

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, February 25, 1980 at 7:32 PM

Roll Call	Present	Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor Lawrence R. Brenton Connie C. Murray	Trustees
		Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney Edward Way, Dept. of Public Works	
	Absent	Paul Atkinson Rosemarie Sugg	Trustees

Mayor Kuzon called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Murray, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 11, 1980 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon advised that Trustee Atkinson and Trustee Sugg were not present tonight as they were both home ill with the flu.

Mayor Kuzon stated the Board will be holding a special session this Friday, February 29th at 4:00 PM to consider an election resolution. Tomorrow is the last day for filing election petitions for the two Trustee positions. We could not act on that tonight so will act on Friday regarding this.

Mayor Kuzon stated his first resolution has to do with the results of Grievance Day which was held last Tuesday, where residents came before the Board for an adjustment in their assessments.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board sets the real property assessment on various pieces of property as follows for the 1980-1981 fiscal year:	GRIEVANCE DAY Assessments set
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<u>Address</u>	<u>Tax #</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
136 Park Drive	202-507	\$2,925
45 Los Robles	202-250	2,550
321 N. Ellicott	201-637	3,025

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon stated his next resolution deals with unpaid taxes and crediting the Clerk-Treasurer's account for that amount and provides that the County will become the collector for the unpaid taxes and the interest due.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Murray, 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 \$2,449.66 (see attached listing) containing description of the land upon 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

RETURN OF UNPAID
TAXES TO THE
BOARD FOR TRANSMIT
TO THE COUNTY

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

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 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 a certificate executed by each member of the Village Board be attached to the account of unpaid taxes stating a total of unpaid taxes in the amount of \$2,449.66 and reciting that the account has been compared and found to be correct; and that the Clerk transmit said account and certificate to the appropriate officer of the County of Erie within 15 days to enforce collection pursuant to Section 1442 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Murray reported that Mayor Kuzon is the proud father of a new son as of February 20th.

1979 - 1980 UNPAID TAXES

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Acct. Address & Owner</u>	<u>Amount of Tax</u>
201 - 41	Sydney L. Teibel & Jack Hanny III as ten-in-common 5578 Main St.	\$ 310.57
201 - 514	Theresa M. LePrell 52 Eagle St.	132.86
201 - 515	Robert A. Kreiter 62 Eagle St.	99.50
201 - 630	George E. Snyder & wife Carole 251 No. Ellicott	110.89
202 - 30	Williamsville Red Carpet 5507 Main St.	231.69
202 - 800	Francis A. Catozzi & wife 1217 Wehrle Dr.	8.50
203 - 1	Main & Highland Inc. 5877 Main St. (The Little White House)	1,146.98
203 - 10	Thora E. Schepis 5933 Main St.	314.13
203 - 184	John C. Cummings & wife 183 Hirschfield	94.54

\$ 2,449.66

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Trustee Murray advised that she has a copy of the senior citizens recreational program for March and if anyone is interested in obtaining a copy they can see her after the meeting.

Trustee Murray reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee is working on upgrading the wading pools at Garrison and Island Parks and she hopes to have a complete report sometime in March on this.

Trustee Murray stated the Board will hold a public hearing at its first meeting in March relating to the Environmental Council's proposed landscape ordinance.

Trustee Murray advised that she and the Mayor will be attending the meeting of the Association of Erie County Government on Thursday night. The Village is not currently active in this organization and we feel that we should be.

Trustee Murray stated her first resolution deals with some discussions the Board has been having about upgrading the Department of Public Works and upgrading their gardening skills. Trustee Brenton and she have agreed they should acquire some instruction in tree planting and a knowledgeable person in the field has agreed to give them some instruction and on-the-job training without cost to the Village. Two people from the department attended a Shade Tree Conference on Saturday and her resolution pertains to this.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the attendance on February 23, 1980 of Norman Peacock and James Berger, as representatives of the Village of Williamsville, at a 1980 Shade Tree Conference in Salamanca, New York, is hereby confirmed and the expenses of attendance not to exceed \$50.00 be reimbursed by the Village to each man together with one day's wages.

ATTENDANCE AT
SHADE TREE
CONFERENCE

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon advised that since Trustee Sugg is absent, Trustee Murray will handle her resolutions.

Trustee Murray stated Trustee Sugg's first resolution designates the Village Meeting House as the official meeting place of the Williamsville Historical Society. This group helped us in obtaining the Meeting House. The group does not have special privileges in the building.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the following resolution was adopted:

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RESOLVED that the Village Meeting House is designated as the official home of the Village of Williamsville Historical Society.

DESIGNATION - Village Meeting House as Home of Historical Society

Mayor Kuzon stated his support of this resolution is based on the fact that this resolution does not give the Society any jurisdiction over the building or confine the use solely to them. They will be a tenant or organization using the building like any other group requesting use of the building.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Murray stated the next resolution pertains to the sale of drug paraphernalia. Mrs. Sugg has stated that the resolution is aimed at public awareness. There is a bill pending in the State Assembly regarding this issue, and has come to the attention of the Youth Board.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS the use of marijuana and similar substances among elementary and secondary school-age persons continues to be of concern to the community, and

DRUG SALE
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS there is a special concern for the health impact of such use of these substances, and

WHEREAS the display and availability of associated items such as "reefer wrappers", "roach clips", "bongs" and other "head gear" is an invitation to use of the associated substance and is an implied statement of acceptability, and

WHEREAS cooperation between vendors and concerned citizens can be an effective method of inhibiting these sales,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville requests vendors throughout the Village of Williamsville to refrain from displaying and selling "reefer wrappers", "roach clips", "bongs", assorted "head gear" and other related paraphernalia, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Williamsville Businessmen's Association and the

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Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon stated he would handle Trustee Atkinson's resolution relating to vouchers.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Brenton, vouchers in the sum of \$62,282.84 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 2/15/80	\$ 3,900.88
	W/E 2/22/80	<u>4,438.14</u>
	Total Payroll	\$ 8,339.02
General Fund	Abstract #459	21,802.82
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #40	28,793.02
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #79	2,333.84
Capital Fund	Abstract #98	<u>1,014.14</u>
	Total Vouchers	\$62,282.84

There were large vouchers for: M & T Bank for \$10,495.78 in payment for interest on a bond for our high loader for the Department of Public Works; \$8,700.54 and \$16,779.00 to Erie County Water Authority for the purchase of water; and \$7,169.09 to Amherst Disposal for their garbage service.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton congratulated the Mayor and his wife on the birth of their son.

Trustee Brenton stated his first three resolutions deal with a Highway Safety Project grant. We have mentioned this before but have held off acting on it pending further information. We have now determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to accept the grant and an individual has agreed to accept the position created by the grant. The individual will be David Laubisch and he will start work tomorrow.

Trustee Brenton advised that the grant was obtained from the state but it is primarily funded by the federal government. The Traffic Safety Assistant will survey the Village and coordinate our traffic devices and inventory them. He will do a complete workup on all aspects of traffic movement in the Village. Traffic is a problem in the business district. We don't seem to be able to move traffic through the Village. We don't want Main Street to become a thruway but would like to see the traffic moving better. The Assistant is to come up with a traffic action plan to serve the traffic and safety needs of the municipality. He will work with the Town

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Traffic and Safety representative and the County and be attending various traffic and safety functions within the immediate area and perhaps out of the area as time goes by. We feel this will be to the benefit of the Village and feel that when it is done we will have a better community.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Murray, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Village of Williamsville agreement with the State of New York for Highway Safety Project Grant, Traffic Control Survey #CD 80-013 (001) in the amount of \$17,997.00 effective January 1, 1980.

TRAFFIC CONTROL
Traffic Grant agreement
to be signed

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Murray, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the position of Traffic Safety Assistant is hereby created in the Department of Public Works, effective February 26, 1980.

TRAFFIC CONTROL
A traffic safety
assistance position
created

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Murray, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that David Laubisch is hereby appointed to the position of Traffic Safety Assistant in the Department of Public Works effective February 26, 1980 at a rate of \$6.00 per hour.

TRAFFIC CONTROL
Appointment to traffic
safety assistant
position

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton stated Mr. Laubisch's salary is totally funded by the State but he will remain a Village employee entitled to all of his benefits as they were before he started in this position.

Trustee Brenton stated his next three resolutions pertain to something Trustee Atkinson and he have been working on. This is a reorganization of the Department of Public Works. Reorganization is not really the proper term but will use that for want of a better term. The intent is to have the department given recognition and to have them more responsive to the needs of the community at the appropriate times and be more able to anticipate our future needs. In the resolutions we will resolve a situation

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where we previously have not had on-site supervision over our men. In 1976 the two working foremen positions were abolished by the then Board. People have assumed this responsibility without the recognition or the requirement of being responsible in fact.

Trustee Brenton stated it is the feeling of the Board that the Department of Public Works has performed exceptionally well but has not been given the recognition in the past. This is the intent of what we are doing now. We have compared our wage scales to those of similar communities with similar affluence, population and street miles and we have come out extremely low, if not the lowest. It is the intent of the Board to recognize that these people have done a good job.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Murray, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that two (2) positions of Working Foreman be established in the Village of Williamsville, Department of Public Works, effective March 1, 1980.

D.P.W.

Positions created -
working foremen

Mayor Kuzon stated his support of the reorganization is based on two points. It will enable us to more efficiently deliver services to our residents. There is some concern that some areas are not being treated with the priority of others. Also, the reorganization will give us specific criteria upon which to evaluate our employees and the department in general and perhaps the entire Village could benefit from this.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton stated his next resolution will fill one of the working foreman positions. We are only going to fill one position at this time. With the loss of Mr. Laubisch, who would have been the other man appointed, we feel no one is presently qualified to assume this responsibility. We will try to go with just one for now and see how this goes. We may appoint someone else later.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Murray, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that John Anstett be appointed a Working Foreman in the Department of Public Works at the rate of \$6.40 per hour, effective March 1, 1980.

APPOINTMENT - John
Anstett as working
foreman

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton stated his next resolution deals with the position of Mr. Way who is General Foreman. His duties will now entail planning and other items usually the responsibility of a Superintendent of Public Works. This represents an increase in his responsibilities.

We feel he should have an increase in salary. It is the intent of the Board to evaluate his performance and in six months from March 1st, if we are satisfied with the results, it would be the intent of the Board to increase his salary again to place him in line with the duties and responsibilities he has. For all intents and purposes he will be the Superintendent of Public Works. He will maintain the position of General Foreman however. His duties over the past few years have greatly increased. He stated that before he was elected to the Board he had questioned whether the people involved in paving the streets knew what they were doing. He stated he has found that they do a fine job and we save considerable money in the Village by doing it ourselves and not contracting the job out. Mr. Way has had to educate himself in the paving of streets and he has done a fine job.

Trustee Brenton stated Glen Park and the Village Meeting House have been added onto the Department of Public Works' responsibilities. Glen Park alone requires the proper use of manpower. It has been displayed that this manpower has been properly used. The manpower in the department is at its lowest point in the Village. Mr. Way and his men have been able to handle the increased responsibilities with fewer employees and saved money for the Village. They provide effective services to the residents and do a fine job.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Murray, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the salary of Edward Way, General Foreman, is hereby set at \$16,832 per annum effective March 1, 1980.	SALARY INCREASE General foreman
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Trustee Brenton stated Mr. Way's increase amounts to \$1,000.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton stated his next resolution deals with redesignation of our target area to better utilize community development funds. There is a map attached to tonight's agenda showing the area. The increase is generally east of Mill Street and north of Eagle generally up to Chalmers. We have been very successful in expanding the target area. Perhaps we will be able to use some of our community development funds in water line work in this area.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Murray, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the target area for 1980- 1981 Community Development Funds for the Village of Williamsville be redesignated as follows:	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Target area redesignated
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See attached map with new target
area.

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Way wished Mr. Laubisch luck in his new position.

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Mr. Way stated the department has now started its summer hours and will be working from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

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

Unanimously carried

Mrs. Rita Andrews, 128 S. Union, asked if Mr. Laubisch's place in the Department of Public Works is going to be filled or if it will be left empty. Trustee Brenton stated it is the intent at present to try and get by with two part time workers this summer, perhaps three. The plans are not formalized as yet. We are going to try and work without Mr. Laubisch's services. Mr. Way and he feel it is going to be an exploratory situation. We are not sure we will be successful but we want to try it. We will use part time help which will be less expensive for the Village. They would be utilized in the parks. Trustee Brenton stated we have also be able to use handicapped workers in the park and think we will have them this year also.

Mrs. Andrews stated that by taking away one employee that leaves that much more for the rest of the men to do. Trustee Brenton stated that has been given consideration and has been discussed with the men. They are willing to try it. If it is not successful we will reconsider our plans.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, it was moved to return to the regular agenda.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon stated there is a listing at the bottom of tonight's agenda of the upcoming meetings of the various Village committees.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer