

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 9, 1981 at 7:32 PM

Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

William Bancroft

Lawrence R. Brenton

Trustees

Mr. Michael Kibby

Connie C. Murray

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk

Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney

Edward Way, Dept. of Public Works

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

Mayor Kuzon announced that Mr. Michael Kibby has been selected as the successor to Paul Atkinson to fill his unexpired term which ends next March. He thanked Mr. Kibby for taking the post and also thanked all those people who expressed interest in the job. He stated he was sure that anyone of them could have done a good job. It was a very difficult decision with so many people interested in the position.

Mayor Kuzon proclaimed Thursday, February 12th "Marketing and Distribution - The Free Enterprise System Day" in Williamsville. He read the Proclamation and presented it to George Kindel representing the Williamsville South Distributive Education Club. The Mayor wished Mr. Kindel good luck with the program. A copy of the Proclamation is attached to the minutes.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 26, 1981 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon reported that Grievance Day is going to be Tuesday, February 17th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Village Conference Room. The Village Clerk is presently compiling a list of people who have had a change in their assessments. Anyone wishing to discuss a change in their assessment is welcome to come in on the 17th between 4:00 and 8:00 PM.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Bancroft, vouchers in the sum of \$34,888.49 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 1/28/81	\$ 6,960.28
	W/E 2/04/81	<u>4,731.16</u>
Total Payroll		\$11,691.44

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Vouchers (continued)

Payroll Fund (From Preceding Page)		\$11,691.44
General Fund	Abstract #482	11,948.25
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #63	2,473.88
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #102	4,409.41
Community Development Fund	Abstract #54	3,466.55
Capital Fund	Abstract #111	700.12
Special Assessment Fund	Abstract #13	<u>198.84</u>
Total Vouchers		\$34,888.49

The largest vouchers were: Lock City Supply - \$2,181.14; N.Y.S. Soc. Sec. Agency - \$3,241.34; Marine Midland Bank - \$1,536.51.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon stated his second resolution is basically a bookkeeping type resolution to permit the County to collect unpaid Village taxes and return the sum collected to the Village.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon; seconded by Trustee Bancroft, 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 \$2,125.85 (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

UNPAID TAXES
Clerk returns unpaid taxes to Village Board and transmits to County for payment

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.

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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 \$2,125.85 and reciting that the account has been compared and found to be correct; 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.

Mayor Kuzon stated his next resolution deals with an Internal Revenue Service ruling, known as Procedure 80-55 which became effective January 18, 1981. This has previously been discussed at a meeting. This will have a great effect on Villages, Towns and School Districts in the State. The purpose of the resolution is to go on record in opposition to this procedure.

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

WHEREAS the Internal Revenue Service has issued Revenue Procedure 80-55 which became effective on January 10, 1981, and

IRS PROCEDURE 80-55

WHEREAS this rule essentially provides that commercial banks cannot deduct for tax purposes the interest they pay to a municipality on time deposits if that deposit is collateralized by a tax exempt obligation, and

Village Board registers opposition to this procedure

WHEREAS the Village has been advised by its financial consultants that it is reasonable to assume that the result of this Internal Revenue Service ruling will be that the competition among commercial banks to accept time deposits of the Village will decrease and the rate paid to the Village on the deposits will be reduced, and

WHEREAS this ruling may cause commercial banks to purchase fewer of the Village debt instruments thereby increasing the cost of borrowing to the Village because of reduced competition, and

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WHEREAS the Village anticipates that this ruling will result in higher real property taxes to its residents because of reduced interest income and higher interest expense than what would have occurred because of Internal Revenue Service Revenue Rule Procedure 80-55,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Williamsville, New York hereby directs the Village Mayor to notify all congressional representatives within the Village of the Village's opposition to Internal Revenue Service Rule Procedure 80-55.

AND FURTHER, request their help in bringing about the permanent withdrawal of this ruling.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton advised that at our last Board meeting he mentioned that with regard to the Main Street preservation project final acceptance was at an impasse in that the Village felt there were 7 sanitary sewer manholes that should be elevated that were not addressed during the construction procedure. Since that time, the Mayor has received a letter from the Regional Director of the DOT and the letter indicates that the State's opinion is that these manholes, while low, do not cause that great of a problem. The Village is going through a sanitary sewer rehabilitation program and we feel, as does our engineering firm URS, that this situation should be attended to, and should have been attended to during the project. It was brought to the State's attention prior to the project. It is recommended that the Mayor send a letter to the State stating we do not accept the Main Street preservation project due to the low set of the particular seven manholes and feel they are a primary concern in this area because of the inflow of storm water into the sanitary sewer system which passes to the Town treatment plant for processing. We are spending a great amount of government money to correct this inflow problem in the Village. These low manholes, in our opinion, could create a hazardous condition to a bike rider traveling in the driving lane, which is where most of the manholes are located. If the rider hit a low manhole he could lose control of his bike and be thrown into the path of an oncoming car. We feel there is a safety factor involved here also.

Trustee Brenton stated his first resolution deals with adjusting a water bill. Mr. Henning is the owner of Walkers Grove on Wehrle Drive. He is not within the Village limits and pays $1\frac{1}{2}$ times for all water used. He sustained a water leak which he was unaware of until he got his January bill. The Department of Public Works has two employees (now only one) who primarily engage in water work and are very knowledgeable. They were both out sick and not

able to assist Mr. Henning and the Department of Public Works could not send anyone else out. The department assists residents in locating problems and determining what is wrong but they do not do repair work. Mr. Henning has asked for some relief in his bill. Previous Boards have granted residents relief on occasions. There is a question as to whether the Board should be involved in providing relief. This is a delicate situation but since he is billed at $1\frac{1}{2}$ times it is felt that he could be relieved of the $\frac{1}{2}$ and only pay the regular Village resident rate for this quarter. Trustee Brenton stated we are eliminating the second part of the resolution as listed on tonight's agenda so that there is only one quarter's bill referred to in this resolution. The relief will be that he is charged the rate of a Village resident rather than the $1\frac{1}{2}$ times he is charged for being out of the Village. This is a one time only situation. His water problem has been corrected and relief will not be provided again. In view of past corrections to Village residents it is felt that it is correct to do this.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Mr. Kibby, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the January 1981 water bill of L. Henning, Water Account # T126720 be adjusted from \$323.91 to \$215.94.

WATER BILL
ADJUSTMENT

L. Henning

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Bancroft - aye
Trustee Kibby - no
Trustee Murray - aye
Trustee Brenton - aye
Mayor Kuzon - no
Ayes - 3, Noes - 2

Mayor Kuzon explained his no vote by stating that he feels any adjustment in this water bill is a change in position of this Board regardless of what previous Board's have done. He also believes it could set a precedent and could find that if anyone has a problem they would use this to get their bill adjusted.

Carried.

Trustee Brenton stated his second resolution deals with the Fire Department. We previously had a bid for the chassis of a rescue apparatus and this will be for a bid for the body. This vehicle will replace No. 5 which the Hutchinson Hose Company deems to be no longer suitable for their purposes and unrepairable.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for a custom built Heavy Duty Rescue Apparatus for the Hutchinson Hose Fire Co. Bids to be opened at 4:00 p.m. on March 3, 1981 in the Village Clerk's Office, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York. The Clerk shall advertise for the bids

ADVERTISE FOR
BIDS

Heavy Duty Rescue
Apparatus

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in the official Village newspaper at least five days before the date on which the bids are to be opened and upon opening of the bids shall make a record by listing the name and address of each bidder, the amount of his bid, the nature and amount of security furnished, and all alternate bids and tradein allowance, if any, and present such records to the Board of Trustees at the first regular or special meeting of the Board following the opening of the bids.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Murray stated she had no report except to express her disappointment and anger that the School Board has decided to close the only school within the limits of the Village.

Trustee Murray stated her resolutions pertain to the adoption of a Bond Resolution for the money necessary for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program.

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

RESOLVED that Bond Resolution in the amount of \$750,000 for Reconstruction of the Village Sanitary Sewer System is hereby adopted.
(Copy of Bond Resolution attached.)

BOND RESOLUTION
ADOPTED

Sanitary Sewer
System Rehab.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville, in the County of Erie, New York, as follows:

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO
PUBLISH FOREGOING
BOND
RESOLUTION

Section 1. The Village Clerk of said Village of Williamsville, shall, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution cause to be published at least once in the "Amherst Bee" a newspaper published in Amherst, New York, and having a general circulation therein, and hereby designated the official newspaper of the Village, and to be posted in at least six (6) places in the Village.

Section 2. After said bond resolution shall take effect, the Village Clerk is hereby directed to cause said bond resolution to be published, in full, in the newspaper hereinabove referred to in Section 1 hereof, and hereby designated the official newspaper for said

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village
of Williamsville, in the County of Erie, New York.

February 9, 1981

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village
of Williamsville, in the County of Erie, New York, was held at
the Village Hall, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, on
February 9, 1981, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

There were present:

Honorable Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor
and

Trustees:

William Bancroft

Connie C. Murray

Michael W. Kibby

Lawrence R. Brenton

There were absent:

Also present:

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk
Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney

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Trustee Murray offered the following
resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE,
NEW YORK, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 9, 1981, AUTHORIZING
THE RECONSTRUCTION, IN PART, OF THE SANITARY SEWER
SYSTEM, IN THE VILLAGE, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM
COST THEREOF IS \$750,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT
THEREFOR, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 SERIAL
BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION, AND AUTHORIZING
ANY AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND/OR THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO BE EXPENDED TOWARDS
THE COST OF SAID SPECIFIC OBJECT OR PURPOSE OR REDEMPTION
OF ANY BONDS ISSUED THEREFOR OR TO BE BUDGETED AS AN
OFFSET TO THE TAXES/ASSESSMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF THE
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
WILLIAMSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK (by the favorable vote
of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board) AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Williamsville (herein called
"Village"), in the County of Erie, New York, is hereby authorized to
reconstruct, in part, additions and improvements to the existing Village
owned and operated sewage system, consisting of the reconstruction or replacement
of approximately 5,225 feet of sewer pipe, renovation and/or replacement
of manholes and cleaning and inspection of approximately 6,200 feet
of sewer lines, together with the necessary furnishings, equipment,
machinery and apparatus in connection therewith, all in accordance
with specifications prepared by URS Company, Inc., Buffalo, New York,
duly licensed engineers of the State of New York, on file in the
office of the Village Clerk and hereby approved by the Board of Trustees
and approved or to be approved by the State Commissioner of Health.
The estimated maximum cost of said specific object or purpose, including

preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$750,000 and the said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the issuance of said serial bonds and the levy and collection of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as the same shall become due and payable. It is anticipated that zero percent of said cost will be specially assessed against the property determined to be specially benefited by said improvements and the amount of any special assessments hereafter levied and collected on such property will be budgeted as an offset to the taxes thus to be levied. Any funds received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for said specific object or purpose are hereby authorized to be expended towards the cost of said specific object or purpose or redemption of said bonds, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes and/or assessments for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$750,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and stated:

(a) The period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose for which the bonds authorized by this resolution are to be issued, ~~within the limitations of §11.00 a. 4 of the Law, is forty (40)~~ years.

(b) Current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment prior to the issuance of the bonds herein authorized or any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds pursuant to the provisions of §107.00 d. 3 (1) of the Law.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized pursuant to this resolution will exceed five (5) years..

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by §52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds [to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes, or the renewals of said Notes and of Sections 50.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribed the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Brenton and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

Trustee Murray offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
WILLIAMSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village Clerk of said Village of
Williamsville, shall, within ten (10) days after the adoption of
this resolution cause to be published at least once in the "AMHERST
BEE," a newspaper published in Amherst, New York, and having a
general circulation therein, and hereby designated the official
newspaper of the Village, and to be posted in at least six (6)
places in the Village a Notice in substantially the following
form:

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 9, 1981, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville, in the County of Erie, New York, adopted the bond resolution entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Village of Williamsville, New York, adopted February 9, 1981, authorizing the reconstruction, in part, of the sanitary sewer system, in the Village, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$750,000, appropriating said amount therefor, authorizing the issuance of \$750,000 serial bonds to finance said appropriation, and authorizing any amounts received from the United States of America and/or the State of New York to be expended towards the cost of said specific object or purpose or redemption of any bonds issued therefor or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes/assessments for payment of the principal and interest on said bonds,"

an abstract of which resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, is as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING the Village of Williamsville, New York ("Village"), to reconstruct, in part, additions and improvements to the existing Village owned and operated sewer system, consisting of the reconstruction or replacement of approximately 5,255 feet of sewer pipe, renovation and/or replacement of manholes and cleaning and inspection of approximately 6,200 feet of sewer lines; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$750,000 and APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of said serial bonds and the levy and collection of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as the same shall become due and payable; it is anticipated that zero per cent of said cost will be specially assessed against the property determined to be specifically benefited by said improvements and the amount of any special assessments hereafter levied and collected on such property will be budgeted as an offset to the taxes thus to be levied; and funds received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for said specific object or purpose are hereby authorized to be expended towards the cost of said specific object or purpose or redemption of said bonds, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes and/or assessments for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING \$750,000 serial bonds of the Village to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law ("Law"); to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING AND STATING that the period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose is forty (40) years; that current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized or any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds; that the maturity of the bonds authorized will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Village and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Village;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Village Treasurer the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any notes in anticipation of said bonds and renewals thereof;

SIXTH: PROVIDING that the resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

DATED: FEBRUARY 18, 1981

THERESA L. CUMMINS,

Village Clerk

Section 2. After said bond resolution shall take effect, the Village Clerk is hereby directed to cause said bond resolution to be published, in full, in the newspaper hereinabove referred to in Section 1 hereof, and hereby designated the official newspaper for said publication, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Bancroft and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

CERTIFICATE

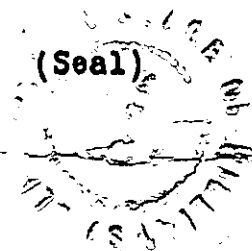
I, THERESA L. CUMMINS, Village Clerk of the Village of
Williamsville, in the County of Erie,

State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the _____
Board of Trustees _____ of said Village,
duly called and held on February 9, 1981, has been
compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my
office in the Minute Book of said _____ Board of Trustees
and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said
original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matters referred
to in said extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
corporate seal of said Village
this 3rd day of March, 1981

Theresa L. Cummins

Village Clerk



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publication, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Bancroft stated he wanted to make a statement and supports Trustee Murray's comments about the School Board's closing of our school. For the public record he wanted the minutes to show that the Williamsville School Board met on February 3, 1981 and in a vote of the School Board the decision to close a community school was made. The School had served not only the Village of Williamsville but the greater Williamsville community for some 60 years. The closing motion was made by Girard Ursitti and those voting in favor of the closing along with Mr. Ursitti were Judith Katz, Virginia Biggie, James Goulding, Jean Wood and Michael Kerr. Those voting against closing Academy were Dr. Kibby, Frederick Huber and Carol Adams. Trustee Bancroft stated this is a very sad situation when a school is lost in any community and certainly the closing of Academy School in the Village is a substantial loss to the Village and the greater Williamsville area.

Trustee Bancroft stated his first resolution deals with our joint participation with the Town in the Youth Development service project. We fund with the Town a portion of the Town's youth program. The total approximate cost to the Village is \$14,000 but of that \$14,000 the Village pays about \$8,000 and we get an additional \$6,000 funded by the State.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with the Town of Amherst for the operation of a Youth Development Youth Service Project known as the Cayuga Road Youth Center - Amherst Youth Program for the period January 1- December 31, 1981 at a cost not to exceed \$7,976.00.

AUTHORIZATION
Mayor to sign agreement
with Town of Amherst
for Youth Service
Project Program

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kibby had no report.

Mr. Way had no report but stated he had talked with Norm Peacock by telephone and he is coming along real well and hopes to be back to work soon. Mayor Kuzon advised that Mr. Peacock is at home now and if anyone wants to send him a card his address is 299 Mill Street.

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

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION
REGARDING

Donald Schueckler, 124 S. Union Road, stated he was very angry and mad that the Village Board allowed the School Board to shut the Academy School down. About nine years ago we fought to get a two-party system in here. This seems to have fallen by the wayside. He thinks it is rotten that they took our school away and thinks the Village Board could have gone out and called a meeting for those citizens who don't have children going to school, so they could have known what was going on. Sixty percent of the people don't have children in that school. They were not notified about the meeting until after it was all over. He stated he had received a letter from the Board but think this was too little too late. He stated he felt the Board should share in the blame for this closing. He also stated he thinks the Village Board should take action to get the school back. We gave them the school free and clear when we joined the school district and think we should get it back even if we don't do anything with it. We have been trying to preserve our Village and what do we get. They take our Post Office. Now they have taken the man from the Police Substation. Now they take our school. He stated we should go the School Board and demand they give us back the school building.

Closing
of
Academy
School

Mayor Kuzon stated that before any decision was made we asked the School Board for a meeting between the two Boards but they refused to meet us because according to them it did not fit into their schedule. The people have read our afterthoughts in the newspapers. We were very upset that they would not meet with us. He stated that as far as what more we could have done, many of us did things in different ways. Trustee Murray worked on committees regarding this issue. The Board passed a resolution as being in opposition to the closing of Academy. We wanted to meet with the School Board but they refused this.

Mr. Schueckler stated this issue should have been made more public to reach those who don't have children in the schools. If the Bee prints it, the News won't. He stated he was here when the resolution was passed but that might have gone by the wayside. The Board could have held public hearings on this. He stated he knows that Mrs. Murray was at the School Board meetings on many occasions but you couldn't do this with one person. You have to go out in force. He stated he thinks the Board should demand they return the school to us. We paid for it and should get it back. We could rent it out for a school or offices.

Mr. Schueckler stated he wanted to thank Trustee Brenton for advertising the first aid truck. This is something that is really needed.

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Mr. Schueckler stated there is a problem at Main and S. Long that he has called the State about. There is a water hole there which was created in 1963 when work was done in that area. It is on the east side of the street. Blacktop was put in and the State just put in new blacktop but now this problem is still there. He stated he thinks they should have done a better job.

DISCUSSION
Regarding
Closing
Academy
School

James Saia, 20 Belmont, stated there is a bad situation on Mill Street. When you pass Belmont coming toward Main Street there are numerous holes there. They are not too bad when you are going at 25 MPH but if you go at 30 MPH you almost lose control. This happens year after year. It is filled in and then caves in again. This should be repaired some way. He stated he wanted this in the record that the Board has been told about this. Someone is going to lose control and hit the house there. It is a dangerous situation on that curve.

Trustee Brenton asked if these were potholes or just indentations. Mr. Saia stated it was a series of potholes. They seem to be about 6" apart. Mr. Way stated cold patch has been put in three times this year but then the snowplowing takes it out again. He stated the only permanent cure would be to run a strip down the west side probably from Belmont up to Glen.

Mr. Saia stated the same thing was said last year. He realizes we have to wait until Spring to fix this right. It should be fixed this year. This gets worse every year. Nothing was done last year except to fill in the holes. Mr. Way stated that putting a strip in there is the only way to cure this. He would hope it could be done this year.

Trustee Brenton stated a water line will be installed from Eagle to Edward Street but this will be on the east side. He would assume that they would probably have to repave Mill Street if the actual installation is in the street itself but this would probably not take place until 1982. We will make some temporary repairs there this year and then it will depend on the construction of the water line.

Mr. Saia stated someone could damage their automobile in this area. Mr. Way stated if we don't get a storm tomorrow they will put cold patch in there tomorrow. Mr. Saia stated if something is going to be done it should be done this year. Mr. Way stated he and Trustee Brenton will take care of this.

Mr. Saia stated he was unable to attend the Old Home Day Committee meeting that was held and hoped that Trustee Bancroft had expressed Mr. Saia's feelings about this year's celebration to the committee. He stated he felt he should not attend the committee meeting and that the Trustee should pass on any citizen input that was received on this matter. Trustee Bancroft stated he too was unable to attend that meeting but that he would pass on Mr. Saia's concerns to the committee at their next meeting.

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George Kindel of Williamsville South High School stated that at Free Enterprise Day they will be having speakers come in to the DECA and American History classes to speak on the importance of the free enterprise system. We feel it is important to learn about this system and how it works.

DISCUSSION RE:
Closing

Trustee Murray stated she had forgotten to welcome Dr. Kibby to the Board but wanted to do so now and thank him for accepting the position.

Academy
School

Trustee Brenton stated he had intended to make a comment on Academy's closing but didn't expect the residents to speak so eloquently on it. He stated he has a vested interest in that he has a child who attends Academy and now that child will have to take a bus for the next four years when he otherwise could have walked to school until he finished high school. When you express your feelings that the Board should have taken a stronger stance he feels that as a Board member he represents the west side of the Village as well as the east side. He stated that in the past he has been very vocal on the matter of school closing but that as a Board member he feels constrained by the fact that he represents the entire community. There is no doubt that this will be a blow to the community and those who go there. There are many parents who have paid for that school. They were asked in 1948 to join in the centralization of the school district so that those living north of Sheridan Drive could receive a better education. At that time this area to the north was rural in nature and not developed as it is now. The high school on Main Street was built, as were 11 other schools. The people of Williamsville paid for these schools and now they lose their school. He stated that he feels property values in the Village will be depreciated. He feels the school was one of our selling points and in this instance questions the judgement of the Williamsville Central School Board and those members voting to close Academy but he feels that this was not the logical choice to make.

Mr. Schueckler stated he went to a Forest Elementary meeting and would see not more than seven or eight Villagers there. The people who came out in droves were the ones from Coventry, Linden, etc. They only have a Williamsville post office. There were not that many Village residents there. Many have children who are grown up and some who have younger children not yet going to school. They were not informed by the flyers brought home by the children going to school about the meetings on the school closing. He stated he feels the Village Board should go to the School Board and get our building back. There should be a public hearing on this.

Mr. Saia stated that according to the last census there are 5,800 people in the Village. At the School Board meeting a couple hundred people turn out and when we had a meeting here on the smut stores a lot of people were here but most were not Village residents and they were deciding policy for the Village. Only two school board members live in the Village. Other people have to decide what happens to our school. We know how we feel. The rest don't care. He feels they are getting paid too much.

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Mayor Kuzon stated he feels that the closing of Academy is certainly a blow to the Village but he doesn't feel it is the death blow. Village residents in the municipal limits must rededicate themselves to their committment to Village values and the sense of community. He does realize this is a serious blow but we will overcome it and strive to preserve our community. The Village has a lot of tradition and character and is why he chose to live here.

Mr. Saia stated tradition and character seem to be the magic words. The Village has lost our post office and are now without a police station. Now we have lost a school. We know we are going to lose the Town Court building next. This is a foregone conclusion. These are some of the things that make up the character of the Village, and we have lost part of it. These are some of the things that people move to the Village for.

Mayor Kuzon stated he feels the character is in the people, not in the buildings or stores. Those who voted to close Academy don't understand our community and people. It is the people who make us strong and they will continue to do so. Village residents must educate their new neighbors about the importance of the Village. Many residents have always lived here, gone to our schools and even worked in the Village and it is up to everyone to tell people who move in why we have chosen to live here. People will make the difference.

Trustee Bancroft stated there is a report to the Superintendent of Schools by an outside committee that in the not too distant future if enrollments continue to decline there should be consideration given to closing a high school. We should remember the opinions expressed here tonight because the high school that might be considered for closing is here in our community. If it is felt we let this happen to Academy perhaps we should start working now so it doesn't happen to the high school.

Mr. Schueckler stated a letter should be sent to let them know how we feel about this.

Mr. Saia asked how many people remember when Marguerite Lapp was on the School Board, and the statements that we would be in trouble if we didn't build more schools because of all the people coming in. Now Academy is closed because of dropping enrollment. He stated this trend could reverse itself again. The School Board cannot really tell us what will happen five years down the line.

Trustee Kibby stated he has made many vociferous remarks on this topic at the School Board meetings but didn't expect to do so tonight. He stated the report the School Board got was well done, and should have been done a couple of years ago. About ten years ago we could plan on 1.7 school aged children per household in the district and that number is now down to .4 or .5 per household. This is less than 1/3 of what we had ten to twelve years ago. At East

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High School, the last graduating class was the first class where all the students had attended East from their freshman year. Now we are talking about closing a high school. He stated he thinks the data for the next five years is accurate and scary. They get their statistics from counting the live births and they know how many will be going to school then. Twelve years ago there were 1500 and now are talking about less than 500 for kindergarten every year and it is very scary. He is not saying what was done was right or wrong, but the night before voting on the issue a report was reviewed that was done in 1969 that said there would have to be 20 elementary schools and 5 middle schools and 5 high schools by 1980 and this did not happen. Things are changed. Why that is he doesn't know but there are one-third the number of children there used to be entering school. What we need are more babies.

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

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer