \$3,995.00; NYS Social Security - \$6,188.25.

Trustee Sugg explained that the amount for the Amherst Youth Board is the contracted agreement that the Village negotiates with the Town for its participation in the Town youth program. This is a matching fund type of contract with the State contributing half the money. About half the money is spent at the Center on Cayuga Road in the Village.

Unanimously carried.

Acting Mayor Miller stated his next resolution was for Mr. Boudreau to attend the cross connection school. At present, the estimated cost will be about \$200.

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

RESOLVED that Phil Boudreau, Assistant Building & Plumbing Inspector be authorized to attend the Cross-Connection School given by Erie County Water Authority.

AUTHORIZATION TO
ATTEND SCHOOL

Cross Connection
School

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Frank stated he wanted to comment on the hearing that was held at our last Board meeting on the use of community development funds. He wants to include in the suggestion for use of the funds a barrier free rest room in four areas of the Village - for Island Park, Glen Park, the Meeting House and Garrison Park.

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

RESOLVED that the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief be authorized to attend the annual Chief's Conference in Monticello, N.Y. on June 17 - 21, 1979 and the expenses not to exceed \$250 each to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

AUTHORIZATION TO
ATTEND CHIEFS
CONFERENCE

Fire Chief & Asst.
Chief

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kuzon advised there is a Planning Board meeting tonight and they are talking with Mr. Berryman regarding the rezoning of property on Wellington Court.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Sugg, it was moved to suspend the rules in order to consider a resolution not on the agenda.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kuzon stated the resolution deals with the Youngs Road extension which will be discussed at a meeting of the Town Board tomorrow night. The resolution states that the Village Board is in favor of this action.

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

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees is cognizant of the immediate and future need for additional routing of north-south traffic in the vicinity of the Village, and

YOUNGS ROAD
EXTENSION
SUPPORTED

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees believes the most promising relief would be provided

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by the construction of the Youngs Road extension, north from Sheridan Drive, and

YOUNGS ROAD
EXTENSION
SUPPORTED

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Amherst is considering the extension of Youngs Road, north from Sheridan Drive, and

WHEREAS such extension would result in a reduction of traffic congestion in both the Village and Town, and

WHEREAS the Amherst Town Board is conducting a public hearing on January 9, 1979 regarding this extension and the position of the Village Board of Trustees should be presented at this hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby supports the extension of Youngs Road north from Sheridan Drive and encourages the Amherst Town Board to pursue construction at the earliest possible date.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Sugg stated, with respect to the contract station for the post office in the Village, Mr. Nagowski's office has advised that bids were sent out to all businesses to be filled out and sent to Rochester. The bids will be opened on January 12th and hopefully by February 1st we will have a contract station in the Village. The contract station has to be operational 30 days after the bid is awarded.

Trustee Sugg related that her two resolutions deal with a requirement by the community development program that we have an advisory committee. The first is to confirm people who have been notified of their appointments previously and the second is to appoint two new members.

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

RESOLVED that the following persons be confirmed as members of the Community Development Advisory Committee until the

APPOINTMENTS
Community Development
Advisory Committee

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end of the 1978-1979 official Village year:

Kenneth Selden, Trey Measer,
Gartley Weller, Jerome Nirschel

Trustee Kuzon asked why they have to be appointed again and Trustee Sugg advised the first appointment was not done by resolution; they were merely informed of their appointments. The guidelines are established by community development and we have to form this committee and they make recommendations which go to the Planning Board and ultimately to the Village Board.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Sugg stated the two new appointments to the Committee were to replace a member who moved out of the Village and to replace herself as she had been appointed but cannot serve since she is now on the Board.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

Community Development
Advisory Committee

Betty Klute, Jim Tammaro

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Way had no report.

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

Unanimously carried.

No one appeared to speak.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Frank, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Unanimously carried.



Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer

TO: The Village Board of Trustees
FROM: The Traffic and Safety Committee
SUBJECT: Village Alley
DATE: December 30, 1978

It is the recommendation of the above Committee that the Village Alley be made one-way south from Main Street and west to S. Long Street.

This recommendation is necessitated by congestion which is occurring at the Main Street entrance due to the narrowness of the driveway.

We have been informed by Mr. John Parsons of Forest City Dillon Management that they will be marking the first entrance way with an IN sign and the second with an OUT. These signs will be on their property and therefore would not call for a public hearing. He also has informed us that they will be erecting Parking Restriction signs in the lots to prevent unauthorized cars from using the lots.

This Committee is contacting the property owners on either side of the Village Square Apartments in regard to the public hearing which will be held on January 8th.