

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Monday, March 22, 1982 at 7:39 PM

Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

William Bancroft
Lawrence R. Brenton Trustees
Michael Kibby
Connie C. Murray

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk
Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney
Dave Laubisch, Dept. of Public Works

Absent

Edward Way, Dept. of Public Works

Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville on March 22, 1982 at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in expressing an opinion on the proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the 1982-1983 fiscal year.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Bancroft, the hearing was opened at 7:39 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: As the Clerk has read, this hearing is for the purpose of soliciting public comment on how the Village should use its Federal Revenue Sharing dollars. Our Revenue dollars this year amount to \$25,000 - is that it, Terry?

Clerk: \$25,690.

Mayor Kuzon: \$25,690. This represents a decrease from previous years and an additional decrease due to an accounting error on the part of the federal government. In previous years, we received in the neighborhood of \$60,000. Right?

Clerk: \$40,000.

Mayor Kuzon: \$40,000. In the past, the money has been used for such things as the purchase of fire department equipment, certain D.P.W. equipment and even some office equipment has been purchased from this amount of money.

At this time I would open the public hearing for your comments as to how we should spend this Federal Revenue Sharing money. Is there anyone in the audience? Any Board member have any comment?

Trustee Brenton: Just to say, Mr. Mayor, that I'm pleased that you are thinking about spending some monies for the restoration, or replacement rather of a water line. That makes me happy.

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Mayor Kuzon: If there is no comment on how the money should be spent, a motion would be in order to close the public hearing.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the hearing was closed at 7:42 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor Kuzon called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Mayor Kuzon: This portion of the agenda is devoted to approval of the minutes of previous meetings.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 8, 1982 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the minutes of the public hearing held March 8, 1982 regarding the proposed use of 1982-1983 Community Development Funds were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Bancroft, the minutes of the public hearing held March 8, 1982 regarding a proposed local law in relation to a capital program were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Bancroft, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the minutes of a special meeting held March 16, 1982 regarding accepting the election results were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Next on our agenda this evening is a public hearing regarding the proposed use of our Federal Revenue Sharing funds for 1982-83.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Bancroft, it was moved to open the hearing at 7:39 PM. (The hearing was closed at 7:42 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Kuzon: However, do be sure that just because there is no comment this evening doesn't mean there won't be ways in which this money will be spent. For my portion of the agenda I'm going to talk a little bit about our budget and I'm sure that the Board does have some ways in which this money will be allocated in our 1982-83 budget. However, if you do have some further thoughts on the ways in which this money should be spent be sure to talk to the Board or myself. You can contact us in the office or at home.

For my portion of the agenda this evening I have a number of items I'd like to report, or share with you. I guess the first and perhaps the most important one is that the tentative budget for our 1982-83 official year has been completed and is available in the Village Clerk's Office for your review. I guess of interest to Village property owners and taxpayers is that the tax rate as proposed by this tentative budget will be \$17.25/\$1,000 of assessed valuation. This is an increase over our present rate, which is \$16.09. Revenues - well first of all, appropriations - appropriations in this tentative budget total \$958,000, revenues total \$438,000, with the prior year exemptions of about \$150,000, leaving a net amount of \$369,000 that has to be raised by taxes. I guess this report coupled with one of my resolutions, and I guess suffice it to say that we will be calling for a public hearing on April 12th to discuss the budget. At that time, we will go into the detail and content of the budget and I'll give you a little bit of a hint that we, or I propose to go through the budget page by page with overhead transparencies, taking the time to answer questions on any item of the budget that the public may be interested in. This is a little change of procedure from the way we've done it in the past. In the past we've generally summarized the budget, hit on the highlights, and indicated to the public where we think the larger or more important appropriations are taking place. However, this year because of ever increasing costs, I think it's important that we share with the public and our taxpayers, and our residents, share our budget and point out to them where we think we have made considerable savings and where we think we have appropriated essential and necessary funds. So April 12th is the date of our budget public hearing.

One other item, or one of my items that I'd like to share with you is that the Erie County Department of Civil Service has listed our position of Superintendent of Public Works as a position that will be filled by competitive examination that will be given on March 10th, or excuse me that's the wrong date, will be given on May 5th of this year. It would be best to contact the County Department of Civil Services for an application and for the filing date for this examination.

A meeting or two ago we informed you that the State Department of Environmental Conservation had informed us that we could proceed

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with awarding the contract for our sanitary sewer rehabilitation program. We have done that, for those of you who attended that meeting you know that, and we are proceeding with a preconstruction conference between the contractor, the engineer, and the owner, who is the Village. This preconstruction meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30th at 4:00 PM.

One other item that I'd like to share with you is the Clerk, Trustee Murray and I attended - and also Trustee Bancroft - we attended a Village Officials meeting in Orchard Park this past Thursday. At that meeting the Mayor of Kenmore shared with the organization a letter that he had written to the Buffalo Common Council in regards to the City payroll tax that was proposed by the Common Council and I think the points of the letter which are most important and I think that I share with Mayor Nist his thoughts on this issue. I'd like to share these thoughts with you. The Mayor has stated that - let me read from this letter - that

"Legislation by any local government of a divisive nature which creates artificial boundaries and pits one local government against another certainly does not appear to be in the best interest of Western New York as a whole. As an alternative to this kind of legislation" (and this would be the payroll tax) "I suggest that there are avenues that could be pursued which may be more productive:"

REPORT ON
CITY
PAYROLL
TAX

And these are the items I'd like to share with you. They are:

1. A united effort by county, city, town, village, and school governments to require that the State adopt a revenue sharing formula that is fair and predictable and that reflects the growth in State income tax revenues adjusted for inflation.

2. A council of local governments in Erie County charged with the responsibility of examining services and recommending which level of government can most effectively provide these services. The present assumption of services by the county at times of Buffalo budget crisis is not the thoughtful overall study of the problem which will provide a long range solution for all Western New York residents.

This is not the time for any local government to take a divisive posture in dealing with other local governments in Erie County."

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And the Mayor of Kenmore, Mayor Nist,

"Respectfully suggest that the City of Buffalo look to mutually beneficial working relationships with other local governments and rescind the payroll tax proposal."

And I think the main idea of the letter, and one that I totally support, is that the local governments in Erie County do not exist individually, but they exist collectively and if we're going to have growth in Western New York and growth in our county it is going to take a concerted and well attended effort by all of our local governments to overcome any, any differences that we might have, as the Mayor said anything that would cause a rift between the governments and must say limit growth in our county and the idea of a council of local governments, one that meets and one that serves the needs of both towns, villages and cities I think is one that is maybe long overdue in our county and definitely worth examining. I think along with that it would be fair to say that also at this meeting of Village Officials I was elected President of the Erie County Village Officials Association, our Clerk was elected - or re-elected Treasurer, and Trustee Murray will be Secretary of the Association for the coming year. And I think that one of the first things I would do as President is pursue this concept that the Mayor of Kenmore has proposed in establishing some type of organization that meets, number one, and will be well attended, number two, but will also examine the issues that face cities, towns and villages in Western New York.

One other item that I'd like to share with you is that a school community meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 1982 at 7:30 PM at Williamsville East High School. The purpose of the meeting is for members of the community, key communicators, public officials, and representatives of community organizations to come together and have a forum in which school finance issues can be discussed and legislation and how it affects financing schools will be considered. That's next Tuesday. Okay.

I'd also like to share with you that in the "Interchange" which is the newsletter of the New York State Association of Traffic Safety Boards, there is an article which is about the Village of Williamsville and this article is about the traffic safety program which the Village has had this past year and I think the first paragraph sums it up very well. It says over the past year the Village of Williamsville progressed greatly in improving traffic safety and it goes on to list the ways in which the Village made notable progress in improving our traffic signal devices, our traffic signs and it mentions some of the construction projects that have taken place in the areas of traffic.

I have a number of resolutions this evening. The first one is for vouchers.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, vouchers in the sum of \$77,424.65 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 3/10/82	\$ 4,895.28
	W/E 3/17/82	<u>4,690.72</u>
Total, Payroll Fund		\$ 9,586.00
General Fund	Abstract #509	41,333.70
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #90	20,703.79
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #129	2,060.15
Glen Park Joint Activities	Abstract #29	140.33
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	Abstract #127	<u>3,600.68</u>
Total Vouchers		\$77,424.65

The larger of these vouchers are to Erie County Water Authority, our water supplier, for \$18,000; to Niagara Mohawk Power Company, our electric utility, for \$5,000; and to Saulsbury Fire Equipment Corp. for \$25,000, which represents a payment for the new utility vehicle for the fire company, Truck No. 5 I believe it will be called.

Unanimously carried.

My second resolution deals with adopting a local law which would change the way in which village officials' salaries are changed. This was the subject of a public hearing some time ago. Present procedure requires that to change elected officials' salaries a separate public hearing is required. This proposal that is before us this evening would change that so that elected officials' salaries would be included as part, or a change in elected officials' salaries would be included as part of the budget process and would be included as part of the budget hearing. This is the procedure for many local governments in Western New York and Erie County and it is also provided for in a recent opinion of the State Comptroller, and it reads:

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

RESOLVED that Local Law #2 - 1982 - which repeals Local Law #1 - 1972 dealing with Salaries of Elected Officials, which was the subject of a public hearing on January 25, 1982 is hereby adopted.

LOCAL LAW
#2-1982
adopted

Salaries of
Elected
Officials

Unanimously carried.

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~~COUNTY~~
~~CITY~~ of Williamsville
~~TOWN~~
Village

Local Law No. 2 of the year 19 82

A local law Repealing Local Law #1-1972 Salary Increases of Elected Officials
(Insert title)

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

~~COUNTY~~
~~CITY~~ of Williamsville as follows:
~~TOWN~~
Village

Local Law # 1 - 1972, which established the amount of the annual compensation of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Trustees of the Village of Williamsville, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of Local Law # 1 - 1972 does not have the effect of reviving any earlier law establishing salaries.

All future amendments to salary structure, are intended to be brought about through regular budgetary procedures.

This local law shall take effect on June 1, 1982.

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My third resolution - this establishes the annual reorganizational meeting of the Village Board. This meeting by New York State Village Law has to be held on the first Monday of April, or the month following the annual Village election, and this would establish our reorganizational meeting for April 5, 1982 at 6:30 PM in the Village Conference Room. At this meeting, the Village Board will approve or enact a number of housekeeping resolutions designating meeting nights, committee assignments, bank depositories, etc., but also at that time we will be making appointments to the various Village committees and I would say to you this evening that if you have an interest in any of the Village committees you contact myself or one of the Trustees and indicate that interest to them and maybe a place can be found for you at the April 5th meeting. So that you have an idea of what vacancies exist, let me briefly run down the committees and the number of vacancies that exist on each committee. By vacancy I mean terms that will be expiring, some are filled by present incumbents, others have no one in them for terms of office. On the Planning Board there will be two terms expiring and they presently are filled. However, again if you're interested feel free to contact the Board. On the Board of Appeals there will be one term expiring. The Parks and Recreation Committee, which has seven members, all their terms will be expiring. On Traffic and Safety, nine members, has six terms expiring. The Environmental Committee made up of nine individuals has all their terms expiring. The Meeting House Committee, there are presently two vacancies but there is a resolution this evening to fill one of those, and the rest of the Committee their terms expire. The entire committee terms expire. The Beautification Committee, all of their terms expire at the end of this official year. The Youth Committee, there are eleven members. Presently there are three who are in office or have an appointed term. The remainder are vacant and they have various expiration dates. On the Senior Citizens Committee there are presently two vacancies. I believe there's a resolution to fill one of those. Glen Park Joint Board has two terms expiring. I would encourage you that if you have any interest in any of these committees please contact us and we will try to arrange that your interest would be fulfilled.

I'd also like to say to the Trustees at this time that by our April 5th reorganizational meeting I would hope to have from each of you a brief year-end summary for your areas of responsibility. No more than a page or two. Hopefully in this year-end summary you will be able to state how your objectives were met which were requested at our last reorganizational meeting, and I'm sure that you have fulfilled your objectives and also I would hope that as part of this report you would state some future goals that you see yet to be fulfilled by your committees or your areas of responsibility.

The resolution reads:

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

RESOLVED that the Annual Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville will be held April 5, 1982 at 6:30 PM in the Village Conference Room, Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York.

ANNUAL
REORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING SET

Unanimously carried.

My fourth resolution calls for a public hearing regarding our General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Glen Park Joint Activities Fund budgets. These would be the budgets for our coming official year, 1982-83. This hearing would be held on April 12th at 7:35 PM right here in this room, and it reads:

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held April 12, 1982 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 1982-1983 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Glen Park Joint Activities Fund Annual Budgets for the Village of Williamsville.

PUBLISH NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

General, Water,
Sewer, Glen Park
Budgets

Unanimously carried.

My fifth resolution calls for a public hearing for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 82-83 Federal Revenue Sharing budget for the Village of Williamsville. This would be the second required public hearing on the use of these funds. So again if this evening there was no comment, but between now and April 12th you come up with some thoughts there is also a second public hearing at which you may express your feelings. It will be held April 12th at 7:40 PM and it's the second public hearing for our Federal Revenue Sharing funds.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held April 12, 1982 at 7:40 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 1982-1983 Federal Revenue

PUBLISH NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

Federal Revenue
Sharing Budget

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Sharing Fund Budget for the Village of Williamsville, New York.

Unanimously carried.

As part of our Sewer Fund we have also established sewer rents, or sewer rates. These rates are also subject to a public hearing at which time we will share with you the amount that they will be raised and this public hearing will also be held on April 12th at 7:45 PM and this resolution reads:

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville, Monday, April 12, 1982 at 7:45 p.m. to hear all persons interested in expressing an opinion on the proposed sewer rent rates for 1982-1983 year per Section 41.20(D) of the Sewer Rent Code.

PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sewer rents for 1982 - 1983

Unanimously carried.

My seventh resolution would adopt a capital program as specified in Section 99-g of the General Municipal Law. This procedure was the subject of a public hearing on March 8, 1982. Briefly summarized in that proposal it would establish a capital program, a capital program procedure for the Village of Williamsville, one in which it would require us to follow very detailed steps that are outlined in this section of the law and it would put us on program and on target for establishing a capital program for next year's budget. That would be the 1983-84 budget and I would move the resolution.

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

RESOLVED that Local Law #3 - 1982 - Capital Program Established, which was the subject of a public hearing on March 8, 1982, is hereby adopted.

LOCAL LAW #3 - 1982 adopted

Capital Program established

Unanimously carried.

Before moving on, two more items that I'd like to share with you that I did momentarily forget. Number one is that the Village has recently received notice from the Erie County Water Authority that they project a 8% to 10% rate increase to the Village effective April 1st which means that water costs to the Village of Williamsville

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~~Town~~
Village

Local Law No. 3 of the year 19 82

A local law Capital Program Established
(Insert title)

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

~~County~~
~~City~~ of Williamsville as follows:
~~Town~~
Village

The Village of Williamsville hereby establishes a Capital Program in accordance with Section 99-g of the General Municipal Law.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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will be increased by our supplier. The Board has considered this individually and will be considering it collectively, at which time we will advise you whether the Board will be increasing rates to the consumer, but I think it would be safe to say they may propose that. Any rate increase by the County over the last couple of years has been passed on to the Village residents.

One other thing, I would like to offer my congratulations to the winners of last Tuesday's Village election. Trustee Kibby, who has been re-elected, and to newly elected Trustee Saia, and I'd also like to offer my condolences to Dorothy Karrer, who ran a good race and came in very close.

And I guess I'm saving the best for last. A number of people have brought to my attention the amount of debris that is located on Village, or not Village sidewalks but sidewalks in the Village, and in the area of the curb around the street, and in particular a number of people have pointed out to me that this debris is from - I guess the problem is that people have allowed their dogs to leave their calling cards on the sidewalk and now that the snow has melted it is very evident where the dogs have been, and people have complained to me about this mess on the sidewalk, and so I would encourage you as Village property owners at the next opportunity you get to please assist those who use the sidewalks by cleaning the sidewalk in front of your house.

Next would be Trustee Brenton.

Trustee Brenton: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With respect to the sidewalk problem, this is a serious problem and I must say that former Mayor Metz, who lives on my street, and his wife walk their dog regularly and they have a little thing that they utilize for this type of situation, which is required in the City of New York, and I have to laud former Mayor Metz on his efforts on beautification on a personal level and I think everyone else should do that also.

For my report tonight we are, or I am in conjunction with Mr. Way from the Department of Public Works determining the streets that need to be paved. We have come up with about 6,000 feet of streets. That has to be fined down because it is our policy to pave approximately one mile of streets and I think perhaps this year it might be a little bit less. The cost of asphalt has escalated so that we're finding ourselves to be quite strapped to pay for the asphalt itself and if we can come up with three-quarters of a mile this year I think that would be a worthy effort and a fiscally responsive one and, of course, depending on the condition of the streets. If they are very bad they have to be repaved.

In regard to the Mayor's reference to the article in the - I forget the name of the publication - pertaining to our traffic and

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safety efforts, Mrs. Schlifke is here from the Traffic and Safety Committee, is Secretary of Traffic and Safety in fact, and I believe that the article resulted from a discussion that Mrs. Schlifke presented to the Governor's Traffic and Safety Committee, or a meeting thereof, and so that then we were mentioned in this "Interchange" newsletter of the New York State Association of Traffic and Safety Boards. It's quite a nice article and quite frankly, it was a pleasure to work with the Traffic and Safety Committee through the year past and, in particular, with Mr. Laubisch who was our state funded Traffic and Safety Coordinator. And, of course, Mr. Laubisch now has, the grant being ended, resumed his duties at the Department of Public Works, but I do feel that the grant was beneficial to the community and I'm very happy that Mrs. Schlifke went to this meeting and presented the results of what our community has done and I'm indeed pleased also that we made mention throughout the State of New York pertaining to our efforts and those efforts, I might add, also included the obtaining of federal funds to pay for certain projects within this community and those resulted in the Village not having to pay for them, at least in the form of Village taxes. I'm sure that you're aware that we do pay for anything that comes from the federal government in the form of other taxes.

And also I'd like to say that in regards to the traffic and safety grant we have developed a program and perhaps I'm premature in discussing this because it actually pertains to next year's budget, but we have developed a program to rectify areas of non-compliance pertaining to our signs, safety devices of one type of another, and we have developed the necessary fiscal input and decided to place that on a four year program. This is also through Mr. Laubisch's efforts and I think that, without belaboring the issue, I think we've done a good job regarding traffic and safety in this community.

That essentially takes care of my report. I have one resolution tonight. The resolution pertains to the oft mentioned Brookside storm drainage project, which those of you who have been here before have certainly heard discussed and perhaps seen in the media. The position of the Board I believe, as we have discussed it, is that we are in need of an independent engineering firm to determine exactly what has been done on the Brookside storm drainage project and perhaps what has not been done. Therefore, through this resolution it will be the intent of the Village to hire the firm of U.R.S. to evaluate that particular project and tell the Village whether or not the contractor performed according to specifications and whether those specifications were appropriate for that type of project, and we feel it is in the best interests of the community, assuming that this resolution is adopted, it's in the best interests of the community to have an independent engineering firm evaluate this particular project. This is something that will be here for many, many years after we're all gone and it's been my experience as

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the Trustee responsible for public works to see projects that were done in years past, and quite frankly weren't done correctly, thus creating a problem for myself and additional fiscal input on the part of the taxpayers of the Village in rectifying something that should have been done right in the first place, so at this stage of the game we're going to make sure that this job is done right. The resolution reads as follows:

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to sign agreement with URS Company for review, operation, inspection and evaluation of the Brookside Storm Drainage Project at a cost not to exceed \$3,310.00.

AUTHORIZATION -
Mayor to sign agreement with URS for evaluation of Brookside Project

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Bancroft - aye; Trustee Murray - no; Trustee Kibby - aye; Trustee Brenton - aye; Mayor Kuzon - aye.

Ayes - 4; Noes - 1.

Carried

Trustee Brenton: I'm just wondering on Trustee Murray's vote whether she would care to elaborate on her reasons for voting no. It certainly is her privilege not to do so.

Trustee Murray: Sure, I'll be glad to. We had two proposals on this project and I felt that the other company, the person that submitted the proposal seemed to grasp the subject better. I would like to see us have some experience with another engineer and I have a great deal of respect for this other engineer and I also felt that the price was lower.

Trustee Brenton: In point of fact the price was higher.

Trustee Murray: No, Larry, when you compare apples and apples of the two it was lower.

Trustee Brenton: We're not dealing with apples. That's all I have, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay, thank you. Trustee Kibby.

Trustee Kibby: No report, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Murray.

Trustee Murray: I have no report this evening but I have an appointment to the Environmental Advisory Council. Mrs. Trusso has been attending the Environmental Council to see if she were

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interested and I've been talking to her about three or four months, and the resolution reads:

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

RESOLVED that Mary Jo Trusso, 95 Mill Street is hereby appointed to the Environmental Advisory Council until the end of the 1981-1982 official Village year.

APPOINTMENT
Environmental
Advisory
Council

Trustee Murray: And I would add that I hope whoever has this committee appointment come the first Monday of April will consider reappointing Mrs. Trusso as she seems to be enthusiastic.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Bancroft - aye.

Trustee Kibby - aye.

Trustee Murray - aye.

Trustee Brenton - My vote will be no on this particular resolution. I feel that to appoint people at this late stage of the Village governmental year, which expires April 1st, is really purely an act in semantics. It is not necessary. I think that we should spend more time discussing via our reorganization meeting the people that are going to be on our committees. This name just appeared before me tonight and I would prefer to be able to evaluate this at our reorganizational meeting, which will be April 5th. So that my position is on this particular subject, without knowing the individual involved and without having first thought about this at all, that it would be to vote no so that more consideration could be given to the selection of people who will be actually installed beginning April 1st, which is quite obviously a week away or so. I feel no need to appoint anyone to the committee at this time.

Mayor Kuzon - aye.

Ayes - 4; Noes - 1.

Carried.

Trustee Murray: And finally it's usually in order when we have a retiring Trustee for some of us to make speeches and I have one tonight. I'd like to thank Trustee Bancroft by saying that Trustees and Mayors seldom hear the words thank you from Village taxpayers. It seems we only hear complaints. Tonight, Thank you is in order to Bill Bancroft as he retires. Bill's added a very valuable dimension to the Board of Trustees. His engineering experience in private business has provided him with the ability

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to ask the technical questions that needed to be asked during Village projects. I've appreciated the competence of experience, knowing that he was there to review and question engineering areas. I will miss having Bill around when future programs come up. A personal thank you is also in order from me to Bill for his friendship. I know I will still be able to count on that friendship for advice in the future. The counsel of former Trustees has been very important to me over the past three years on the Board. Their special insight, their having been there, is not found anywhere else. Thanks Bill also for the teasing. The addition of a bit of humor certainly helped lighten the serious nature of many of our working sessions. Thank you also for two years and many hours of commitment to maintain the quality of life in the Village.

Trustee Bancroft: Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Bancroft.

Trustee Bancroft: Thank you. I would like to express my thanks to the Trustees for the cooperation and the support that I have received over the past two years. I would also like to express my gratitude to the staff that keeps the Village running on a day-to-day basis. That's Terry and the other people in our office and our Department of Public Works that makes a Trustee's life, and a Mayor's life a lot easier. And I would especially like to thank the people here tonight who serve on committees and participate in the Village and are active and interested in what's going on and over and above that those faces here that we see almost every Monday night and in a very sparse attendance we typically see - Rita Andrews, Carolyn Schlifke, Norm Wolf and Dick Hill, and Don Schueckler - all still hang in there and attend our meetings. I think that's probably the most vital and important part of Village government is the support and interest and cooperation that we get at the committee level. This is a crucial factor in making sure that the Village type of government stays vital, stays informed and it most importantly stays at a very basic and human level rather than getting involved in complexities that we can see that occur even at the Town level, and for sure at the County level, and by the time we get to the State I'm lost. I'm very happy to see that we have people who support us at the Village level. It's been a very good two years.

I have three resolutions tonight. One pertaining to an agreement between the Village and the Williamsville Historical Society. It is a very good agreement. It's quite lengthy and I'd like to just read the first portion of it. It's also my last opportunity to read some 'whereas' which appear in some of our agreements. This agreement should be clear as we proceed through it here.

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"WHEREAS the (Williamsville Historical) SOCIETY renders valuable service to the VILLAGE and to VILLAGE residents through the collection, cataloging and preservation of documents, artifacts, objects d'art and antiques associated intimately with the Village and...

AGREEMENT
WITH THE
WILLIAMSVILLE
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY TO
USE VILLAGE
MEETING
HOUSE

WHEREAS the SOCIETY, by its various activities, including public lectures, historic tours, antique exhibitions and other sponsored events, enhances and enriches the cultural life of the VILLAGE, and

WHEREAS the SOCIETY has undertaken to act as curator of any and all artifacts or items of historic value presently owned by the VILLAGE to which may hereafter be donated or bequeathed to the VILLAGE, and

WHEREAS the SOCIETY has expressed a need for facilities set apart for its exclusive use so that members of the SOCIETY can pursue its work more effectively and also establish a secure place for the storage of papers, documents and artifacts owned by the SOCIETY or over which it exercises custodial authority...

THEREFORE" - and I'm going to paraphrase from here on out - the Village agrees to enter into a use agreement with the Historical Society for a portion of the second floor of the Village Meeting House for a period of time of ten years to be renewed annually by the Historical Society under mutual agreement between the Village and the Historical Society. We've had some caretakers that have watched over the Meeting House for a number of years in addition to those people who serve on the Village Meeting House Committee, and those caretakers are the members of the Williamsville Historical Society. They too play a vital roll in the quality of life in the Village here and this agreement I think insures that they have a rightful physical place within the Village to insure that we remember our historical heritage.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign agreement with the Williamsville Historical Society for use of the Village Meeting House.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Brenton - aye.

Trustee Kibby - aye.

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Trustee Murray - aye.

Ayes - 4; Noes - 1.

Trustee Bancroft - aye.

Mayor Kuzon - No, and my reasons for voting no would be that conceptually I have no problem with the lease arrangement with the Historical Society for use of the Meeting House. However, a number of the details within this agreement I feel uncomfortable with and I'll be more specific. The one relating to use. I believe it is at essentially no charge and I would like to see that at least amended to include a charge that would help them offset some of the maintenance, some of the utilities and any other operational costs of the Village. So conceptually I would support this. As far as the facts or the details of the proposal I cannot and have to vote no.

Trustee Bancroft: As further clarification on that agreement, the agreement does state that the use of the Meeting House will be at no charge to the Historical Society, with the provision that that space that they occupy is to be improved at their expense. So their contribution to the Meeting House is going to be in the form of improving that portion of the upstairs that they are going to occupy.

Trustee Brenton: Can I ask whether you have a cost estimate roughly as to what that might entail on the part of the Historical Society?

Trustee Bancroft: The Historical Society has not developed how they are going to lay out and complete the room. The plan is for the Village to supply the shell of a room for the Historical Society and anything they do to that - painting, carpentry, lighting, or whatever it is - is at their option. So what they plan to spend will have to be determined after what they intend to do inside the room.

Carried.

Trustee Bancroft: My second resolution represents a bit of housekeeping. Mary McGarva has expressed an interest in being on the Village Meeting House Committee for some time now. It has been an item which I have just not brought before the Board. I think it is appropriate to appoint Mary to the Village Meeting House Committee this evening recognizing, however, that those appointments are subject to change at the reorganization meeting next month. Mary's a resident of the Village and has expressed a sincere interest in the uses of the Meeting House for various activities. My second resolution reads:

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

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RESOLVED that Mary McGarva, 28 Cadman Drive is hereby appointed to the Village Meeting House Committee until the end of the 1981-1982 official Village year.

APPOINTMENT

Village Meeting
House Committee

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Murray - aye.

Trustee Kibby - aye.

Trustee Brenton - For the reasons expressed previously - no.

Trustee Bancroft - aye.

Mayor Kuzon - aye.

Ayes - 4; Noes - 1.

Carried.

My third and last resolution appoints Dorothy Karrer to the Senior Citizens Committee. My previous comments relative to appointments I think are also appropriate in this instance. I think that this appointment is considered by me not to be - and I'll emphasize that again - not to me in any way political and I think there's some feeling that it may be. I feel that when someone expresses again sincere interest in this community and the welfare of its residents we should take full advantage of that interest and encourage that interest to make positive contributions to the Village. I think that Doty's residency in the Village, her long-standing knowledge of the community and of its residents will serve the Senior Citizens Committee well. An additional point of information, the Senior Citizens Committee presently is comprised almost exclusively of senior citizens and I think that that should be somewhat balanced with some other members who have a perspective which is possibly different than that of our seniors. This takes nothing away from those very fine members of the committee who are seniors, but it certainly helps to add additional perspective to a committee and a very vital committee in the Village. The resolution reads:

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

RESOLVED that Dorothy Karrer, 108 Oakgrove Drive is hereby appointed to the Senior Citizens Committee until the end of the 1982-1983 official Village year.

APPOINTMENT

Senior Citizens
Committee

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Murray - no.

Trustee Kibby - yes.

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Trustee Brenton - For the reasons previously expressed - no.

Trustee Bancroft - yes.

Mayor Kuzon - yes.

Ayes - 3; Noes - 2.

Carried.

Trustee Bancroft: Thank you. That's all I have.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Mr. Laubisch from the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Laubisch: One item, Mr. Mayor. The Village is in the process of removing stumps for any Village residents who have so requested. The release can be obtained from the Village Clerk's Office. This operation will cease on April 9th and if anyone would like a stump removed from their yard go up to the Village Clerk's Office and obtain a release and let us know before April 9th. After April 9th this activity will cease. That's all.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

Trustee Kibby: Mr. Laubisch, I recognize that the Village is responsible for taking care of filling potholes and so forth, but at the edge of the road sometimes the gravel slips away from the driveway so as you move into your driveway you'll have a very sizable bump. Is the Village responsible for filling that in with small pieces of gravel or is that the individual resident's responsibility? Between the road...

Mr. Laubisch: I know what you're talking about. The edge of the road in many cases varies from one foot in some areas to seven or eight feet. Now depending on the right-of-way on the street would determine whether or not the Village would have responsibility for that. In some cases we have. On most of our roads though there is a very narrow shoulder, mostly grass areas to the edge of pavement. Is there any particular area you're referring to?

Trustee Kibby: Yes. If there was that resident could call the D.P.W. and get information as to whether or not that...

Mr. Laubisch: Yes, we could look at it.

Trustee Kibby: I just wanted to know for sure if you just didn't do it, or you did do it, or if you did it did you do it on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Laubisch: A case-by-case basis.

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Trustee Kibby: I'll have him call you then.

Trustee Brenton: I would say we have established somewhat of a policy in regard to driveway approaches, in particular edge of road I don't know if we have established anything. I don't think we've accepted responsibility there. But where you have a pothole in your driveway approach immediately adjacent to the street we have thrown blacktop in them for certain residents upon request.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: This portion of the agenda is reserved for comment from the audience on any items that you may feel necessary to bring before the Village Board. Comment is not limited to agenda items and you may ask any questions that you may have. Is there anyone in the audience? Mrs. Andrews.

Rita Andrews, 128 S. Union: Yes, I went to an Amherst Youth Board meeting on March 10th and I was told that \$3,000 was donated to the Village for youth. I'd like to know what's going to happen to that \$3,000.

Mayor Kuzon: That's right. The Jolly Boys who are responsible for the operation of the beer tent during Old Home Days did donate \$3,000 for youth intended purposes. What the Village has done is we have felt a very definite need exists for youth within our community and that with the Amherst Library, in particular the Williamsville Branch, and to make a long story short we donated the \$3,000 to the Williamsville Branch Library to keep it open for 24 Saturdays between now and December because the Library is experiencing a crisis in its operation and funding. We received - we were cut to 27 hours, which is the lowest number of hours of all the Amherst Libraries. We felt that youth were being cheated in effect by the fact they couldn't use the library in the Village and we felt that we could serve a very definite need for youth by opening it, especially on Saturday when they would have the time for those who are inclined to read and they would have the time then to go to the library. So we gave our money to the library.

Mrs. Andrews: And I have one other question. This Civil Service test that's coming up. Will the person who gets this job have to be a citizen of Williamsville, or not?

Mayor Kuzon: I think it's safe to say that preference will be given to Village residents. However, I don't think that we are limiting

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our - let's say our search. In other words, the County will develop a list of those who passed the test. Number one, we will go to people who live in the Village, and number two, if that's not the case we will then survey the entire list.

Mrs. Andrews: It's not a law?

Mayor Kuzon: We're saying that if after people have taken the exam those people who have passed do not live in the Village then we will look elsewhere and we will talk to them about moving into the Village, but the Village does have a local law which says that in the cases of Civil Service opportunities that residency is a requirement. We will give them preference.

Trustee Brenton: I would just like to say that we will not give preference, as far as I'm concerned, only to the most qualified individual. I frankly don't care if he lives in Springville because we will have a qualified individual. As far as I'm concerned I really don't care whether he happens to come from Williamsville or not. My preference would be to one with qualifications and I think everyone else feels this way also.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Anyone else? Any Board member?

Trustee Kibby: Yes, I'd like to say a couple of words about Mr. Bancroft. I'll try to keep them short. I think every Trustee and the Mayor bring certain kinds of skills to their stewardship on the Board of Trustees. I think Bill's outstanding qualities were his keen insight and his careful articulation of essential questions in almost any issue and his ability to get to the nub of an issue very, very quickly, and his ability to kind of circumvent extraneous factors in bringing the total picture to the view of all of us, and I'm very sorry to see him leave the Trustees. I'm very sorry. I hope he will take these abilities and use them elsewhere. Somewhere else in the Village, somewhere else in the Town, or somewhere else in the community. It's been nice knowing you.

Trustee Bancroft: Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: At this opportunity I'd also like to take the opportunity to take the time to thank Trustee Bancroft for his two years of service to the Village. I think Mike and Connie have said it rather well. Bill has brought very unique, individual qualities to the Board, qualities that have been an asset in our decision making process, qualities that have enabled us to - enlightened us and helped us to make better decisions, and I think as a small token of our appreciation for Bill's service on the Board we'd like to present to you, Bill, this placque which basically sums it up and says that the Village of Williamsville honors and commends William G. Bancroft for meritorious service and outstanding citizenship to the people of the Village of Williamsville.

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Trustee Bancroft: Thank you very much.

Mayor Kuzon: Also, I'd like to invite all of you here in attendance this evening to a reception which will be held in the Village Conference Room in honor of Trustee Bancroft. If there is nothing else....Yes, Mrs. Schlifke:

Mrs. Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street: I have one little item after the fact and that is a suggestion to the Village Clerk that a placard be made to be attached to the outside of this room on Monday evening when we're holding our Village meeting stating that the Court is two doors down to the left.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: If there's no further business...

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer