

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, April 26, 1982 at 7:33 PM

Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

Lawrence R. Brenton

Michael Kibby Trustees

Connie C. Murray

V. James Saia

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk

Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney

John Anstett, Dept. of Public Works

Absent

Edward Way, Dept. of Public Works

Mayor Kuzon called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Mayor Kuzon: Next on our agenda is approval of minutes.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Murray, the minutes of the regular meeting held April 12, 1982 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the minutes of the public hearing held April 12, 1982 regarding the proposed 1982 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Glen Park Joint Activities Fund Budgets were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the minutes of the public hearing held April 12, 1982 regarding the 1982-1983 Federal Revenue Sharing Fund Budget were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the minutes of the public hearing held April 12, 1982 regarding proposed sewer rent rates for 1982-1983 fiscal year were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: For my portion of the agenda this evening, one item to report. Cheese will be given away in the Town Hall starting tomorrow morning from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and will be given away until the supply runs out. People eligible for cheese are those on Social Security, medicare, unemployment, or other forms of public assistance. To qualify for the cheese if possible you should bring some proof of income with you when you come to Town Hall. I would ask that if any of you in the audience know of anyone of your neighbors who might be eligible - senior citizens, people who are retired, unemployed people - to just remind them that the Town is

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giving cheese away and to encourage them, if they're entitled, to come up to Town and get the cheese.

I have five resolutions. The first one is for vouchers.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Brenton, vouchers in the sum of \$24,970.07 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 4/16/82	\$ 4,539.83
	W/E 4/23/82	4,517.04
General Fund	Abstract #511	8,001.35
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #92	1,449.86
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #131	978.00
Glen Park Joint Activities	Abstract #31	116.51
SSES Rehab C36-1244-01	Abstract #9	4,595.00
Neighborhood Preservation	Abstract #6	737.93
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	Abstract #129	<u>34.55</u>
Total Vouchers		\$24,970.07

The larger of these vouchers are to the New York State Retirement System and URS, which is our sanitary sewer rehabilitation engineer.

Unanimously carried.

My second resolution resolves an amendment to the tentative budget for the Sewer Fund and it basically adds an appropriation of \$10,000 which would be anticipated to be spent on a new four-wheel drive vehicle for use by the Sewer Department and I would read the resolution.

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

RESOLVED that the 1982-1983 Tentative Budget be amended as follows:

TENTATIVE
SEWER BUDGET
AMENDED

Under Appropriations -

- (1) Add account 7.8120.2 Equipment - \$10,000 for a 4-wheel drive vehicle.
- (2) Increase total appropriations to \$412,336.60.

Under Income -

- (1) Increase appropriated surplus to \$96,209.60.
- (2) Increase total Sewer Income to \$412,336.60.

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The net effect of the resolution is to add \$10,000, as I stated, to buy this 4-wheel drive vehicle and it increases our appropriated surplus by that amount.

Unanimously carried.

My third resolution this evening calls for the approval of the General Fund, Water Fund and Glen Park Joint Activities Fund Budgets. These three budgets were the subject of public hearings at our last Board meeting. For those of you who were not with us I'd like to bring you up-to-date. The General Fund would establish a tax rate of \$17.25. That's an increase from last year's tax rate. The Water Fund would establish an appropriation that would equal the amount to be spent, hopefully, and the Glen Park Joint Activities Fund is a budget of \$9,500. It's a joint fund with the Town of Amherst and I'll read the resolution.

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

WHEREAS this Board of Trustees has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the tentative budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

BUDGETS
ADOPTED
for 1982-83

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative 1982-1983 budget, changed, altered and revised as hereinafter set forth, is hereby adopted and the several amounts stated in the column entitled "Adopted" in the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Glen Park Joint Activities Fund, including the amounts as required for the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness, be and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in the Salary Schedule of such budget shall be and they are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 1982.

GENERAL,
WATER, SEWER,
AND
GLEN PARK
JOINT
ACTIVITIES
FUNDS

If there is anyone in the audience who has any questions, any further comments on our budget, now would be a good time to ask them. If not, I would ask the Clerk to call the roll.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Murray - aye; Trustee Kibby - aye; Trustee Brenton - aye; Trustee Saia - abstain; Mayor Kuzon - aye.

Ayes - 4; Noes - 0; Abstain - 1.

Carried.

My fourth resolution regards the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget and at the time of the public hearing we informed you that this

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money would be spent in the Fire Department and that is still true. The resolution reads:

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

WHEREAS this Board of Trustees has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the tentative budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

BUDGET
ADOPTED

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative 1982-1983 budget, changed altered and revised as hereinafter set forth, is hereby adopted and the several amounts stated in the column entitled "Adopted" in the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund be and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 1982.

FEDERAL
REVENUE
SHARING
FUND
for
1982-83

Unanimously carried.

My fifth and final resolution establishes sewer rates for the 82-83 fiscal year. These also were the subject of a public hearing at our last meeting. At that time we informed the public that costs for sewage treatment have increased by some \$72,000 to the Village of Williamsville. That \$72,000 figure represents treatment plant costs from the Town of Amherst and that's the reason that there has been an increase in our charge to the consumer based on water consumption, which represents the charge for operation and maintenance costs. The charge based on assessed value, which represents capital costs, has remained the same amount as last year. I would read this resolution.

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

RESOLVED that the sewer rates for the 1982-1983 fiscal year be hereby set as follows:

SEWER RATES
ADOPTED

for 1982-83

\$.74 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed;
\$5.21 per \$1,000 of total assessed valuation.

\$.74 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed - that's the charge for operation and maintenance of the sewage treatment plant. \$5.21 per \$1,000 of total assessed valuation - that would be the charge for capital cost. Both of these rates will be computed and be included on the annual Village property tax bill.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Brenton - aye; Trustee Kibby - aye; Trustee Murray - aye; Trustee Saia - abstain; Mayor Kuzon - aye.

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Ayes - 4; Noes - 0; Abstain - 1.

Carried.

That's all I have. Trustee Kibby.

Trustee Kibby: Do we have a government class with us this evening? We can't let a government class go by without a comment and I hope on the required reading list of - it should be required reading for every student, especially government classes, is James Clavell's "The Children's Story". Every public meeting I've ever attended starts out with the Pledge of Allegiance. I think that everyone, and I've discussed this with a number of people, and I think everyone who might have a career of being in the public ought to look at that book, ought to own that book and read it once a year. James Clavell's "The Children's Story". It'll cost you \$8.00 and you can read it in twenty minutes.

I have two resolutions tonight. One is the appointment of Trey Measer and Richard Baer to the Planning Board and it reads as follows:

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

RESOLVED that the following persons are hereby appointed to the Planning Board until the end of the 1984-1985 official year.

APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board

Trey Measer, 90 S. Ellicott St.
Richard Baer, 50 Willowbrook Dr.

Unanimously carried.

My second resolution is the appointment of Mr. Fred Huber to the Board of Appeals and reads as follows:

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

RESOLVED that Frederick Huber, 35 Gordon Street, is hereby appointed to the Board of Appeals until the end of the 1986-1987 official year.

APPOINTMENT

Board of Appeals

Unanimously carried.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Murray.

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Trustee Murray: I have no resolutions this evening but I would report that the Senior Citizens Committee meets this Wednesday night and I would expect to be discussing with them at that time filling the position of Senior Citizens Coordinator. Unfortunately as we've announced before, our coordinator has resigned and it will be a tough job to fill her shoes because she's done a terrific job. I also will be discussing the hiring of a coordinator with the Board after our Board meeting tonight.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Saia.

Trustee Saia: Thank you. I have a couple of resolutions. One is to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Frontier Special Service for the security police at Glen Park.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Frontier Special Service, Inc. for security police for Glen Park.

AUTHORIZATION
Mayor to sign
agreement for Glen Park
security

Unanimously carried.

Second, we have an appointment of a seasonal laborer.

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

RESOLVED that Christopher Eyre be hired as a Seasonal Laborer in the Glen Park from May 3, 1982 until September 3, 1982 at the rate of \$3.45 per hour and his salary be paid from the Town of Amherst/Village of Williamsville Glen Park Joint Activities Fund.

APPOINTMENT
Seasonal
Laborer in
Glen Park

Unanimously carried.

My last one is to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for Island and Garrison Park security.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Frontier Special Service, Inc. for security police for Island and Garrison Parks.

AUTHORIZATION
Mayor to sign
agreement for security
in Island & Garrison
Parks

Unanimously carried.

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I've got another one here. It's not on your lists in the audience and it's in regard to the Bottle Bill and I'd like to read it.

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

WHEREAS the State Legislature is presently considering legislation, designated as Senate Bill #2831 and Assembly Bill #3692, both of which require a deposit on all beer and soft drink containers whether of glass or metal, and

APPROVAL OF
BOTTLE BILL
URGED

WHEREAS enactment into law of these Bills will be a benefit to the total environment of the State of New York and, also, to the Village of Williamsville in that it will markedly reduce litter, the hazards of broken glass and assist in providing employment to New York residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Williamsville urges the New York Legislature to enact said Bills and urges the Governor to approve the Bills as enacted.

Unanimously carried.

That's all I have.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Brenton.

Trustee Brenton: I have no resolutions tonight but I do have two items to report, one of which is the continuing controversy regarding the Brookside storm sewer that the Village has constructed last fall and the status of the sewer itself, the storm sewer itself, that is the workmanship involved and the question of the engineering design. As you know, or probably don't know, but at any rate we have called in an outside engineering firm to evaluate this and we met with them today, or I met with them and with the firm of Bissell-Merrill, the former firm of Bissell-Merrill, which has dissolved, and we are moving along toward a resolution on that particular project and the controversy that surrounds it.

The other area of interest that I have to report on is the fact that as many of you know, we are presently engaged in our Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program, which in total cost will involve a figure of roughly \$700,000. We have signed an agreement with the firm of URS Corporation early this year to provide engineering services on Phase 1 of that particular project.

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There are, or there were scheduled to be two more phases and also we have not entered into agreement as to that firm providing us engineering services for those two phases. During the last week I had a meeting with representatives of that firm and at which time I suggested that Phase 1 and 2 be consolidated into Phase 2 which would require engineering services and commensurate remuneration therefor and Phase 3 which involves purely Village force account. By force account that is our own labor, that is what force account means. Purely force account labor therefore would eliminate engineering services for that force account work. Prior to this it had been suggested and even indicated that we would pay engineering services which, quite frankly, are very, very high for this type of work and I feel that we can do it in-house and I'll be discussing that further with the Board this evening in our work session after this meeting, which all of you are entitled to attend although I don't think that is necessary. That concludes my report.

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

Mr. Anstett: Thank you. I'd just like to remind all Village residents that clean-up will begin on May 3rd. The first 2½ days clean-up will be on the south side of Main Street and the remaining 2½ days of that week will be on the north side of Main Street.

Also, the flood gates will be put back in during this coming week and also all park equipment will be put in. Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: At this time a portion of the agenda is reserved for public participation. Anyone in the audience may bring any matter before the Village Board. We simply ask that you state your name and address before speaking as our meetings are tape recorded. Anyone? Carolyn.

Mrs. Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street: I would like to ask - Mr. Anstett I imagine would have to answer this - whether the Village is in charge of cleaning the streets. Do we have a machine that does that? The sweeper?

Mr. Anstett: Evans Street?

Mrs. Schlifke: Yes.

Mr. Anstett: That is a county road.

Mrs. Schlifke: Does the county handle that?

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Mr. Anstett: The county does Evans Street.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well, it's in rather bad condition after the winter months and I've been waiting for someone to do it, so I think I'll call the county now that I know the Village is not responsible.

I have another item that I'd like to bring up this evening, more of a discussion to obtain information, and this has to do with Old Home Day, or I should say Old Home Week now that it's been extended further than a day. Perhaps Mayor Kuzon could fill me in on just what is the structure, the financial structure for Old Home Week. I'm aware that it's a joint venture between the Village of Williamsville and the Town of Amherst and it is run by what we call the Old Home Day Committee, which is made up, I believe, of residents of both the Village and the Town. If I am stating this incorrectly, I'd like to know.

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Mayor Kuzon: So far you're correct.

Mrs. Schlifke: What I'm concerned with is the financial structure of it. Where the money comes from, where it goes, how it's obtained. Perhaps you could go into some detail on that.

Mayor Kuzon: As best I can. The Village and Town, as you've already stated, do contribute to the Old Home Day Committee and to the best of my knowledge I think it's a 1/3-2/3...

Clerk: The Town gives \$1,000 and we give \$500.

Mayor Kuzon: So we give \$500 and the Town gives a \$1,000. That money, as I understand it, is used to buy prizes for the parade, to accomodate other prizes for the different events that happen on the Island, maybe the bicycle races, or the foot race, whatever it is, some of the children's things that take place during the daytime and for those types of events. That's how I understand how the Village and Town money that's contributed to the Committee is spent.

Mrs. Schlifke: These for items that are things like the children's parade, things like that. Now structurally though what goes on the Island is a money-making affair. This is what I'm interested in. The various peoples who are having concessions, the beer tent, games of chance, rides, things like that, just how is that arranged financially. Are these people paying anything, any permit money? Any share of their profits, what they make from the three or four days back there on the Island?

Mayor Kuzon: Okay, call it a subcommittee, or a separate group. The Jolly Boys are the ones who handle and coordinate the Island. The Committee has coordinated the events, whereas the Jolly Boys have taken the responsibility of coordinating the Island and in doing that, they have established user fees for the various concession stands, amusement rides and whatever else might be back

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there so that these people would then contribute a fee to the Jolly Boys for coordinating the Island, designating their spaces, and what types of amusements are on the Island, and what types of concessions are on the Island, and so on. The profits that are made by each individual group, as I understand it, are then that group's profits. That is the reason for being on the Island. I'm thinking in terms of the non-profit organizations, the churches, the clubs, the Suburban Hospital Board, and so on, that they would go to the Island, make a profit for the benefit of their organization, and the commercial carnival people the money they would make would be their profit as part of their business. The beer tent, to the best of my knowledge, that is owned by the Jolly Boys and the profit is the Jolly Boys profit.

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Mrs. Schlifke: In other words, it would structually be almost like a flea market, where you buy a table for \$10, buy a table and have a space and anything you sell is your profit.

Mayor Kuzon: Part yes, part no. The part that would be correct would be that yes you do rent space on the Island but Number 2 what is permitted on the Island is under some control or some review by the Jolly Boys and certain members of the Committee and that review, I understand, is there so that there's no duplication, on any matter of taste, any crass type of carnival operation on the Island. So that the analogy to a flea market is correct in that you do pay to rent space but what they do sell, or what they do promote, they receive money from it.

Mrs. Schlifke: All right. So the actual budgeted amount of the Village of Williamsville is \$500. Now does the Old Home Day Committee, or any of the other organizations that are holding some kind of game of chance, sale or food, whatever on the Island, do they apply for Village permits?

Mayor Kuzon: No. We leave it to the Jolly Boys to apply for the permit for the four days.

Mrs. Schlifke: They apply for a permit, all right.

Mayor Kuzon: Wait a minute, excuse me, Trustee Murray says that's not correct.

Trustee Murray: They have never had a permit.

Mayor Kuzon: I think I just signed one for this year.

Trustee Murray: In the past...

Clerk: There is one every year because they have to get it for the liquor authority.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay, so they do have a permit.

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Mrs. Schlifke: With the Village, because we do have an ordinance that states that this type of function must be covered by permit as I'm sure you'll agree.

Mayor Kuzon: The Clerk has indicated that they have had a permit in the past. It's part of their requirement to get their liquor license to sell beer on the Island.

Mrs. Schlifke: Now I'd like to go a little bit into the ordinances that the Village has. As I just stated our ordinances under Amusements states that a permit must be applied for for various classes of amusements or entertainment and one of them being all merry-go-rounds, revolving wheels carrying passengers, slides, and all similar amusement devices shall belong to and be known as entertainments of the fifth class.

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Mayor Kuzon: I thought, Carolyn, that's referring to permanent structures, an amusement park that would be a permanent fixture in the Village. I'm not sure of the applicability of that section to temporary carnivals.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well this ordinance is prefaced by saying no person shall conduct the following classes of amusement or entertainment without first obtaining a license. It does not state on a permanent basis, and it divides the entertainment into various classes, of which a revolving wheel carrying passengers which, I believe, I have seen on the Island is Class No. 5. That's one ordinance that I'm concerned with.

Mayor Kuzon: I could check with Tom and I would do this at a later date as to what implications of that are.

Mrs. Schlifke: Unless you feel that the permit that the Jolly Boys obtain for the whole thing covers everything. Although the amusement people who bring the entertainments onto the Island are in no way connected with the Jolly Boys. They are hired as an outside concern coming into this area. That's one item I'm concerned with.

The second one is that noise and musical accompaniment - no carousel or merry-go-round shall be operated with musical accompaniment between the hours of 9:00 PM and 9:00 AM. Now while I don't believe I've seen a merry-go-round in recent years there is considerable noise that accompanies these various machines they have back there. That's the second ordinance I'm concerned with.

The third one is prohibited hours of operation. All carousels, merry-go-rounds, shows, exhibitions, entertainments and performances licensed by this Chapter shall be closed during the period from 12:00 Midnight until 9:00 AM. Is there a deadline of 12:00 Midnight on this function on the Island?

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Mayor Kuzon: I would say that it's been a practical situation where they do have the Island cleared out and closed by midnight. I don't know if they...

Mrs. Schlifke: If it's enforced.

Mayor Kuzon: I'm not sure if it's a strict adherence to the Code but I think it's something that's workable for the people on the Island. On the last day there might be some variation.

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Mrs. Schlifke: All right. Could I ask does anyone - is anyone able to tell me just what the permit the Jolly Boys obtain would cost?

Mayor Kuzon: Do you know the fee, Terry?

Clerk: I don't think we charge them anything.

Mayor Kuzon: I guess we haven't charged them anything. Connie says that's because Village and Town functions are not charged for use of our public parks.

Mrs. Schlifke: I understand that. All right now, perhaps you can tell me just who is in charge of the setting up and the cleaning up.

Mayor Kuzon: Of the individual stands?

Mrs. Schlifke: Of the mess.

Mayor Kuzon: The Village and Town.

Mrs. Schlifke: The Village and Town jointly?

Mayor Kuzon: Well the Village and Town in theory, but practically the Village.

Mrs. Schlifke: Is the Village reimbursed in any way out of the profits that these other organizations are making on the Island for the labor that our men, that we are paying for out of the budgeted monies being paid?

Mayor Kuzon: No, there's no reimbursement for our manpower hours spent on the Island.

Mrs. Schlifke: All right. Now I'd like to go into safety. Traffic and fire safety, emergency safety. As you all know, I'm a member of the Traffic and Safety Committee. We've been very concerned this year with what happened last year during this function and what will probably happen again this year, and it will increase, it will become increasingly dangerous if this continues at the volume it's beginning to grow. Emergency

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equipment cannot get onto the Island because of people. There's just so many people back there that if a man had a heart attack he'd have to be brought off the Island in order to be treated. It was impossible last year to even attend to a woman who sprained her ankle. She couldn't get through the crowd. Someone had to carry her off the Island. This situation becomes worse every year. The traffic in the Village, on Main Street, shuts down even though the Amherst Police do an excellent job. They do as good as they possibly can under the circumstances. Traffic doesn't flow. There are people crossing the streets in all areas. It's a dangerous situation. Cars are parking where they don't belong, in No Parking zones. No one wants to go around and ticket them because it would give the Village a bad name. Well if we have ordinances, they have to be enforced, and when you're having functions of this size in this small congested area it's impossible. It's impossible to enforce the ordinances. The Village, I believe, has been lucky that nothing has happened of a major catastrophe. Out at Main-Transit they had one of those wheels turn over. If that would happen back on the Island what would the people do? Jump in the creek? There's no place for the people to go. It's a bad situation. It's outgrown it's - I believe, it's usefulness. The area can no longer take care of the amount of people that are flowing in here for that week and what I'm trying to get across, the point is - do we really want it, or is it something that has grown and we're just continuing it because we feel we have to. I'd like to read you some remarks of some Village residents that I happened to speak to over this past week, some comments by people that live here in the Village. This happened to be a resident that lives on Oakgrove - "I wish I could go out of Town every year for this week." A businessman - "I might as well close down for the amount of business I have. I have to put a guard in my parking lot in order to have a few spaces for my customers to park in." Another resident - "It's no fun any more. The crowds are too large. You have to stand in line for everything. Last year you couldn't even get on the Island until someone else left. The Police were stopping people from even going onto the Island. With all these outsiders here I stay home 'cause I'm afraid to leave my house unguarded. I never see my neighbors there any more. All I see is a lot of strangers." The people in the Village are staying away from it. Not everyone, granted. I mean I'm talking to a small group of people but practically everyone I spoke to said it wasn't any fun anymore. It has grown too large.

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Trustee Saia: Carolyn, I'd like to add to that a bit as a businessman that rents his property to somebody who's got to make a living, that now it got so bad sometimes that the people that run the store were stuck there. They couldn't go home because they couldn't get their cars out of their own parking lot.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well I know that Trustee Saia has gotten up here any number of times and spoken about this exact same thing.

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Trustee Saia: But, Carolyn, I was on that side before. I'm on this side now and I'm going to do something about it.

Mrs. Schlifke; Well I hope your attitude hasn't changed.

Trustee Saia: You pick up the Amherst Bee and George Measer has this big editorial there "Potpourri" and he's talking about what the Jolly Boys did but he didn't tell you that last year was the first year they ever did anything. Now the pressure is starting to grow on the Jolly Boys to give some of that money away. But it's my understanding, now I could be wrong, but it's my understanding that we're talking about like \$40,000 profit. If it's true, you as a taxpayer, and I, are really paying for them to make this money. Now there's a lot of people have a good time back there. Those people live in Cheektowaga and every place else. And you're right about the Village residents. They don't enjoy themselves anymore. It used to be one day. We've lost control of it. We don't have control of the Old Home Day. In fact someone showed me something in the paper the other day, that said Amherst Old Home Day. It didn't even say Williamsville.

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Mrs. Schlifke: If we're going to have - if it's going to become an Amherst Old Home Day, fine - then let's move it out of the Village of Williamsville somewhere else where there is more room and let them have their Amherst Old Home Day. 90% of the people that attend this thing are from somewhere else in Erie County. I mean if we want to put on a party for Erie County fine, then let's call it the Erie County Carnival. Let's not call it Old Home Days because the title is - just does not cover the situation anymore. And I mean I don't like to go. If I don't want to go I'll just stay home. Fine. But as a member of the Traffic and Safety Committee I feel I have a commitment to the Village to do anything I can to bring before the people who are in charge our committee's feelings - not only our committee's feelings but Hutchinson Hose. They have been trying - Hutchinson Hose has been trying for weeks to get cooperation from the Old Home Day Committee. Members of their Fire Department, members of our Traffic and Safety Committee have attended the Old Home Day Committee meetings to try to get them to make sure that everything possible is being done to make this as safe as possible. It's too late to stop it. Plans for this begin January 1st. I'm aware of that. It's too late to stop it. It's going to come this year, but when January 1st of next year comes I think it's time for the people who have the say - not our committees. Our committee is only advisory. We can only advise people. We feel that it's out-grown the area. It's no longer a safe function and some thought should be given to moving it, changing it, reducing its size, something before we all end up with a tragedy.

Trustee Saia: Here, here.

Mayor Kuzon: Carolyn, I would ask that you voice these concerns to the Chairmen of the Old Home Day Committee. There is some

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feeling on that committee and by the people who are strong supporters of the Old Home Day project that the feelings, the opinions that you have expressed are those of a minority. They feel that that is not the total sentiment of the community. So maybe what they need to hear is something that balances that of those people who have a terrific time back there. Maybe that's all that they're hearing. What a great time it is. What a great party it is, and so on and so forth.

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Mrs. Schlifke: But for who?

Mayor Kuzon: I don't know. But that's one of the concerns that you should mention to them because as I said, in their arguments in favor of the events they state that, you know, it's a good time for all. Okay leave it at that. They didn't realize the points that you made and you have made some very, very excellent points and you've made them in a rational way, and I think if they heard you say these points, not as the Village Board going to them and stating that a resident stood up at a Village Board meeting and said these points. They would say that's just a minority speaking. If you would go and if anyone else who shares your sentiments would express those feelings to us as well as to the Chairmen of the event so that they get a feeling of what the total population wants.

Mrs. Schlifke: We have expressed these feelings. As I said, a member of our committee went to their meeting, expressed our feelings to them and I would hate to tell you the remarks that were made by the whole Old Home Day Committee. They are unreceptive. They were not willing to change in any way. They were going to have it their own way. They did condescend to say well we'll do this or we'll do that, we'll try to keep the crowds under control and things like that but we have no say in how they run it and it looks as if the Village and the Town have no say and when you have a committee made up of people that are benefiting their organization, is the one that is making the money, you're not going to get much cooperation.

Nordea Reid, 120 Campus Drive: I'd like to know, Trustee Saia, how much would it cost each Villager to just have that little thing for the people in the Town? How much does it cost everybody? Why is there a big stink? It's not really costing you anything.

Mrs. Schlifke: No, it's not a case of money. \$500 is all it costs. It's not a case of money.

Miss Reid: I'm just not clear on what the problem is.

Trustee Saia: Once a year - I'm a new member of this Board, by the way, but this has been one of my gripes for quite a long time, for the last few years. But what happens is the Village gets a \$1,000 from the Town and the Village sticks in \$500 in order to have this Old Home Day. Now this Old Home Day started

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off as a one day affair and it's grown now to a four day affair. It was run by the residents of this particular little Village and they had a little booth in there and we had little kiddie rides and we might have had a beer tent, and I guess we did have a beer tent when we started, and you know everybody made a couple \$100 and it was all over. The businessmen at that time were only open a half a day on Wednesday so they closed their doors and everybody watched the parade and we had Old Home Day. Now all of a sudden we turn around and it's getting to where there's 5,000 people on the Island. They're not Village residents, but the thing to bear in mind is that the Village has to go in here now and clean up this place - not only that place but Main Street and the side streets and people are like little swine and they'll throw garbage all over the place - on your porch, on your front lawn, all over. The businessmen have to get out there and have to clean up their parking lots the next day. Now this is costing everybody money. But the big thing is that when they leave our beautiful park, Island Park, it's in a state of - it's almost like a herd of pigs ran through it. Now we have to take care of it. Now our kids come in there. We've got a little pool, a wading pool. It's a Village park and a Town park. We let the Town residents in. Now the next day the Village goes in and they start fixing the place up. We spend a lot of time on this. That \$500 that we get, or whatever we get, is no way anywhere near what it costs the Village taxpayers to have this event take place on that Island.

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Trustee Murray: We don't get the \$500. We give that to them, and on top of that in the summer of 1979 to run Old Home Day it cost the Village of Williamsville \$2,500. For the summer of 1980 the total cost was \$3,500. To date we don't have the costs for '81. I've asked the Clerk to give that to us several times. I hope she'll do that soon. But it does cost the Village besides the \$500 that we contribute for parade prizes. In 1979 it cost us \$2,500 and then in 1980 \$3,500. So it does cost us money besides destroying our environment with its noise and from the people and the rides back there and also destroys the park.

Miss Reid: Do you have any law on your books that would prevent people from the outside from coming in to this type of function?

Trustee Murray: I don't think we have any. We'd rather not have the function.

Miss Reid: I don't understand it. I'm from New York City and what's the big deal. There are other people who have these functions and problems every day and we always have to clean up the streets everyday. Why not give the kids something to do.

Trustee Saia: We've got 5,000 eight or nine hundred residents. If you take 5,000 or 6,000 people that come in that small park and you can understand that's as large as the population of the whole Village.

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Mrs. Schlifke: You have cooking tents back there which are supposed to be flameproof. I have no guarantee that they are. If I'm standing next to one that goes up in flames there'll be a lot of people injured or killed, not only from the actual fire and the fire equipment couldn't even get anywhere near the fire because of the congestion of people. These are all things that everybody says it'll never happen, it couldn't happen to me, it can't happen here. You read about it in the paper everyday and I'm just not being a rabble-rouser. These are the concerns of a lot of people in the Village. People that I have spoken to. Concerns of Trustee Saia. As I said he has gotten up here many times and talked to the Board. Also Trustee Murray. It seems like we have a lot of support on the Board, but then it's time for the Village Board to open their mouths, put it that way, and tried to take complete control away from the Old Home Day Committee, which is what is happening now.

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Mayor Kuzon: Well as you say your reception in stating your opinions was not well received. Some of the points that you have made were points that this Board kind of reviewed after the last Old Home Day and in one way or another we received the same reception that your opinions received as an individual or as a member of the Traffic and Safety Committee, but again you are obviously informed on this issue and you have pointed out several things which obviously are new to me and maybe I should have done my homework previously on the things that need to be looked at in terms of ordinances and codes, the safety issue is something which is continuing. I know our Fire Chief, who has had to leave, last year he did the best that he could in, let's call it enforcing the code on the Island, as best he could to insure that there was adequate safety, that the fire retardant things were used and fire extinguishers there. It's an overwhelming job for a volunteer person to assume. This year we felt that we would have our part-time fire inspector take a more active role in the coordination of at least fire safety on the Island. He used to be the Fire Chief. But again I will definitely look into the points that you have made and I would restate that if you or any other Village residents has concerns about what is happening on the Island to not only express your thoughts to us, your Village Board, but also express them to the Chairmen of the Committee so that they have a feeling of what the community wants. In many ways they feel it's a minority opinion. If it's not a minority opinion then it will take a lot more people to make the committee realize that there are valid concerns that need to be addressed and corrected.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well we're certainly not going to get any support from people who live down off of Maple Road or live over on Union Road in Cheektowaga.

Mayor Kuzon: But none of those people are on the committee.

Mrs. Schlifke: I'm not saying that. What I'm saying is as far as residents or people attending this function we will not get any support from any of those people that perhaps are coming

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to the Old Home Week because for them it's a great time because when they go home they are no longer concerned with the mess that has been created, the dangerous situation, the upheaval of the whole Village for that week, and besides that, is not the Old Home Day a committee, is it not appointed by the Village Board and the Town Board?

Mayor Kuzon: The Chairmen are appointed by the Village Board and I would say that the remainder of the committee is filled by them.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well if the government body doesn't feel that the committee is handling it to the best interests of the municipality, then I think perhaps it's time to have some changes in the committee.

Mayor Kuzon: As you said, you are not a rabble-rouser, but Trustee Saia is so that I'm sure he will, you know, as well as many other members of the Board carry this through. Yes, sir.

Hugh Sharon, 112 Campus Drive: I've only been here since September so I really don't know too much about the affairs of the Island but as I understand from the conversation going on this carnival, per se, is being held and with the number of people that are coming it's just impossible for the Village to hold it any more. Now is this carnival controlled by the Village or the Town?
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Mayor Kuzon: Maybe that's the underlying question.

Mrs. Schlifke: That's the problem.

Mr. Sharon: So before the numbers became so outlandish was it possible for the Town itself to hold this function?

Mayor Kuzon: Well the Village and the Town are not involved in this to make a profit. We've been involved in it to facilitate the opportunity, or it's grown to become an annual opportunity for groups to make money on the Island as part of this Old Home Day celebration. But, no, we were never involved in it to make money.

Mr. Sharon: So it was just for the Town itself to go out and have a good time.

Mayor Kuzon: Like a summer carnival. It was a one day affair and probably in the last six or seven years it's gone to a four day affair. There was the Sesquicentennial the Village had, the Bicentennial, and from there the ball just kept moving.

Mr. Sharon: Okay. Since this is under Village jurisdiction is there any way you can limit the people that come in to just the residents of the area in question or is it that it's just no longer possible to hold it?

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Mayor Kuzon: Well number 1 I'm not sure that a government can limit it. That would be obvious discrimination. We do allow Village and Town residents priorities in using the park for other purposes but I don't think we would actually prohibit anyone.

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Mrs. Schlifke: One other remark, that this function was for organizations to make a profit. That I believe is incorrect. The true function of Old Home Day was a social gathering of people who at one time had lived in the area and wanted to come back and meet with former neighbors and friends. That was the intial beginning of Old Home Day. The fact that it grew and organizations felt it was an excellent time to show their wares and make a profit, I have absolutely no question with that at all. I've worked for many charitable organizations through the years but that was not the real purpose for Old Home Day and that's where the problem began. The Jolly Boys started out being affiliated wiht St. Peter and Paul Church. Their function was to raise money for the drill team - the Saints - to go to the national convention and for any other functions that the Saints had. The Jolly Boys are no longer affiliated with St. Peter and Paul Church. It is a private organization now so it's a money-making organization. Granted they do good. I've never seen their books, just what they do with their money I don't know. I've had people tell me they do contribute to various organizations. They did this year give the Village money which came at a very appropriate time when there was a lot of dissension about Old Home Day. It was a nice time for them to give the Village some money, which the Village very generously gave to the Library to keep it open on Saturdays, but the money-raising function really had no beginning in the Old Home Day. It was strictly a social affair, because I've lived here for 29 years and I've wheeled my boys down to Main Street and if you blinked your eyes the parade went past you. That's how long it was. And then you walked down to the Village where a few of the stores had a sidewalk sale and you walked over to the Island where maybe somebody was selling ice cream and you stood around and the kids played together and you talked to your neighbors. That's what Old Home Day started out being and you should know. You've lived here all your life.

Mayor Kuzon: I was probably your son's age. My best recollection of Old Home Day, quite honestly, is the beer tent and rides and booths, things like that.

Mrs. Schlifke: That's right. Stand around and talk to neighbors.

Mayor Kuzon: I guess I'm one of those - my memory only goes back to 1975 when I remember Old Home Day and I remember maybe it not as big as it was last year but along those lines. My mother describes it as originally an event where people, you know, come in from out of town. You'd bring a box lunch, sit on the Island, you go home at dark.

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Mrs. Schlifke: The money-making aspect of it is something that has evolved over the years and it is where our problem began.

Mrs. Dorothy Karrer, 108 Oakgrove: As you know, I spoke with you last week about this very subject and I think there are concerns about this also. Especially I think it's very depressing to think that everybody's excited about \$3,000 that went to the Library. Obviously this is a money-making project and \$3,000 isn't very much when you consider the profits of the beer tent that operates full every day. I'm deeply concerned at that and I'm deeply concerned at the cost of the clean-up and the time it takes away from our Department and also I think it would be a good idea, if possible, to bring it just back to one day. Maybe we should charge these people. Maybe we should make a reassessment of our appointments on our committee. I'm not against it, but I think it's gotten out of hand.

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Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Anything else on this issue?

Trustee Murray: I'd like to add something. I'd like to thank Mrs. Schlifke for bringing this subject up tonight. This is something - I know there are four of us on the Board who are concerned about Old Home Day.

Mayor Kuzon: Now wait a minute. I'm not saying I'm not concerned about Old Home Day. I think many people interpret my opinion regarding Old Home Day as being one of total support. I would say that I do support the event. I do share the concerns that have been expressed by Carolyn, and Connie knows that as a Board we have stated our concerns but I'm not sure that it's all totally bad. I think there is some benefit derived from some type of summer activity outside of the normal in the Village of Williamsville. Obviously it's gotten to the point where a lot of it has to be reassessed.

Trustee Saia: We reassess it every year. I sent a letter last year to the Village Board, the Chief of Police, and the Fire Chief about my concerns on the Island and I'll say this honestly that some of these concerns are taken care of. So every year they take care of another concern. Now the fire extinguishers were one point. About these butane tanks that light these little fires they have back there, they were a great concern of mine. Now the minute they got my letter anybody down there you better have a fire extinguisher. Jim's going to be down checking them for something and we got fire extinguishers. Now there's something that you can't control and that's an unruly crowd. Now you've got beer, you're serving alcoholic beverages, you've got 5,000 possibly people on that Island. You've got a fence around the Island and you chop all the trees down to put the beer tent up.

Trustee Kibby: One tree would equal two new trees.

Trustee Saia: If I wanted to plant a tree right now on that Island and donated a \$500 fee to the Village and wanted to put it right in one particular spot that might get chopped down for a beer tent next year.

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Mayor Kuzon: But it would be replaced. The tree was hand-selected by Trustee Murray and I think she's very satisfied with the tree, right?

Trustee Murray: I'm not satisfied with the one that was destroyed and as I started to say when thanking Mrs. Schlifke for bringing the subject up, I think the Mayor brought up a good point. I think that we - some of us, wonder whether we're hearing what we want to hear from the people who have the same opinions that we do. I would like to - I know that we have the Courier and the Bee here tonight. I would like to ask them if they will put something in their report about the meeting tonight asking Village residents to please contact us, the Village Board, about their feelings about Old Home Day. I would like to hear more opinion from more people so that we can make an adequate decision about what to do in the future.

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Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Is there anything else that anyone would like to bring before our Village Board?

Trustee Brenton: I can't leave the subject without comment. As I have in the past, I would again classify Old Home Day as a disaster waiting to happen. I refer exclusively to - and for the benefit of you who are from out of town - it is the Island just behind the building here. There is a very narrow bridge that goes onto it. The Island is totally surrounded with water. So if you pack several hundred people, or as Trustee Saia indicated 5,000 standing on one another's shoulders, but at any rate, there's a significant number of people back there and towards the rear of the Island there is the beer tent. The beer tent, we don't know if it's fireproof or not. However, there is a question and they could very easily, to my mind, through their actions or the action of someone poking a hot cigarette butt or something of that nature they could start on fire. If they did, we would definitely have a disaster. If there was any kind of mob hysteria on that Island several people would be, without a doubt, to my mind, be extremely hurt if not mortally injured. So I have expressed these concerns to the public and to the Board in the years past. For your benefit of information you might wonder what kind of people we are here that sit here and don't seem to have control over what appears to be our function. It is not our function. We simply allow a group, a committee to have the rides, beer tent, etc. back there, and the monies that have been referred to here as \$1,500 as prize money that are contributed by our government and the Town of Amherst government to make this a more attractive endeavor. So that really there's no money coming into the Village aside from the recent donation of \$3,000 and there is significant monies going out of, in particular, the Village due to the fact that our D.P.W. has to clean the facilities on the Island, around the park. As soon as they shut down the beer tent it is necessary

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to clean up. I have been there when we've gone through this. One of my responsibilities is the Department of Public Works and also we have dumping costs, etc. There's a tremendous amount of debris. We are a very small community of some 5,000 people. Due to the publicity from the media we draw from all over the Western New York area. Western New York is an area of roughly a million people. Even Canada they come from. So that we have many, many people and our small community has a terrific influx of people and we wonder, we question whether or not we should allow our facilities to be used for this purpose and commensurate traffic problems, etc, etc. But primarily my concern is that we are not remunerated for the services that we provide and for what I feel are abused. We are given no large donations and also I am concerned with if it is too large a gathering of people that has outgrown it's usefulness in that regard, and it serves the purpose of some well-meaning people who compose the committee, and I just don't really agree with their viewpoint on whether this community should have it. Thank you.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: If there is no further business...

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer