

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, May 10, 1982 at 7:32 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  
 David Laubisch, Dept. of Public Works

Absent

Edward Way, Dept. of Public Works

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

Mayor Kuzon: Next would be a motion for approval of minutes.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the minutes of the regular meeting held May 10, 1982 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: For my report this evening one item that is that the offices of Councilwoman Lynn Millane, County Legislator Mary Lou Rath, Assemblyman John Sheffer and our Village office have participated to bring to the community a Community Awareness Day. It will be Thursday in the Town Council Chambers from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Various speakers from social services, the summer youth and other types of public assistance organizations will be here, as well as representatives from John Sheffer's office, the Town, the County, and also Connie Murray will be there to talk with residents about services provided by the Village to our residents.

I have one resolution. That is for vouchers.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Murray, vouchers in the sum of \$59,409.53 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 4/30/82	\$ 7,979.15
	W/E 5/5/82	4,700.61
General Fund	Abstract #512	19,249.35
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #93	19,641.92
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #132	5,832.36
Glen Park Joint Activities	Abstract #32	538.74
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	Abstract #130	<u>1,467.40</u>
Total Vouchers		\$59,409.53

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The larger of these vouchers are to Erie County Water, Niagara Mohawk and Cataract Disposal.

Unanimously carried.

Next is Trustee Murray.

Trustee Murray: Thank you. At the last Board meeting I asked the newspapers if they would please request Village residents to call me about their feelings about Old Home Day and after the meeting I gave Connie Stofko of the Bee my home telephone number and I have received a number of calls. The Village Office has received a few too. I'd like to report to you tonight what the results of the calls were. In the Village Office we received a call from a gentleman on California Drive who favored keeping Old Home Day in the Village. From a resident of Hirschfield Drive who favored keeping it in the Village. From a resident of Wehrle Drive who is drawing up a petition to keep it in the Village and says that she's a real estate broker and uses it as a selling factor for the Village when she takes a buyer around. It makes them more interested in the community. Another person on W. Maplemere - you'll note that's not a Village resident - said she would like to keep it that way. A resident on N. Long would like to keep it in the Village. And a resident on Mill Street says it's a disaster waiting to happen, quoting Mr. Brenton, and commenting, this person said, as a private citizen. And one more call to the Village Office said as a member of the Old Home Day Committee feels that the whole argument is a rotten deal. People are complaining about something they don't know anything about, and the committee would like to meet with the Board of Trustees. This gentleman would like to know where we arrived at the \$3,500 figure and that brings me to the figures that I reported the last Board meeting. Old Home Day figures for 1981 had not been given to me. I now have them. Old Home Day figures - the cost to the Village was \$4,174.01 during the summer of 1981. I have a gentleman on Mt. Vernon Road - who you will note also is not a Village resident - who says it's a nice affair, that his group had a booth last year - the Amherst Masonic Temple, and he says he gets to meet people that he knows and he said it's good to see them but he's sure that the beer tent's too much.

Old Home  
Day Report

Another lady on Spring Street wants to know why it isn't like it used to be. You have massive security problems, and parking problems, on Spring during that time. Another lady on N. Long feels that the event is too large, too commercial and not what it started out to be. She would like to have no rides. She doesn't want to see it all go but would like it to return to the way it used to be. A gentleman on Monroe Drive favors the celebration because of the money it brings in to the Jolly Boys, he belongs to St. Peter and Paul, and the money it generates for other organizations, and he likes to get out and see his friends and neighbors. Another gentleman on Highland Drive says

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he is 66 years old and he likes it because it brings activity into the Village. He sees friends during the occasion. It brings the Village to life. An old friend of his from out of town comes back each year for the event. Another lady on N. Long, a lifetime resident, says it brings people of all ages together and two of her children are in the service and plan their leaves for that time. She says she works on the Island during the event. She feels that for safety reasons a second entrance is needed. Another lady on Oakgrove Drive says that she hopes that the Village is intact when it is over. She is purposely out of town so that she can miss the whole thing. She says the Village cannot, and the Island cannot safely accommodate, or effectively accommodate the number of people. She says that the event is not the quiet feeling that they moved here for. It belongs at the County Fair. The community surrounding the park needs protection. It's not just on the Island. The event has the reputation for being a big drunk and thus draws that kind of person. Another lady on Oakland Drive - and you'll note she's not a Village resident - says it brings natural togetherness because the Town is so big and she likes to see people brought together and it provides tradition and these days traditions aren't very numerous. She says that awareness brings safety and she's sure the discussions that we're having now will increase the safety on the Island. She suggests that the Village of Williamsville hand out four colored passes for the four days and limit the number of people. She says her next door neighbor goes to German Night every year because of the tradition of the meal.

I apologize for the time taken up but I promised to report to the Board of Trustees and to the community what people said and I would appreciate additional calls if any of you have any interest in commenting on Old Home Day.

Also for my final comment I have a compliment for the Department of Public Works. I think the Island at Main and Garrison, or Main and Evans, where the tulips are in bloom right now, and the beds in Garrison Park are lovely. They have done a terrific job of cleaning up this spring. Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Saia.

Trustee Saia: Mayor, I don't have too much to report but I do have a resolution.

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

RESOLVED that Timothy P. Reinhart be hired as a Seasonal Laborer in the Glen Park from May 10, 1982 until October 1, 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

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Unanimously carried.

That's all I have.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Brenton.

Trustee Brenton: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Further on Old Home Day, which I don't know if it's really appropriate to be talking about it at this time perhaps I should wait until the floor is open, but at any rate, it is in my mind now. Trustee Murray indicated that the total cost for the Village was \$4,100.- Is that correct? - based on the 1981 figures, and I would assume that that would include all aspects of Old Home Day - labor, fuel for vehicles, etc. Looking at the list there's no fuel here, the sanitary waste is included. This is quite an adequate compilation of what is expended, except perhaps for fuel and a few incidentals that really aren't too great, so that there is a cost in Old Home Day and \$4,100 may not seem to be too much. However, it is to my mind significant in that it would represent almost \$.25/\$1,000 to - for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the community. Also since the matter of Old Home Day has been given significant coverage locally, I would like to continue what I feel is my position on Old Home Day and that is that it is an area that is constricted by one bridge and if there was any type of incitement back there of any nature - by incitement I mean perhaps fire, I mean perhaps riot, any type of situation that could cause people to panic - that I do feel that there could be people severely injured back there and in that regard - this has not been discussed in our work session - I would question and make it a matter of record right now, the effect on the community and I would hope that the Mayor would determine or have determined exactly what our insurance coverage is back on that Island and if in fact whether or not we do have adequate insurance coverage. I'm not saying that we don't, but I am saying we do have a very tenuous situation and that if anything happened perhaps the Village would be liable and as I indicated to you you are now liable for the \$4,100 which equals \$.25 per \$1,000. If you are liable for a \$1 Million lawsuit, or a \$2 Million lawsuit I'm sure if you didn't have insurance coverage the community would be held responsible and in effect have to go to taxation in order to offset whatever type of settlement may be made. So I do feel that based on public safety that we do have a problem and I hope that will be addressed to a successful conclusion as far as the Village is concerned.

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DAY  
REPORT

Now I'll move on since I have nothing else to report at this time - I do have one other report come to think of it and it's that the Mayor has received a letter from the Insurance Services Office of New York indicating that a representative from that office will be in the community on Monday, May 17th and Tuesday, May 18th to inspect our Fire Department, record keeping, their method of operation, their equipment, and also our water department which would involve our hydrants, our water pressure flows, etc. The

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purpose of inspection will be to determine the fire rating for the community. After the inspection the investigator will compile the report and will base a recommendation on our fire rating on that report. Presently we are a B-rated community as far as fire rating is concerned and hopefully we will have upgraded our areas that I just mentioned regarding water, fire department, record keeping, equipment, etc. to the extent that from the time span since the last inspection which I believe was 10 years, we will perhaps obtain an A-rating. I'm looking at this optimistically since I was not sitting on this Board when we were previously examined but I do feel the fire department and the Department of Public Works have endeavored to put together what the fire insurance services office requires to obtain an A-rating. If we don't get it then we will learn from the investigation what our needs are, where our areas of weakness are. But I do feel both departments have gone a long way in trying to obtain a higher rating for the community which would mean, if we did achieve an A-rating, perhaps an average saving to the homeowner of maybe \$6 to \$7 on his home fire insurance policy. There would be greater savings in the commercial area. So that will be taking place next week and with that I'll move to my resolution, which as you know from our budgetary procedure, we indicated that we're going to buy a new dump truck and in doing so it is our intention to retire two old dump trucks. Thus we will have one dump truck on the road in place of two and we are moving in that direction by advertising for sealed bids for the dump truck and if we are successful in obtaining this vehicle we should have it in time for our winter snow removal efforts and it should be the type of equipment, a piece of equipment that has been developed by the Department of Public Works to best serve the community as indicated in the specs, and so I'll read the resolution.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for one 1982 heavy duty single axle construction type truck designed for snow plow and hauling applications for the Village Department of Public Works. Bids to be opened at 10:00 AM on June 3rd, 1982 in the Village Clerk's Office, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York. The Clerk shall advertise for the bids in the official Village newspaper at least five days before the date on which the bids are to be opened and upon opening of the bids shall make a record by listing the name and address of each bidder, the amount of his bid, the nature and amount of security furnished, and all alternate bids and trade-in allowance, if any, and present such records to the Board of Trustees at the first regular or special meeting of the Board following the opening of the bids.

ADVERTISE FOR  
BIDS

Plow truck for  
D.P.W.

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Unanimously carried.

That's all I have.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Kibby.

Trustee Kibby: No report.

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

Mr. Laubisch: No report, Mr. Mayor.

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 anyone in the audience may bring any matter before the Village Board. We ask that you state your name and address. I'm going to ask Mr. Hill to go first, okay Mr. Burden, because I realize that your presentation is more involved. Thank you. Mr. Hill.

Richard Hill, 18 Brookside: First you left off the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting for this month. It's on May 13th, next Thursday.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay, under Schedule of Meetings.

Mr. Hill: The other thing I would like to clear up - I believe there is a misunderstanding in this community that we're against Old Home Day. We are not. We're against the conditions it's being held under and we think it's dangerous and we brought it in the open to see if we could get some ideas, some suggestions on how to improve it and make it safer. I believe someone from the Old Home Day Committee thought we shouldn't have brought this up. We can't hide our heads under a barrell and hope it doesn't happen. An example of that is that it happened a year ago at Main-Transit when one of the rides turned over. If we had that happen back here on the Island several people would be injured or killed with the packed humanity back there. We've got to do something to relieve that congestion and control the number of people on the Island. We're not trying to stop it. Money isn't any of our business. That's the Board's business. Safety is our concern. We're trying to come up with some ideas to make it a little safer both on the Island and in the parking on the streets. As it is now if there were a fire or an accident any place around Town our fire equipment and rescue people would have a heck of a time getting through this double parking, parking all over the place. We've got to do something to make this Old Home Day safe. Thank you.

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Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

Trustee Murray: I'd like to add for media purposes that Mr. Hill is the Chairman of the Village Traffic and Safety Committee.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Chief Andrews.

Fire Chief Rick Andrews: I just wanted to state on the Old Home Days that the Fire Department is going to consider it at their meeting tomorrow night. It drew up a list of things last year and we will draw up a similar list this year for the committee to consider. We can't stop Old Home Day, and it's not our intention to stop Old Home Day. Our intention is to keep it safe and I appreciate Mr. Hill's comments because I've been on that committee and I've worked with them. It's a very good committee and they do work hard. Ed Lavery is the Fire Department's representative on that committee now. It's an excellent committee and I think they're doing the job as well as they can. The Fire Department will come up with a list of rules, or a list of guidelines we'd like the committee to go by. If they go by them, they do. If they don't go by them, they don't. At least they'll know where the Fire Department stands.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. Babin, 80 Spring Street: Last year a young man who came back from the park, from Old Home Day, was so drunk he couldn't walk. His friends helped him down the hill and put him in the trunk of the car because they didn't want him in the car, and the rest got in the car and drove away. Every morning after I stay up until 2:00 AM or 3:00 AM in the morning waiting for everyone to go home to make sure they don't burn down my house or one of the biggest landmarks we have - the Mill - I have to take the hose out and hose down the puke and the urine from off the side of my house and I have to pick up all the garbage. Those nice white buckets they all get for their beer, they're going to take it home, but they get down as far as the parking lot and that's it and they're on my lawn the next morning.

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DISCUSSION

Not only that, the Fire Chief, thank God you're around, last year they parked all the way across Spring Street. The cars coming up from Cayuga and the cars going down Spring cannot pass through which meant if we had had an emergency there you would not have been able to get to it. Then a young lady from E. Aurora, I would not let her park in my driveway, and so I was called a F.... you bastard and a few other names. Then she came to the park and had a good time and had a few beers and she came back with her girlfriends, proceeded to light a cigarette in front of my house, and then threw a fire bomb in my face and it landed here. My face was red for two days and I could not see out of one eye.

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Now I'm for Old Home Day. I am on the Village Youth Board. I'm for the kids all the way. Mrs. Sapienza and Mrs. Utz gave a lovely letter to the Amherst Bee. Pizza parties are great. Cotton candy is great. Games are great. But when you get past 9:00 at night I see youth that I have worked with over in the beer tent, 14 years old, so drunk that they can't walk. How did they get in the tent? Oh, big brother's got an I.D. that's how they got in. We can't let our youth go. Not that way.

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An old man who lives at the Glenside Apartments moved because last year he had to sit in my driveway because the man walks with two canes, his legs don't manipulate, he has a car that manipulates with hand operation. He could not park his car until 2:30 in the morning. The party doesn't end in the park at 12:00 or 12:30 when it's clear. It ends up behind the Eagle House in the parking lot and they do not just take out beer from their trunks. It's bottles of whiskey. I wish, and if nothing is done this year, I'm going to take pictures because it seems like we don't have enough proof to show this. But it's there. I sweep it up every morning. Thank God for the Village who gets up and cleans it up and the streets.

Now the other thing, which has nothing to do with Old Home Day, I don't know who takes care of the garbage in the Village but we have to change our days. All the businesses along Main Street are closed on Sunday. Most of the offices, doctors' offices, are closed Saturday. They put their garbage out on Friday. I'm proud of this Village. I like living here, but when this garbage sits from Friday to Monday afternoon to be picked up there is no more garbage. It's all over the street. So somebody should take that into consideration of having it picked up maybe on a Tuesday so that the businessmen could get it out on Monday. Thank you.

Trustee Brenton: Mrs. Babin I guess I have the responsibility of the garbage situation and I would just like to say that I agree with you that I have noticed in particular the gas station next door to this building puts their refuse out, I believe, on Sunday, and we have endeavored to accommodate that by a special pick up from the private contractor that does handle our garbage and refuse pickup for Main Street, which is after 9:00 in the morning. This would allow any individual, I think, sufficient time to get to their office even if their office didn't open until 10:00 in the morning. They could make a point to get there and perhaps do some work and put their garbage out and it is even a little later, I believe it's 9:15 AM that actually the contractor makes the Main Street pickup. It's difficult to schedule it any later in the day because of the fact that later in the day the street is fully involved as far as parking is concerned. It makes it very difficult for the men to have to pick the cans up and get them between parked cars and I'm sure that probably inadvertently a car could be hit by a can, something like that, and also it would make it logistically difficult to maneuver. So that that's the way this was arranged and I believe you brought

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up a point that's been in the back of my mind and I would like to refer it at this time to Trustee Kibby in that he has the responsibility for the Building Department and I would suggest that Trustee Kibby could have the Building Inspector, or on second thought we could have our own Department of Public Works personnel leave off copies of the Village Ordinance regarding the time that you are allowed to put your refuse out and I think that that's a very valid point that you have brought up and I think we will monitor this situation and see if we can't correct it. And I'll retract what I said about Trustee Kibby handling it. We'll discuss it in our work session after and see whose responsibility it would be, the Building Department or the Department of Public Works. Right now I think maybe the Department of Public Works particularly considering the cost.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

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DISCUSSION

Trustee Saia: Mrs. Babin I have a lot of respect for you for getting up and telling things like they are. We need people like you in this Village to come up. It seems we get all people who live outside of the Village making statements about people in the Village.

Mrs. Babin: Let me say also that it's only been in the last three years that this has gotten this bad. Before then, and I've lived here for 23 years and I would say in the last three or four years it seems to have gotten so big that we cannot accommodate the parking and the park. I mean I like to go to the park too and I'm in favor of giving my money for the youth. It's not that. We're getting like an atomic bomb. We're small and now all of a sudden we've burst and we need more room somewhere.

Trustee Saia: As far as the automobiles that are parking here, that's a law enforcement problem. It has nothing to do with Old Home Day or anybody else. That's law enforcement. If they were called I'm sure they can't come down there either and take all these cars and move them out. They're all locked up. But maybe we should start putting some nice \$10 tags on so the Village could make a few bucks during these Old Home Days.

Mrs. Babin: Did you read last year that a man was very upset that he got a ticket for parking in the no parking zone because he came down to give the Village some money, right, and he was very indignant and thought we were very rude in giving him a ticket for parking where he did not belong. Our police are very busy at the time. Grant you the facilities are here. The police are here. When that fire bomb hit me the policeman said to me you go back to your house and I'll make out the report. I never saw him back again. Not only that but that night the lady who lives at 60 Spring Street, whose husband has a bad heart, had five windows broken in her home by a slingshot, a hunting slingshot. The glass went through her back window and ended up in her kitchen.

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We caught those boys. The police were there. I cannot condemn the police, just we don't have enough of them. There's not enough patrolling for these poor policemen. They've got enough to do over here. They can't have their eyes everywhere. I'm not condemning our fire department. I'm not condemning our police department. I think they do a fantastic job. If that fire department had to get to the Mill last year they'd have never made it. They couldn't have gotten through the street with the trucks because they were parked, triple, double, quadruple down there. Where else are they going to go to park.

Trustee Saia: Well if **your** street was plugged, Glen Avenue was plugged also. They couldn't get down Glen Avenue.

Mrs. Babin: That's right. They couldn't have gotten to us. It's one of the biggest landmarks we've got.

Trustee Saia: If there was a fire someplace we'd probably have had a fatality only because the streets were blocked.

Mrs. Babin: You know I've lived in this Village a long time. Whenever I've called they've been there. But not on Old Home Days. The poor people who are working, those policemen and those firemen are working those days are earning their money for the whole year.

Trustee Saia: I want to thank you for getting up and telling it like it is.

Trustee Murray: I'd also like to compliment Mrs. Babin for her courage.

Mayor Kuzon: Mr. Lavery.

Ed Lavery, member of the Traffic & Safety Committee and past Fire Chief for the Village: I attended this meeting, I'm sure you all know I attended the Old Home Day Committee meeting. These people as far as fire safety goes, they've got their heads right in their butts. Now I'll tell you there's a woman over there I wish that was at the meeting with me. They told me I was stupid and every street in the Village was wide open. And I'll tell you another thing was brought up - there's no parking on either side of S. Cayuga. They want to come over here with a brainstorm idea to amend parking regulations on S. Cayuga to park on both sides and they were told there's no way we're going to do anything like that. Now the other thing we're going to do is the Fire Chief, myself and I think a few people from the Village Board ought to be at a meeting with George Measer, the head honcho on this thing over here, and get this parking resolved because there's so much scuttlebutt in the papers and that now that some nitwit will make an emergency happen in this Village and if somebody's going to get their pants chewed off it'll be the Village Board.

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Mayor Kuzon: Anyone else? If not, Mr. Burden.

Joe Burden, Vice President and Chairman of the Building Committee of Hutchinson Hose Company: We've met before and talked about improving Hutchinson Hose Station No. 1 here. We have now made up a report for the Board for you people that I'll pass out to you. We also have slides for you tonight. Now notwithstanding any of the Old Home Day activities, I'd like to read this report.

(A copy of said report is attached to these minutes.)

FIRE HALL  
DISCUSSION

Mr. Burden presented a series of slides pointing out the various narrow distances between the trucks and truck entrances, between the parked trucks, and between the trucks and the building walls. Also, the fact that there is no apron area for maneuvering the trucks. They can't put on the ladder that is supposed to be on top of the aerial scope because it wouldn't fit through the door. They can barely open compartments on trucks because of lack of space between the trucks. They pointed the smallness of the conference room which is also used as a file room. There is a 34 year old stove upstairs which they don't know whether to replace or not, and they don't know whether to renovate the kitchen or not. It depends on what is going to be done. The building was planned for three stories originally and is structurally sound but it does have problems. Plaster is coming off the walls upstairs. They've plastered the same wall five times in the last six years. The electrical panel and electrical system in the building is at the point where the senior citizens who use the building plugged in a coffee pot and blew out three fuses. They don't know why, but it happened. The service is just plain not adequate. It's scary. To unload the pumper they have to move one truck out. Main-Transit is putting on another truck bay. They are going to six bays and they only have four trucks. New No. 5 has to be maneuvered to get to the back part of the bay around a heater which is near the ceiling. It has been hit once. The heating system needs work. When it was 80° last week it was pouring heat upstairs. The boiler is 34 years old and they are amazed that it is still going. There is a new hot water tank. When it was put in they had to put in a new doorway to get the old tank out and the new one in. They have to store things like ladders in the boiler room because there's no place else to put them. Traffic is really backed up when they have to back the trucks in. They need an apron area for maneuvering. He showed where a copy machine, an addressograph machine, files and first aid supplies are kept in approximately a 12'X12' room. There is wire molding throughout the building. They can't operate efficiently with this type of facility, not at all.

Mr. Burden: The next area of the report is - "What have we done". We've been talking about moving since 1979. The costs are escalating all the time and the more time we waste the more costs rise. He presented another solution. He read the proposal and referred to the drawings included in the report.



# HUTCHINSON HOSE COMPANY

**Williamsville Fire Department**

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HUTCHINSON HOSE FIRE COMPANY'S

QUEST FOR A

MODERN AND EFFICIENT FIRE STATION

SUBMITTED

5/82

100% Volunteer

- I. WHAT IS A MODERN FIRE HALL
- II. WHAT WE NOW HAVE
  - a) Pictures
- III. WHAT WE HAVE DONE
  - a) Newspaper clippings
- IV. ANOTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTION
  - a) Proposed drawings

## I. WHAT IS A MODERN FIRE HALL

A modern fire station is not just a garage to house \$400,000.00 worth of fire fighting apparatus, especially when the station is the main station of a volunteer fire company.

A modern fire station needs facilities to:

- Train
- Manage
- Organize
- Store equipment
- Maintain equipment

A modern fire station must have room to operate its equipment safely in and out of the station. It must have room to maintain fire equipment, it must have room to train manpower, it must have room to store back-up equipment (hose, ladders, boots, ropes and a myriad of other equipment). It must have room to manage and organize fire and first-aid operations (ie. chief's office, first-aid office, firematic and social offices). It must have room to work efficiently in case of major emergencies (ie. the Blizzard of '77). It must have adequate electrical and heating services.

TO BE EFFICIENT A MODERN FIRE COMPANY NEEDS ROOM

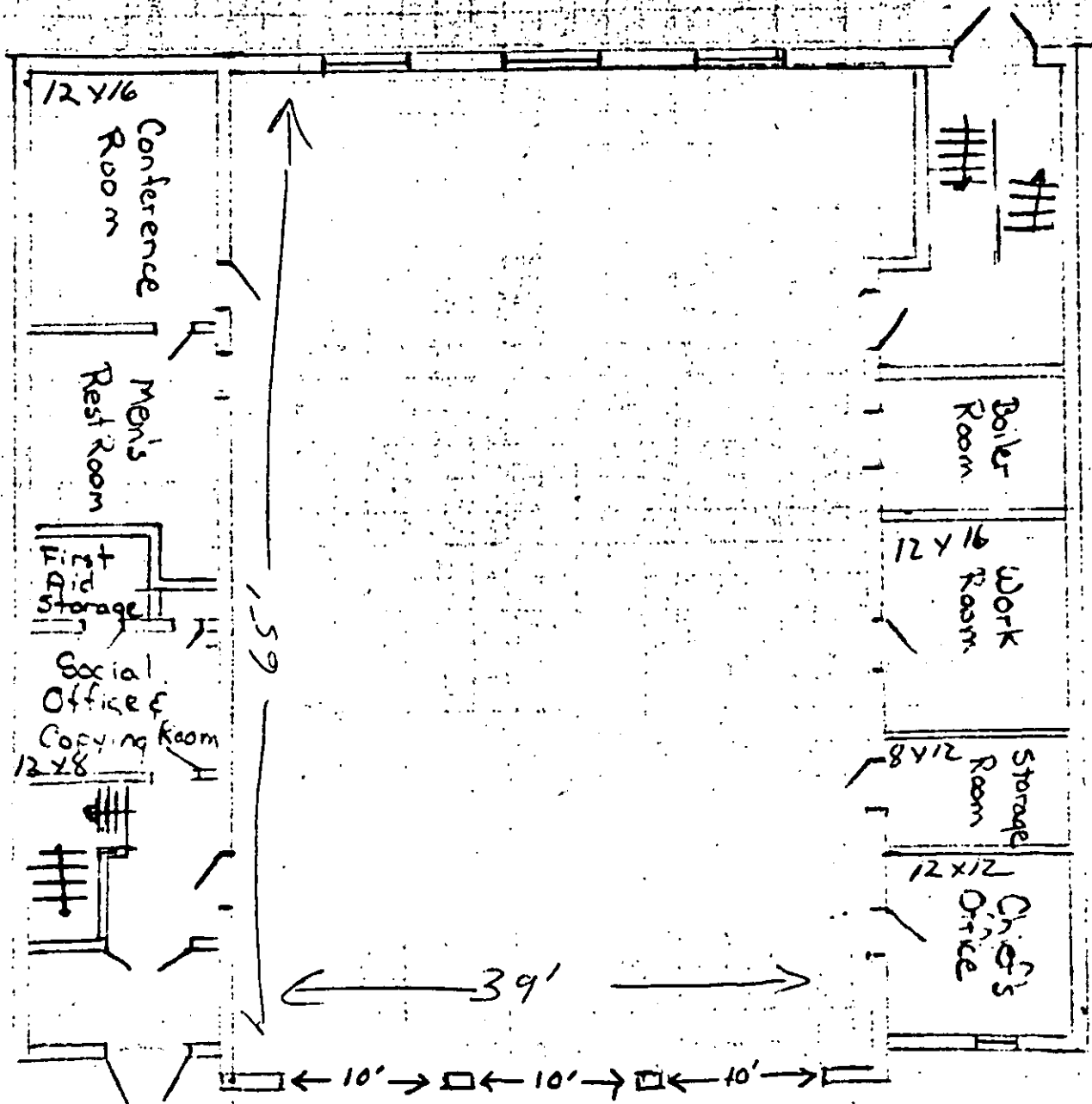
## II. WHAT WE NOW HAVE

Hutchinson Hose Company Station Number I is a two story, 34 year old building. When constructed in 1948, it was sufficient to house the smaller fire apparatus of that era. It was adequate to train manpower for protecting a small residential community with no real concern about the possible disasters that seem more prevalent in today's chemical technology.

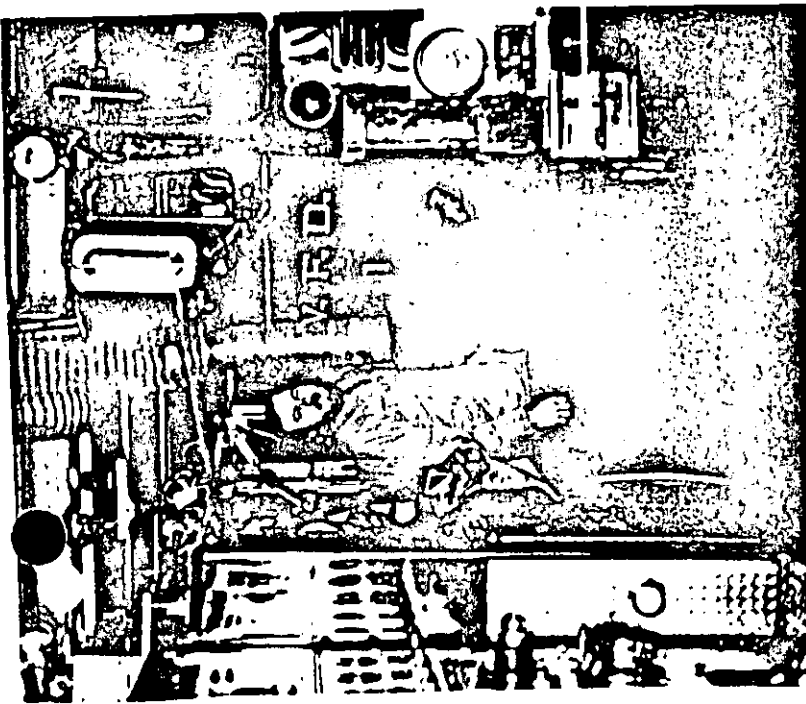
The hall now houses two pumpers, one aerial scope, one first-aid truck and a rescue truck, in such a way that there is less than 3' between the walls of the building and the trucks and 3' between the trucks making it difficult to open doors and compartment doors of the trucks. The three overhead doors are 10' wide, the trucks are a maximum 9'-3" wide making exiting and entering difficult and unnecessarily hazardous to the personnel, equipment and to the public driving on Main Street. There is a 12 x 12 ft. chief's office for the three chief's, a 12 x 16 ft. room that acts as a firematic file room, conference room, work room and social office; an 8 x 12 ft. store room for firematic equipment and another small room that acts as a first-aid room and work room for the social and firematic officers. The electrical and heating services are completely inadequate and inefficient to the extent that they represent a hazard.

As the building now stands it is inefficient from all aspects of what a fire company needs.

The next page gives visual proof of the above!



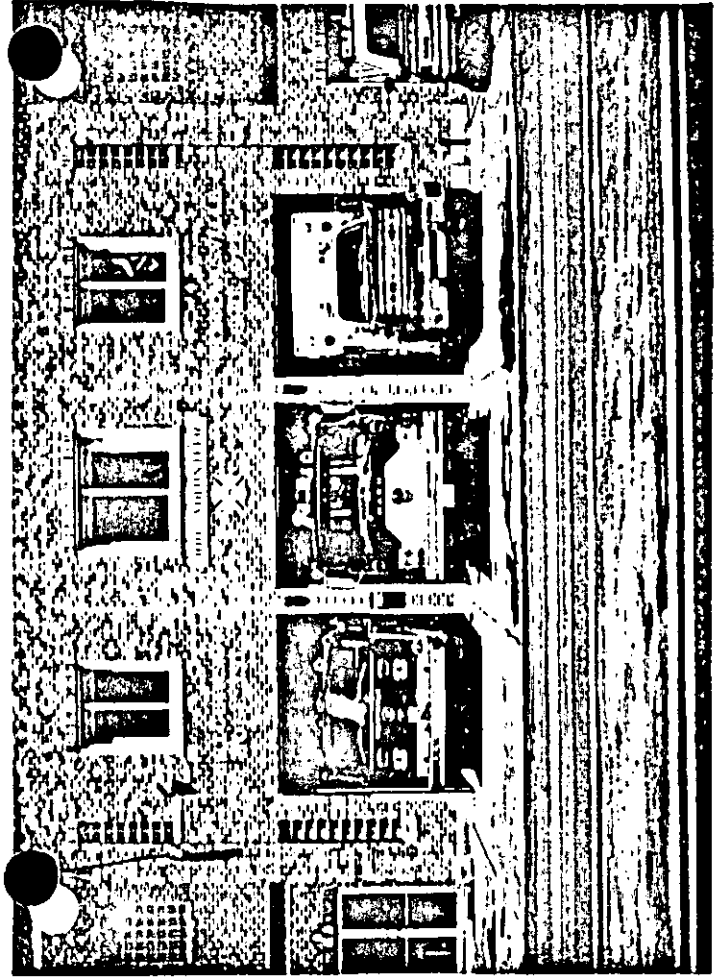
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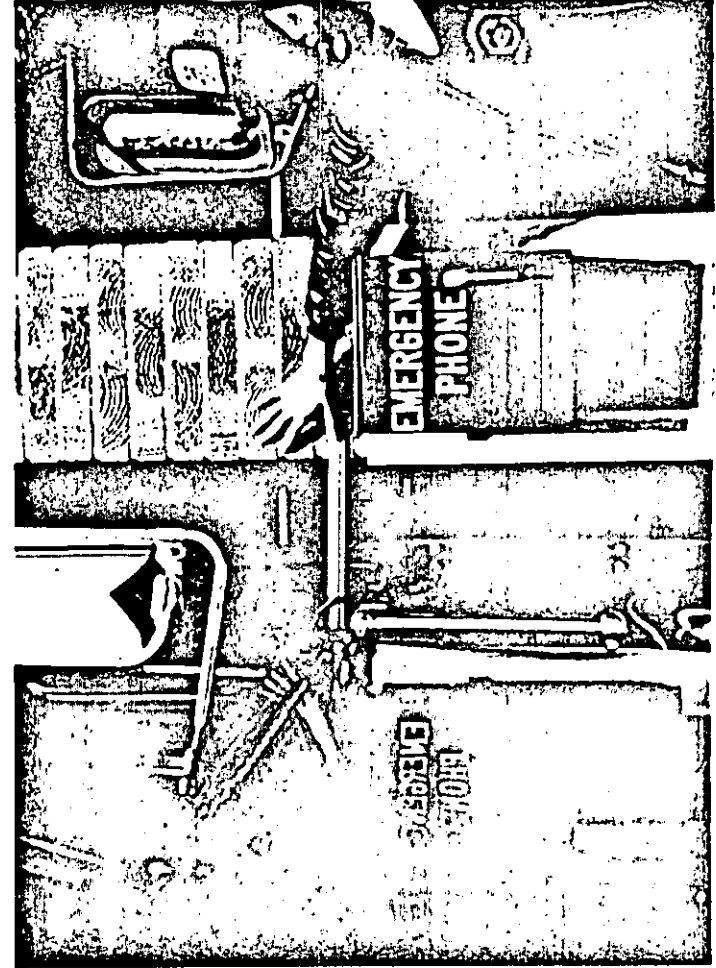
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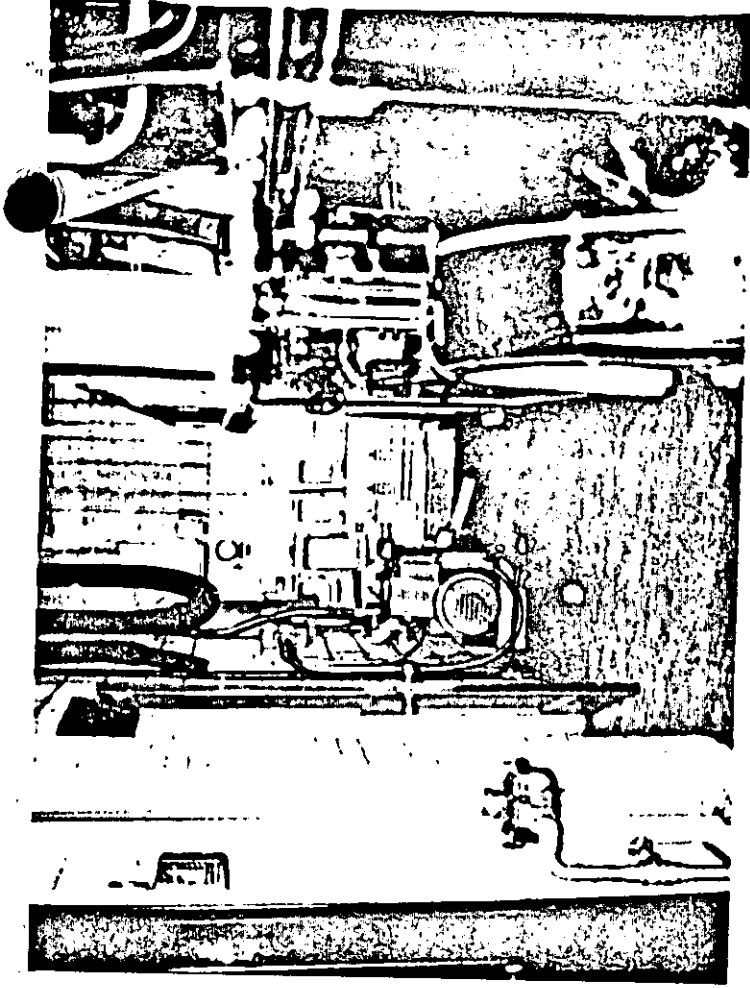
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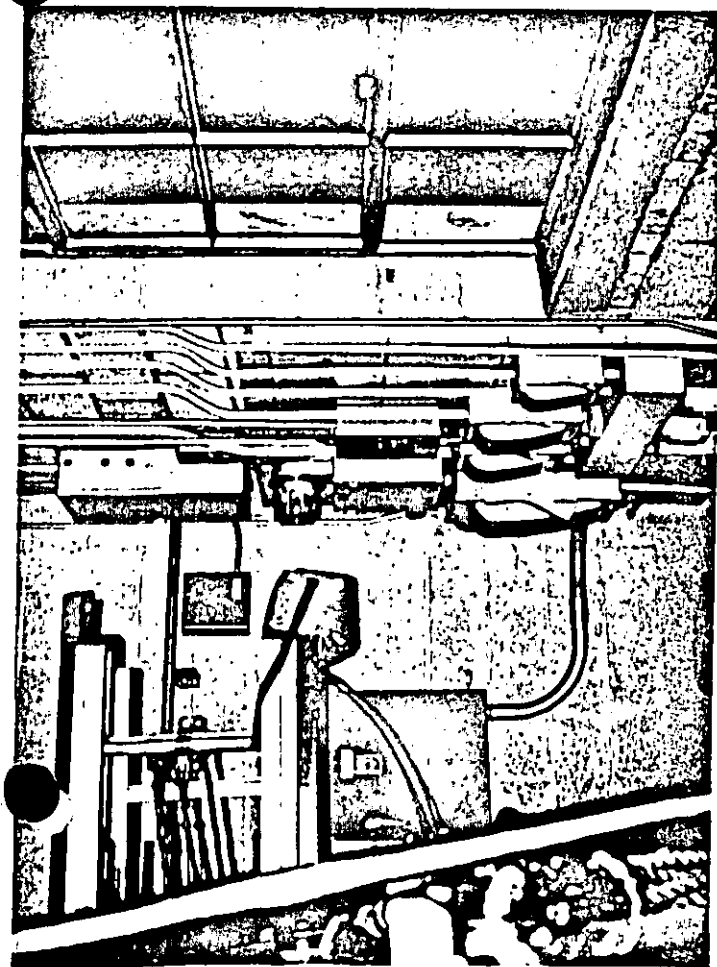
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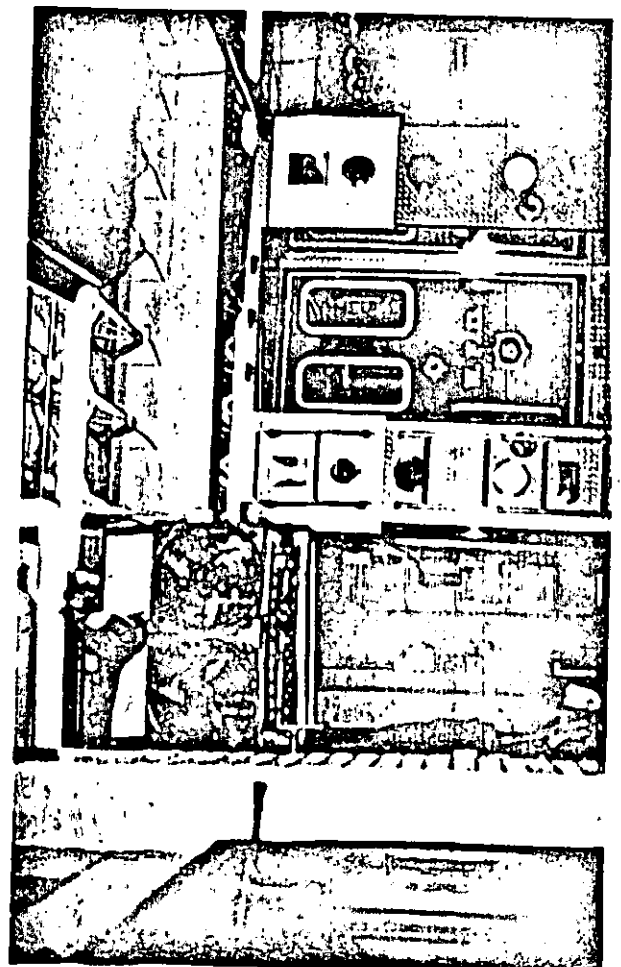
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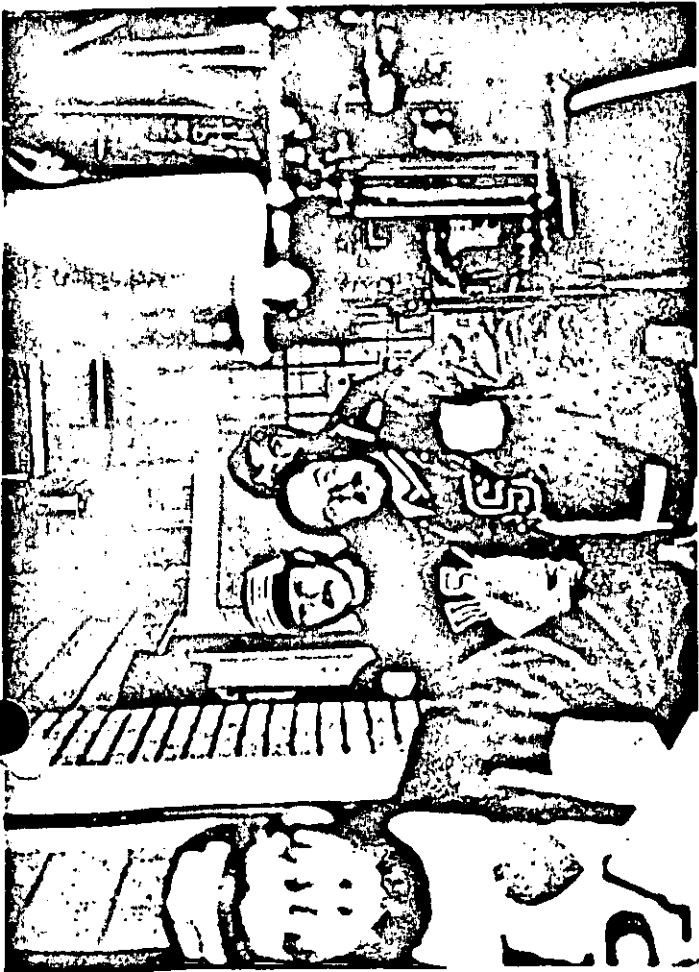
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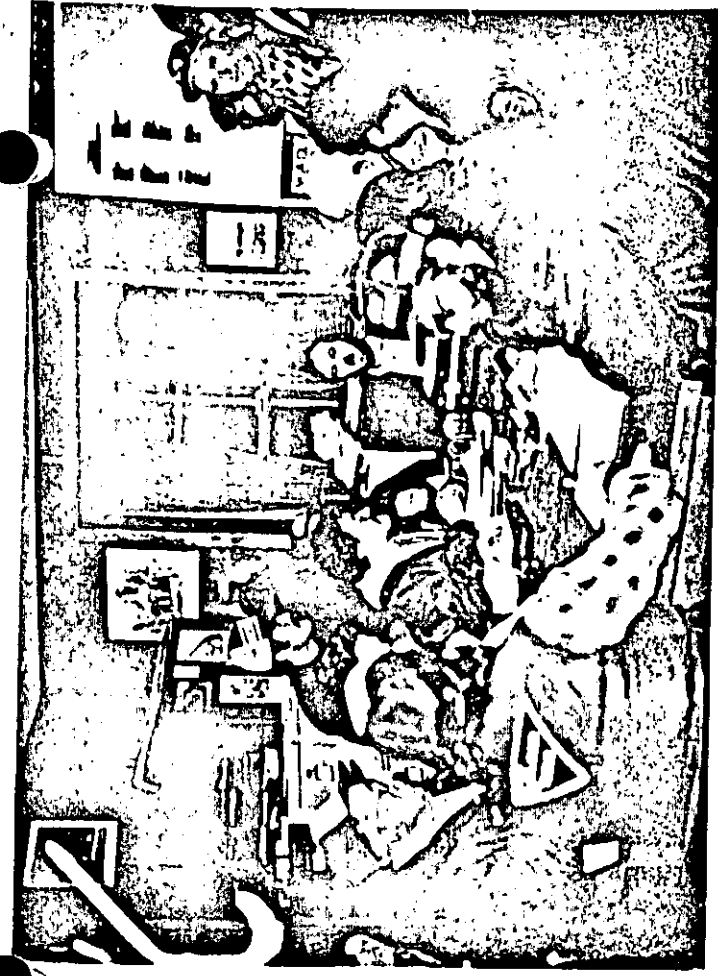
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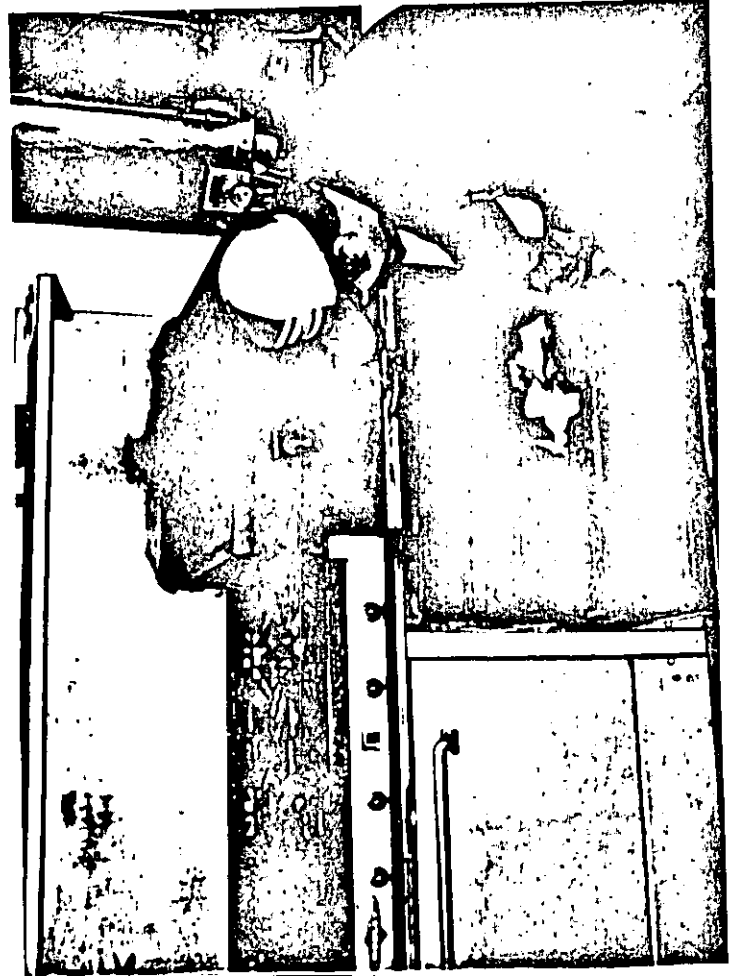
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OFFICER'S MEETING-STANDING ROOM ONLY



SIX OR SEVEN OLD STOVES



TRUCK BAY CEILING

### III. WHAT WE HAVE DONE

The problem of the inadequacies of the present hall are not new. As far back as 1958 there was a proposal to increase the size of the present hall. Since then HHC has submitted numerous proposals, the most recent being a complete move to the Amherst Police Court Building. This proposal was submitted to the Village Board in December 1979. It was received by the Village and Town as a very sound plan that had a great deal of merit. Both parties were so impressed that an architect was engaged to study and draw up basic design and cost estimates in July 1980. On March 5, 1981 the design and cost estimates were submitted to the Village and Town representatives. Since then it has become obvious that for political reasons this proposal will not be developed any further. As a result, HHC is still operating in an inadequate and hazardous hall. For background material, refer the next page.

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## Cost escalates for new building

Had the Town of Amherst constructed a new court facility in the Audubon New Community in 1979, the cost would have been \$842,000. Today, cost of such a project has escalated to \$1,145,417.

The figures are contained in a Police-Justice reuse study and update of cost projections, submitted to Supervisor Jack Sharpe by Planning Director Joseph J. Gillings.

The study of alternatives for the reuse of the Police-Justice Building in Main St., Williamsville, has been a consideration of the Town Board since the initial

planning stages of the new police complex in Audubon Pky.

Initiated in 1978 at the request of the Town Board, Cannon Design Inc., of Grand Island, examined various re-use alternatives for the Police-Justice Building.

The Planning Department study, which was completed in January, 1979, recommended the relocation and construction of the court facility from Williamsville to Audubon and the retention of the police-justice building in Main St. for future town and village expansion.

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# Court Space Eyed Again In Amherst

By DICK DAWSON  
News Amherst Bureau

Amherst officials have ordered the updating of cost estimates and studies of an issue that town boards have been ducking for 10 years — the hopelessly overcrowded and outmoded Amherst Town Court.

The town's two top elected officials, Supervisor Jack Sharpe and Councilman-Deputy Supervisor Harold J. Collier, Tuesday said they will press for a decision on the court's future within 30 days.

"It is time to fish or cut bait," Mr. Sharpe said. "Either we move it, probably to Audubon; or we leave it where it is, start addressing the physical problems and go from there."

Mr. Collier told The Buffalo Evening News:

"Once I know where the bucks are coming from, I want to move it to Audubon as an addition to the (\$4.5 million) police building."

"It's a lot smarter move in the long run. I even know of the place of attachment — a corridor leading to a wall," he said.

Town boards have heard recommendations to move the court into more spacious quarters — or enlarge its present Main Street quarters if possible — several times since 1972.

The most recent estimate for building an addition for Town Court onto the police headquarters building in Audubon was \$970,000 in early 1980.

Officials now concede that making the police and court building a single project when the new police building was built would have been much cheaper, "but the votes weren't there then," said one.

The move north by the court would free up the existing building and other space for badly needed new facilities for the Williamsville Fire Department, now in cramped quarters across the street.

A March 1981 estimate by architects indicated that for about \$530,000, a new three-bay fire hall could be added to the court building.

The space in the present building could be used for Village Court, village offices and the firemen, officials said.

One reason Amherst officials now are pushing for a decision on Town Court, sources said, is the Fire Department's pressing space needs.

One study indicated that, over a 10-year period, Amherst would spend as much in extra costs resulting from maintaining police and court facilities 5½ miles apart as it would in building a new court facility on Audubon Parkway.

A study in 1979 showed that Amherst court operating costs totaled \$187,000, compared with \$162,000 for Cheektowaga Town Court, yet Cheektowaga had 50 percent more cases and gained \$48,000 more in revenues.

However, the consultants who did the study gave excellent ratings to Amherst for physical facilities but found Cheektowaga's to be very poor.

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## Hutchinson Hose to meet with town, village on move

Amherst is still backing the proposed concept of a move of the Hutchinson Hose Co. to the town court building, according to Jack Sharpe, Amherst supervisor.

"The project is progressing as fast as it can," he said. "There's no problem or controversy as far as the town is concerned. We're proceeding in an orderly fashion."

Rick Andrews, chief of the fire department, said he received a letter from Sharpe and village officials.

"This basically what we were looking for," Andrews said. "We're going to sit down and hash it out."

"I'm satisfied by the fact that the supervisor wants to make some progress."

The fire company is now quartered in the fire hall at 5570 Main St. The proposal is to move the station to the court house building, the old police building, at 5565 Main St. The town village and fire company agreed in December, 1979, it would be a good plan.

About 50 firemen attended last week's village board meeting asking why the project hasn't been moving as fast as they think it should.

Sharpe said there are still many details to be worked out such as how many parking spaces might be lost, how space will be divided between the fire department and the court, how the town and village will divide expenses and exactly how much it will cost the taxpayers.

"There are a number of matters to be worked out with everyone concerned," said James Nesper, Amherst town attorney. "The first question is, should we move the courts?"

There has been discussion in the past to build a new court building alongside Police Headquarters in Audubon.

If they remain, he said, details have to be worked out on traffic patterns, ownership of land, and how the building will be used.

What's to be done with the old fire hall is another question, he said. If the village sells the building, the town would like the money to go into the fire district fund rather than the village's general fund. That way town residents would also benefit, he said.

"We've been discussing it back and forth with the village," Nesper said. "It takes time. Someone not directly involved might think it could be done faster. That's quite natural."

"The village has taken the project as far as it can go," Williamsville Mayor Gordon J. Kuzon said. "Now the town and village have to sit down and work out the details."

"I agree with Supervisor Sharpe that there are very precise details to be worked out, especially on the financial impact. It takes time to work these details out."

"Maybe the fire department coming to the meeting was the spark we needed to keep our eyes open to the project and keep us on track."

Amherst. B&E 6-10-81

# Hutchinson Hose Co. presses firehall issue

The Williamsville Village Board blamed the Town of Amherst for an impasse on moving the Hutchinson Hose Fire Co. to the court house building at 5565 Main St.

The discussion was held at Monday's village board meeting. Joe Burden, chairman of the building committee for Hutchinson Hose, said the

company, village and town agreed in December, 1979, that it would be a good idea to move the fire hall.

An architect was hired and final renditions were finished around February of this year.

"Since then, there hasn't been any progress," he said. "Why has it been tabled?"

Trustee Lawrence R. Brenton said the information has been passed on to town officials.

"The village is ready to continue as soon as the town deems it's a viable project," Brenton said. "The building is the town's. The decision rests solely with the town now, even though the fire equipment is the village's."

"The town is not ready to make a decision and we can't force them."

Burden said the hesitation may be costly. According to the architect, the cost of the project increases 3 per cent

each month, he said.

"The firemen could organize political ly, but we don't want to," Burden said. There were about 50 firemen in the audience with him. "But being on hold is not good enough."

"If everyone's in favor of it, why isn't it getting done?"

"I think it's time the village board and fire company meet with the town and press the issue," Mayor Gordon Kuzor said.

Buffalo News 3-9-81

# New Fire Hall Is Proposed for Williamsville

By DICK DAWSON

New Amherst Bureau  
Officials are discussing a project that could result in a new headquarters for the Williamsville Fire Department and, eventually, a village hall and a new town court.

Architects Thursday submitted a \$30,777 estimate for the job of building a new three-bay fire hall at 505 Main St., site of the Town Court and directly across the street from the present main fire hall. The estimate by the firm of Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw & Foley Inc. is \$11,740 for 4,736 square-feet of construction, \$33,032 for 4,128 square-feet of renovation work and \$2,536 for site development.

The new fire hall would be added on to the west side and rear of the Town Court build-

ing, officials said.

Fire trucks then could use South Cayuga Road, rather than being forced to maneuver in and out of their bays on busy Main Street, they said.

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would like to see the day come when the court building can be converted into a Village Hall. The village currently has its offices in Town Hall, two doors east of the court building, which formerly also was Amherst Police Headquarters.

But that dream is dependent on a new Town Court building, something Amherst Supervisor Jack Sharpe doesn't see happening any time soon.

"That idea is down the road a way," Mr. Sharpe told The Buffalo News Friday. "With the fiscal crunch what it is, I just

don't see us spending money to build a new court in the near future."

However, one study done by the town indicated that, over a 10-year period, Amherst would spend as much in extra costs resulting from maintaining police and court facilities 5 1/2 miles apart as it would in building a new Town Court next to police headquarters now in the Audubon area.

ANOTHER prerequisite to any moves is untangling complicated legal questions of equity "and just who owns what" at the two Main Street municipal buildings, Mr. Sharpe noted.

The town-village "marriage" on the properties goes back to before the colonial brick buildings were built in the mid-1900s, he explained.

The fire department's problem with its present three-bay Main Street fire hall is space. Fire trucks are higher and wider than they used to be and there's no room for expansion to either side.

In fact, one fireman recalls having to lower the hall's cement floor by four inches several years ago to get a new truck in.

Backing in the big rigs of Main Street "is a ticklish proposition, a tight squeeze," he said.

FIREMAN ALSO dislike operating off Main Street because it often is clogged with traffic. Some say a few of today's motorists resist yielding to emergency vehicles.

"A truck will be backing in and cars will about through be-

hind him to the last second," a Williamsville fireman told The News.

"Getting out onto Main can be touchy, too," Besides Mr. Sharpe, Williamsville Mayor Gordon Kuzon Trustee Larry Brennan and Amherst Town Attorney James M. Nesper have taken part in meetings on relocation of the fire hall.

Costs would be borne by residents of the Williamsville Fire District, covering the south-central portion of the town including the village, officials said.

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# Parking ban on Main St. considered

Parking on Main St. in the village east of Garrison Rd. and Evans St. is an issue the Williamsville Village Board will vote on at its next meeting Monday, Jan. 28. The State Department of Transportation, which will begin a preservation and restoration plan for Main St. in the village this spring, has proposed the village ban parking on the north side of Main St. from Evans St. to Academy St. and on the south side of Main from Garrison Rd. to Park Dr.

Al Taylor from the State DOT explained the reasoning for the proposal at the Williamsville Village Board meeting Monday night.

"Main St. will be a uniform width of 72-feet with 36-foot halves from Main and Union to Main and Evans," he said. "After that point, the street will begin to narrow for one block."

Village Mayor Gordon J. Kuzon said that the concrete gutters which now line the street in that one block section will be removed by the state and curbs will be installed.

"I was informed by Mr. Taylor the state will no longer repair and maintain those concrete gutters so curbs will be installed," he said.

The street itself will not become any narrower, according to Taylor, but because of the installation of curbs, the parking spaces will be lost.

"You see, people are now parking on the gutter or behind it. Once curbs are installed, they would have to park in front of it or jump the curb. There just isn't any room for parking," he said.

Glenn Childs of 4932 Sheridan Dr., Amherst, owns property two doors east of Park Dr. He expressed concern the prohibition of parking on the south side of Main St. would hurt business.

Trustee Rosemarie Sugg then asked Taylor if the village prohibited parking on the north side but allowed it on the south side, would there be enough room for traffic flow?

Taylor said the state plan is based on no parking on either side and if the Village Board does not approve it, the state would have to go "back to the drawing board."

To alleviate the problem of parking, Childs asked the board why the state didn't carry the renovation plans of Main St. one more block.

Taylor responded, "We are ending where we are ending because of lack of funds. Simply, the money ran out. We'd like to go all the way to Transit if we had the money."

The board will vote on the issue at its next meeting which will be held in the Village Conference Room instead of the Council Chambers, which will be occupied by the Town's Zoning Board.

During her report, Trustee Rosemarie Sugg read a list of proposed regulations for the use of the Glen Park Nature Building. The list will be sent to the town and then the Glen Park Joint Board for consideration.

Trustee Connie Murray informed the board the village tree planting program along Main St. will soon be completed once the last 14 trees are planted at the eastern end of the village. The proposed 10-year plan was completed in five, according to Murray.

In other business: — three local agencies were appointed to the village's Insurance Advisory Committee. They are the Ed Celia Agency, the Neil W. Frank Agency and the Richard E. Naylon Agency.

— seven people were named to a Fire Hall Planning and Construction Committee. The committee's purpose is to provide cost estimates for the firematic and construction requirements of adding bays and remodeling the basement of the present Court Room building.

— nine village members were named to the joint Village/Town Old Home Day Committee for 1980. They are Jean Gaulin and George Measer, co-chairmen; William C. Kracker, Lois Idzak, Robert Rost, David S. Fusami, Evor Williams, William B. Brunskill and Richard Langenfeld.

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# Fire hall move across street may solve village problems

by DEBBIE JOK

Does the Williamsville Fire Department need a new home?

That has been the subject of debate for years between firemen and town and village officials.

The Williamsville Village Board empaneled a five-member fire hall committee in October to research and investigate alternative sites in the village for a new fire hall.

Firemen claim the existing Hutchinson Hose Station 1 on Main St., a building dating back to the 1940's, is too small to accommodate the department's equipment.

Housed in that building are two pumps, one aeriroscope and two emergency vehicles, plus all the equipment and office space.

Joe Burden, president of the Williamsville Fire Department and chairman of the fire hall committee, submitted his report listing the Old Amherst Police building, 5565 Main St., as the most desirable spot. Two other sites, which have existing buildings on the premises and would require some demolition work, were also named.

Williamsville Trustee Lawrence R. Brenton, who has been working on this problem for months, said the fire department's plan would be to move its operations into the currently unused basement of the old police building and build three bays on the west side of the building to house the fire vehicles.

The fire department would use the basement for its office, filing space and equipment storage.

It sounds like a solid plan, but Mayor Gordon J. Kuzon's message for the 1980's seemed to indicate the village would be trying to cut back on spending.

"We have other priorities," said Kuzon, "such as the water and sewer lines. We are looking into getting either federal community development or general fund monies to pay in part for them but we don't know anything yet for certain."

"But, if the fire department is serious about making the move, now is the time to do it," he said, referring to the probably availability of the old police building.

Brenton, Kuzon, Amherst Town Supervisor Jack Sharpe and attorneys for the town and village met last week to discuss the move of the fire department to the basement of the police building.

Since the Amherst Police Department moved to its new headquarters last June, Town Court has been using most of the office space in the old building. Plans for the future seem to indicate Town Court will eventually be moved out near the new police headquarters, leaving the upper level of the building vacant.

"We agreed in principle," Kuzon said about the meeting. "The first step is to consider moving everything over there."

Trustee Brenton proposed a plan which all involved found affable.

The fire department would move to the basement of the old police building. Three bays would be built onto the west wall, the cost of which would be shared by the village and town on a percentage basis.

The town pays the village 53 per cent of operating costs for its share of fire protection which is supplied by the Williamsville Fire Department. James Nesper, attorney for the town, indicated the town would be willing to pay 53 per cent of the cost of the new bays.

The village, which owns the existing fire hall, would then sell the building. Brenton estimated its worth at \$235,000. More importantly, the piece of property would be put back on the tax rolls, generating more income. The money from the sale and taxes could then be put toward the village's 47 per cent of the cost for moving the fire hall. Any more money left over could be channeled into the sewer and water line budgets.

Fire Chief Evor Williams favors the move because it will allow the fire trucks a rear entrance to the fire hall.

"We will be able to enter off Cayuga Rd.," he said. "Currently, traffic is stopped on Main St. whenever the trucks return."

"If we have four or five pieces of equipment returning at three or five minute intervals, we could tie up traffic for quite some time," commented Rick Andrews, one of the department's assistant chiefs and also a member of the fire hall committee.

"And sometimes the trucks are pulled in in a certain order. The move to the police building would give us a bigger apron," he said.

Fire equipment keeps getting bigger. Firemen said the bays could be built to accommodate the larger fire truck models of the future.

states a recreation facility must be maintained for the firemen."

The question which remains is, what will the town decide to do with the basement of the old police building?

Town officials agree it would be an equitable move and are agreeing to pay their share of building the bays. But will the town "rent" the basement, propose a flat fee or work out some other solution?

Some firemen are hoping the department could buy the old police building after selling Hutchinson Hose Station 1. Others wish the town would give the building to the village.

"What we are concerned with right now," Kuzon said, "is getting the fire department into the basement of that building."

Since the proposal to put the fire department in the basement of the old police building was suggested, talk about moving all village offices into the upper level of the building has surfaced. Town Court, from all indications, will eventually be vacating the premises.

"That concept," Kuzon said, "is just that, a concept. And if we would be able to do that, it is still years away."

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The doors at the current fire hall station are 10 feet wide and they just can't be widened anymore," Andrews said. "The trucks are eight feet wide. It is a tight fit. We've had a few close calls."

Andrews said the size of certain vehicles which the insurance companies "ask for" are getting bigger all the time. The trucks are custom-built, however.

If office space is also a problem, why couldn't Station 2 on Sheridan Dr. be converted into office space?

"That station is owned by Hutchinson Hose, an exempt organization," said Brenton. "And there is a contract which

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In Village

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# Old police building eyed for new fire hall

Village government may be located in one building at long last. But if it is, it will still take a few years to get everything in order.

The old Amherst Police Building at 5665 Main St. is the topic of conversation these days. A special five-member "fire hall" committee, embodied by the Village Board in October to research and suggest alternate sites to house the Williamsville Fire Department, has recommended the village acquire the building.

It was suggested a three-bay fire hall be built west of the police building and the department's operations and offices would occupy the rest of the ground floor.

Williamsville Fire Chief Evor Williams and his predecessors have been complaining for years the existing building is too small a facility to adequately house the fire department's equipment and need for office space.

"We've widened the doors as much as we can. The trucks keep getting bigger. We need more file space. We just have no more room left," he said.

If the village purchased the building, its upper level could be used to house the village offices and village court.

"Village government would finally be under one roof," Village Mayor Gordon J. Kuzon said about the proposal. "But everything is still tentative. It is in the early planning stages."

Nothing can be done about this potential purchase until the Town of Amherst decides just what it wants to do with the building. After police headquarters moved to its new location in Audubon, Town Court moved in from Town Hall after a \$80,000 renovation and uses most of the building.

However, disparities have cropped up with the court and police headquarters being six miles apart.

Town officials have been talking about building a new court facility near the Audubon police station. Although such a project is two or three years away, the "ultimate move to Audubon seems likely," according to Amherst Town Councilman Richard C. Barton who is the board's liaison for police and govern-

ment facilities.

Amherst Town Supervisor Jack Sharpe said it would be "nice for the village to have all their operations in a single building."

But he did not comment on whether he considered the building to be a good or bad site for a fire hall.

One of the reasons the fire department is looking for new facilities, besides the lack of adequate space, is the problem of exiting onto Main St. The proposed move would just put the fire department across the street.

However, Chief Williams said that wasn't really the problem.

"Our main problem is getting back into the fire hall," he said, contending there isn't enough room now for the trucks to turn around and back in without disrupting all traffic on Main St.

"If the fire department were to move to the police building, we could enter from Cayuga Rd. That would solve the problem. As far as exiting onto Main St., you'll always run into traffic, especially around 4:30 or 5 p.m. During the holidays, it is worse but even if we moved off-street somewhere, anytime we would have to cross or use Main St., we would have the same problem," he said.

"Also, the fire underwriters don't like us to get too far off a main street, or too far away from the mercantile district."

Kuzon said the village acquiring the building would be economically feasible "considering we pay about \$21,000 to the town annually for rental space."

Plus, he contended, with the fire hall and the village court all occupying the building, the advantages would be tremendous. The village board has been looking into moving its village offices out of Town Hall for the last several months. A proposal of the former Village Board was to move the offices to the Village Meeting House (formerly the Christian Church). The proposal failed under the current board.

As a second choice, the fire hall committee selected property at 5712 Main St. and a site at 5688-5700 Main St. currently occupied by a house and a decorating business.

AMHERST TOWN SUPERVISOR JACK SHARPE

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## 2 Officials Favor Deal on Building

By DICK DAWSON  
News Amherst Bureau

Two Amherst officials reacted in generally favorable terms today to the idea of the Village of Williamsville acquiring the old Amherst Police Headquarters building on Main Street for a new fire hall and village offices.

Williamsville Trustee Lawrence Brenton Wednesday night told a Village Board meeting that a site-study committee's first choice for a new Hutchinson Hose Company fire hall is the former police headquarters property, diagonally across Main from the present fire hall.

Mr. Brenton said a three-bay fire hall could be built west of the police building and the lower level of the police building could be converted to other fire company needs.

THE UPPER level of the building at 5565 Main then presumably could be used for village offices, freeing up additional space in Amherst Town Hall, two doors away.

The key to the proposal lies in what Amherst decides to do with its Town Court, which now uses most of the old police building.

The court recently moved its main offices out of Town Hall to the police building after a \$30,000 renovation.

Since early in the decade, officials have been considering plans to put town police and court facilities on the same site. However, police earlier this year moved into a new \$4.5 million headquarters in Audubon, leaving the court behind in Williamsville.

OFFICIALS PRIVATELY agree the town's next move probably will be to build an addition for the court on the Audubon police building. One plan calls for two courtrooms and a total of about 14,000 square feet of space.

Such a project is considered to be at least two or three years away.

But Amherst Councilman Richard C. Barton today said the court's ultimate move to Audubon "seems likely."

Mr. Barton, who is the Amherst board's liaison for police and government facilities, said that although the board must determine the feasibility of such a move, an ongoing Planning Department study is "very persuasive."

THE COUNCILMAN noted that having the court six miles from the police creates problems with records and prisoner transportation and ties up police officers to perform such tasks.

"Money will be one of the big things," Mr. Barton said. "We've also got to keep an eye on Albany relative to Department of Motor Vehicle decisions on handling vehicle and traffic cases."

Amherst Supervisor Jack Sharpe also reacted favorably to the concept of Williamsville taking over the town's old police site if the court moves north to Audubon.

"I'm not going to comment on whether I think it would be a good or bad site for a fire hall, but it would be nice for the village to have all their operations in a single building," Mr. Sharpe said.

BOTH THE supervisor and Mr. Barton agreed that even with the renovation, the court has physical limitations that prevent its efficient operation and sometimes confuse the public.

Trustee Brenton Wednesday said the present Hutchinson Hose building is too crowded. He said the building could be sold and the funds applied to the new fire hall building project.

He said the site committee's other choices were property at 5712 and 5688-5700 Main.

In other Williamsville Village Board business:

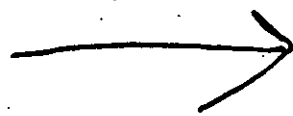
—Wayne Transportation Products Corp. of Oswego was awarded a purchase contract for a new fire department emergency vehicle at its low bid of \$29,963.

—Public hearings were scheduled for Jan. 14 on proposals to abolish parking on Main between Garrison and Park on the south side and Evans and Academy on the north side.

—An informational hearing on the state's plans to renovate Main Street next year also was set for Jan. 14.

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#### IV. ANOTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTION

We, Hutchinson Hose Company, submit to the Village Board, our Fire Commissioners of the Village of Williamsville, the following Proposal:

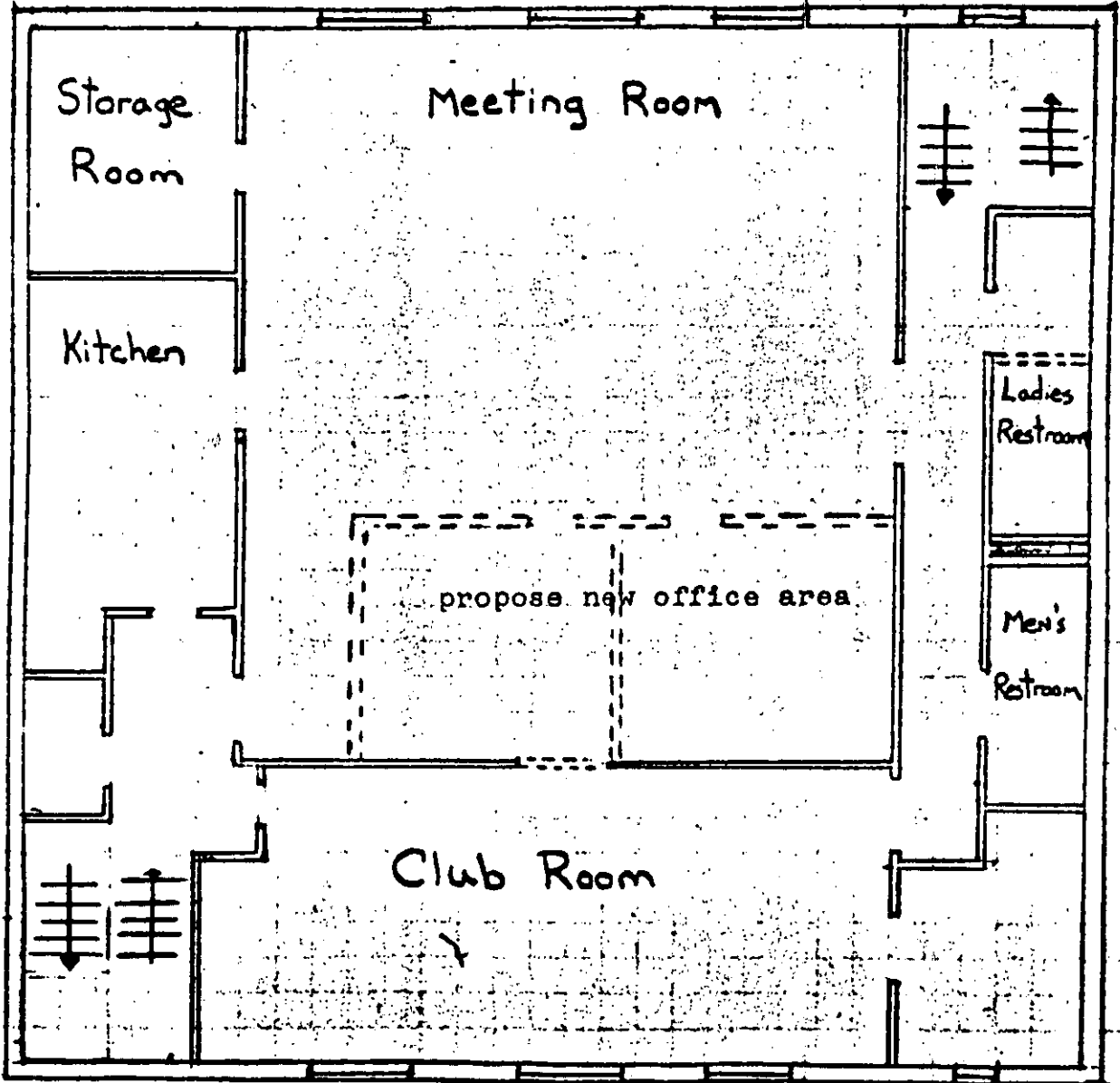
To renovate the present hall by: (Refer drawing next page)

- a) Replace the three undersize overhead doors with two 15' doors for entrance to the main truck bay.
- b) To install a 10' door to the right of the present doors (Chief's Office) for the first-aid vehicle. (we estimate this will give us at least 6' between trucks)
- c) The rear of the hall be extended 20', one-story high for firematic training, storage and office space. This section would be constructed on pillars to enable parking of cars under the new facility.
- d) The second floor meeting room to be decreased by 1/3 for social and firematic offices and storage. The ceiling lowered and a modern small kitchen facility be installed.
- e) The electrical and heat services be modernized.

The Building Committee of HHC would like to meet with the full Village Board to discuss this proposal at your earliest convenience.

SECOND FLOOR

Front of building



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On the second floor they would cut the room size by approximately one-third and put in partitions for two or three offices. They also may cut down the size of the large ladies room and put an office in there. They would also replace the kitchen.

On the first floor they would eliminate or take off the whole bottom front of the building, putting in one support to give them two 15' doors. To the right they would put in a 10' door for the first aid vehicle. This way they could have two lines of trucks. A pumper, the rescue truck; the aerial scope and another pumper in front. This would give them approximately 6' between trucks. This is still not a whole lot but enough. In the back they would add 20'. The proposed addition of 20'X20' would be open area where the aerial scope would fit back into giving them room for a pumper in front of it. They can't do that now. Next to it would be two office spaces, the Chief's office, storage room probably and extend the conference room. It would be a long narrow conference room but it would be sufficient.

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DISCUSSED

Mr. Burden: Now, do you have any questions on that proposal? Any comments? Don't tell me we went through this for nothing.

Trustee Saia: I've got a comment. A few years back that was tried and I don't remember the reason, Joe, but they said it was impossible.

Mr. Burden: We have talked to at least two contractors, architects, whatever, who say anything can be done. It can be done. You would rip out the front by supporting it with beams across the front, put in new pilasters. Basically, you're talking about taking that whole front area, the old doors, everything, right out and supporting everything with a beam and putting new beams in.

Trustee Saia: I think at one time it was tried.

Mr. Burden: It was never tried. It was talked about.

Trustee Saia: They said it couldn't be done.

Mr. Burden: Now we have experts who say it can be done. Now, one thing you have to remember. Anything can be done at a cost. We don't have a cost estimate on this proposal. This is up to the Board of Trustees to decide what they're going to do. We're giving you another option. We're, quite frankly, tired of giving options. We just don't know where to go from here. What we have just isn't cutting it, particularly when we have 62 active firemen. And what you're looking at here is a hell of a fire (slide). That fire is really burning. That fire worries the Chief less than anything else. This fire the only thing you're going to do with it is put water on it. You're not going to do anything else with that. The one you worry

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about is where there are no flames and you've got smoke coming out of here and out the windows and now you've got to send people in with Scott Air Packs and when you walk into a room filled with smoke and you can't see a damn thing in there and you're looking for a body, that's training. We need that, to get that experience. You've got to train. You cannot send a man into a situation like that any longer without adequate training. We're doing the best we can but with what we have it's practically impossible. We have records problems, we have organization problems. We can't have a private meeting up there. There's only one place you can have that and that's the Chief's Office. If you want to get more than five people there's no such thing. Something has to be done and you are our people, you are the Fire Commissioners. You control us and we want to know what you're going to do about it. We want to have a meeting as soon as possible about it. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

NEW FIRE HALL  
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Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

Trustee Brenton: I'd just like to address in particular item No. 3 in the booklet and compliment the committee for their efforts regarding this and for bringing it to the attention of the Board and I understand the frustration that you're undergoing. However, I would also like to say that the Village Board of Trustees as your Commissioners has encountered an equal amount of frustration, perhaps even more so, only in a different aspect from your's. So Item No. 3, the question of what we have done, which elaborates on the proposal as far back as 1958 to 1979 when you, Joe, and I, and I believe it was Rick although I can't recall, we sat down and in the normal budgetary proceedings and determined that it might be in the best interests rather than to put more money into that particular Station No. 1 across the street, to explore the feasibility of going to another location, at which time a committee was developed to investigate possible sites and, of course, we came to the logical situation which was adjacent to the courthouse, and as you indicated architects were employed, engaged by the Village to determine the feasibility of this, with the apparent consent of the Town as to the joint usage of that building for a temporary period by the fire company and the eventual intention of the court being moved. So that brings us relatively up to date. Since that time, the Village Board has shown positive interest and determination to go that particular route. However, we have been thwarted, if you want to call it that, but we have not at this stage received the type of encouragement from the Town that would render such a move possible. As recently as last February at a joint Village-Town Board meeting I mentioned to the people that were present that in fact a decision pertaining to the new fire hall now rested with the Town, and quite frankly, I do feel that as regards that particular situation of moving next to the courthouse that still rests with the Town and

apparently the Town is unable or unwilling at this time to make a commitment to move the courthouse thus depriving the use of that particular area for the fire hall. So that perhaps this proposal that you have submitted here, after careful review by the Fire Commissioners, this particular Village Board, and an indication on it from this Board, perhaps that would galvanize the Town into some other action that has not been forthcoming so far. However, it does seem if architectually what you propose here is feasible that this is a viable alternative to wasting any more time in waiting for the Town to determine what their future needs will be. So that is just a summary for those who aren't aware of what I feel the Village Board has done. There have been several meetings which I and other members of the Board have been at, myself in particular, and the meetings I had with the newly elected Councilmen from the Town and Attorney Nesper in order to brief them and advise them of where we are and to help them to come up with some conclusion as to this problem. As I say, apparently the Town has put it on the back burner. However, we really don't know that and I wonder if it wouldn't be appropriate at this time since the Village has made its desires known to the Town, I wonder if it wouldn't be appropriate for the Fire Department to go and question the Town as to what their intentions are and perhaps determine in that way whether or not the issue down the street is dead, and if in fact it is, then whether or not we should go ahead with some other type of building construction such as your proposal. That decision, the latter decision, would naturally rest with the Board. However, I do hate to see the total concept of what we had originally proposed be lost through lack of communication and so I would say that I would hope that that would be explored before we come to a decision pertaining to renovation of the building across the street. And again I thank you for your efforts, all of you.

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Mr. Burden: Mr. Brenton, we did have one meeting with the Village Board and the Town Trustees back in January if you recall. At that time Mr. Sharpe and you people we're going to get together and work out some sort of arrangement, I have no idea what that was, because of the property, etc. Since that time, quite frankly, nothing has been done by the Town. I realize, Mr. Brenton, you have approached them. I have, the Chief has, other people have, and basically, the information we get from any of the Councilmen is that the vote would end up as three in favor, the rest no, which would stop anything from happening. The vote that the Town has to take, and has to bite the nails, is a vote to move the court and that just will not come up on this floor. It has not yet and it probably never will, at least not in the near future, and we, quite frankly, are quite tired of the political ramifications of this whole thing. We are not a political body, which I stated before, and we don't want to be a political body.

Trustee Saia: What is a political body?

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Mr. Burden: A political body would be where a fire company, which we have never done - comes out in favor of a person or candidate for a political office. We don't want that to happen. It could happen.

Trustee Saia: With the Town?

Mr. Burden: With the Town.

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Trustee Kibby: How much of a second choice is this alternative?

Mr. Burden: Can you come up with something better?

Trustee Kibby: No. Is it the second choice by a long shot, or is it just an alternative that's as good as the first choice.

Mr. Burden: It's not as good as the first choice. My feeling and firematically I believe that to have an apron where we can get trucks in and out of Main Street without worrying about anything is a much better alternative. It is not socially as good an alternative.

Trustee Kibby: Is this the kind of alternative that if it's done then six or seven years from now are we going to be faced with the same situation that we are faced with now?

Mr. Burden: No. This Village and our fire protection district has grown as much as it's going to grow. There can't be any more added to it. There's no open lots available in our fire protection area. The fire equipment can't get any larger than it is now. I don't believe you're going to have any more high rises in this Town. A high rise might necessitate a larger scope with an aerial ladder.

Trustee Kibby: I appreciate your optimism on that point.

Mr. Burden: I don't think this Town will ever go any higher than what we have now.

Trustee Kibby: I guess what I'm getting at is more than a physical need you're getting at the situation that rests psychologically with the firemen. Are you in a situation where you're groping to take any kind of change that you won't be really happy with in six or seven years?

Mr. Burden: No. This plan will work. We've thought this plan out. It is very feasible and it is acceptable, the firematic end of it, to the fire company. This is what we're worried about right now. They will have room to train and to work on the trucks.

Trustee Kibby: I like numbers. On a scale of one to ten, the courthouse facility is a one and the alternate is a what?

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Mr. Burden: I would say the courthouse is an 8 and this would maybe be a 6.

Trustee Kibby: Okay. That helps.

Mr. Burden: I don't know where you're going to get a perfect setup in this Town, unless you want to take Mr. Britting's office and rip it down, or maybe the Amherst Bee and take it down, or go to the gas station at Main and Ellicott and do it. Or go to the Arco Station right here and take that down. There are areas where we could go. We have gone that route before. We don't want to go again. Something has to be done.

Bob Oehmler of Hutchinson Hose: Trustee C. Allan Ryan, Trustee Baer worked with Cannon Design out of Grand Island. We went all through this before, the feasibility of changing the station and give or take - maybe a few rooms were different or a few areas were different - so we spent the \$5,000 back some five or six years ago before they even had a thought that the Town was moving out of the area and that the building over there would be available and it was very feasible according to Cannon Associates. And we spent our \$5,000 including a three to four tiered ramp in the back where the Bee was involved where some of the parking could be alleviated in the Village. So that the thing was being proposed and the only other alternative was if the Village couldn't see fit to renovate the building or want to spend the money would they relinquish the fire company to the firemen and let us build our own station one as we built station two, and then you pay for us, for the fire protection as any other district of the fire company does. So all of this has been proposed. The only thing that changes - we stay the same but you people keep changing. Ryan leaves, Baer leaves, you know they all leave in droves, but if we all wait long enough, as Joe said, you'll all be gone and the problem will be on your successors. But this time you either do it or go from there. Thank you.

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Chief Rick Andrews: One last thing. To answer Trustee Kibby, your inquiry about our choice which did we prefer. We feel, as the committee and the fire department, that this building is dead. I mean dead. It's hard enough to work with one political group. The wheels of government turn slowly. But then to work with two political groups, we feel that is dead and it's not going to be in six or seven years. And I spoke with a Town Councilman at a dinner that I attended and he said right out flat what's to say if we get rid of the Town Court that we get rid of the building. We may go tomorrow and vote for the courthouse to move to Audubon, but then we've got a building. We may give it to the senior citizens, we may give it to the youth. The Town is growing in leaps and bounds. The Village isn't, and when they say they need a building they probably need one. We feel that that building is dead. No matter how optimistic we can be you can bet on it. We've been optimistic

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for two years now. January came and went. The election came and went. The pressure before the election is gone. Now we feel that this is what we can do. This is what we can do to get the ball rolling again and I feel it's the best program we can come up with under the circumstances.

Trustee Brenton: In that regard I would suggest - I hate to - I really feel nervous about another form of government being run by assumption. It is indicated here that it is assumed that the total picture including moving of the Village offices to the courthouse building, construction of new truck bays adjacent to the courthouse building, it is assumed that the Town of Amherst is not interested so that I would think that the first step would be to either prove that conclusively or develop the alternative which would be to have the Town make a decision. And in that regard I would suggest that the Mayor, as chief executive officer, communicate in writing with the Supervisor of the Town of Amherst, indicating that we have received a proposal from Hutchinson Hose Company and in fact including a copy of that proposal and from there requesting of the Supervisor to kindly develop whether or not this issue of moving down the street is dead. Because I would feel very remiss in my duties to the community here, to the Village of Williamsville and that intent of the original proposal to occupy that building by Village offices and also accommodate the fire department in new and modern facilities. Again I think that the Town should be questioned as to their intentions and either we get a negative or a positive and once we receive the indication of what they plan to do, with a stipulated deadline of perhaps 30 days, that you will kindly refer your intentions as to the courthouse facility then within 30 days we should certainly be able to answer and we're not working on assumption and we know where we stand and we go from there. Then we have no alternative. But to immediately accept this proposal without putting the previous proposal to rest I think would be remissive on the part of the entire Board and for that reason I think it would be inappropriate at this particular time. I would just suggest that we will discuss this in our work session after briefly and if the rest of the Trustees agree with that idea that then we will follow that particular route. But I think we should do that before we do anything else.

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Mr. Burden: I believe that's a logical step. Unfortunately, logic within the political realm just doesn't seem to follow, and I believe what you will get from the Town in answer to this request would be what I would call a neutered answer. We will but maybe we won't. Now where are we going to go from there. That's what you have to determine. You're not going to get a firm yes or no, but maybe wishy-washy and we're tired of wishy-washy.

Trustee Brenton: I understand that. As I said before I also spent a great deal of time on this particular endeavor and I

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believe I really spent a considerable amount of time and I've tried to do the best that could possibly be done and this Board has supported me in those endeavors. So when you reflect as to governmental bodies I don't think that you should implicate this Board as not being willing to make a decision to go ahead because this is where the proposal came from. This is where any concessions have been made and originated and developed. It has emanated from this train of thought from this Board. So that again I feel that the Supervisor, being in charge, and the highest elected officer in the Town of Amherst, should be able to quite simply develop a motion and if it has two votes or if only one vote then it goes down. If he doesn't want to do that, if he feels it's politically inopportune to do that, then he can say it's politically inopportune to discuss this further and from that then I think the Village Board can say okay the whole thing is dead.

FIRE HALL  
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Mr. Burden: This is fine. Now I would like to clear up one thing. When we did have the meeting with the fire company, the Town Board and the Village Board, the Village Board en masse showed up. All of you showed up and I thank you for that. It might be noted that there were approximately three Town Councilman who showed up including the attorney, the lawyer. At that time we felt that we were getting the runaround.

Trustee Kibby: I think that Mr. Brenton is correct. We can't sit here tonight and presume that they're not going to do anything. I think what has to be done though is the last time we did this between three parties. I think it's time now, I think we ought to discuss - I think it might be time to withdraw for the fire department and let the two political groups communicate, our chief person and their chief person, with a deadline and somehow in the letter should say we wish to get to work on that particular project so within 30 days we can begin to communicate with the fire department as to what direction they ought to be taking and I think Trustee Brenton is right. It's going to be up to the Town Supervisor to read his Board as to where they're going to go and to get back something concrete and if we don't get back anything concrete then I think we're going to have to sit down with you and work out where we go.

Mr. Burden: The number 30 days has come up. Is that going to be a firm 30 days, or will it be 60 or 90 days?

Trustee Kibby: 30 days sounds all right, but there may be some...

Mr. Burden: Here we go again.

Trustee Kibby: I'll say 30 days.

Mr. Burden: We'll look for an answer in 30 days.

Trustee Kibby: That's one man.

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Mayor Kuzon: That's two men.

Trustee Brenton: That's three.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you, Joe. It's well done and I think the Building Committee did a fine job in making this proposal. Is there anyone else? If not...

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer