

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Monday, January 10, 1983 at 7:40 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  
Phil Boudreau, Supt. of Public Works

Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville will hold a public hearing on January 10, 1983 at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in a proposed local law which would amend Section 60.32(3) of the Traffic Code by adding Section 60.32(3)(C) - there shall be no parking on the south side of California Drive from South Cayuga to Los Robles.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:40 PM.

PUBLIC  
HEARING

Unanimously carried.

AMEND TRAFFIC  
CODE

Mayor Kuzon: I will turn this over to Trustee Murray.

ADD Section  
60.32 (3) (C)

Trustee Murray: Thank you. This recommendation comes from the Fire Department through the Traffic and Safety Committee as a result of the Traffic and Safety Committee's and Fire Department's study of parking on the streets during Old Home Days. The Fire Department had been concerned about the fire vehicles' inability to get through on some streets where they were parking on both sides of the street and where the streets were narrow and this is the first of their recommendations that one side of these same streets be marked no parking permanently. Again I will repeat what the Clerk has said - no parking on the north side, or south side of California between Cayuga and Los Robles. The Board of Trustees at the last meeting asked the Traffic and Safety Committee to please do a survey of the people in that area and those who lived on that south side in those two blocks were surveyed. Eight were in favor of the no parking and three were against. I think that's all I have to say about it. I would ask that you state your name and address if you wish to speak for or against this proposal and to please use the microphone. Anyone? Rick?

Chief Rick Andrews, Fire Department: Just for the record I just wanted - not to correct anything that Trustee Murray said - but this didn't come out of Old Home Days. It had a lot to do with the Old Home Days. That was one of the reasons but not the only reason. Obviously Old Home Days only runs a few days per year.

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What we are looking for is also in the event there would be a party, any type of event going on on the street where people would park for some particular reason. It was not only for Old Home Days but that was one of the reasons. I just wanted to make it clear it wasn't just for Old Home Days.

PUBLIC  
HEARING

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

Trustee Murray: I thought I said that.

AMEND  
TRAFFIC  
CODE

Chief Andrews: That was obviously one of the reasons it got going but that wasn't the particular reason.

Trustee Saia: I've got to say on California, a lot of people must realize there is an industrial, a light industrial business back there, Darling Co., and I don't know if anybody realizes it but we do have dynamite stored on that premises. Not to scare anybody but it's perfectly legal. Am I right, Rick?

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Section  
60.32(3)  
(C)

(Continued)

Chief Andrews: I believe it's been removed.

Trustee Saia: It has been removed?

Chief Andrews: Yes. They still have their license but they don't have any on the premises right now.

Trustee Saia: But we've got a commercial establishment there. They have equipment stored there. They've got oil there. If they ever have a fire there we're going to get heavy equipment on that street and I'm glad that something is being done irregardless of Old Home Days that parking is restricted on one side.

Trustee Murray: Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak on the public hearing? Anyone on the Board?

Trustee Brenton: Yes, I have a question. I asked at the last meeting whether or not there had been an individual survey amongst the residents conducted and then in looking tonight I really don't notice whether it was conducted on both sides of the street. Was it on both sides of the street?

Trustee Murray: No. It was only on the side where no parking has been requested.

Trustee Brenton: Wouldn't it be appropriate to conduct it on both sides of the street wherein the street would be affected as far as parking is concerned on both sides of the street, people that then will have parking, will have people across the street parking in front of their residences?

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Trustee Murray: I asked that question. There are three residents on the other side of the street. One of those - the person who did the survey attempted to survey those people. One was not home. I'm sure he can go back and survey the other people.

Trustee Brenton: Well, if there was an attempt then I think it's okay. I would point out that if this type of request is made in the future that we certainly endeavor to contact all the residents in the given area that would be affected. That's all I have.

Trustee Murray: Anyone else? If not...

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the hearing was closed at 7:45 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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PUBLIC  
HEARING

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:46 PM.

AMEND  
TRAFFIC CODE

Unanimously carried.

Add Section  
60.32  
(3) (D)

Mayor Kuzon: Once again this public hearing will be conducted by Trustee Murray.

Trustee Murray: Okay. I am told by the Fire Department and the Traffic and Safety Committee that the restriction of parking 50' in is a request to make the turning of the vehicles easier coming off of Cayuga onto California. Again this is the same request of the Fire Department and the Traffic and Safety Committee. Please state your name and address if you wish to speak on the subject. Anyone from the audience? Anyone from the Board?

Trustee Brenton: I would simply like to say that this was discussed in our work session and I'm very concerned about requests of this nature because indeed there may be demonstrable need in the event of a million-to-one chance that a vehicle might be at the stop sign waiting to egress onto Cayuga but I don't think it's proper to restrict an area of the community, in this instance the northerly portion of California Drive and Cayuga Drive running easterly approximately 50' on California. That is just one situation and I'm afraid that if we set a precedent here we might find ourselves confronted with further requests of this nature. So that I certainly would hope that it would be proven that there was an absolute need for this restriction of parking in this particular area given the effect on that individual that resides at that location. He will have no place for his guests to park should he

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have same because he won't be able to park on the north side for 50' on California, he can't park on Cayuga and he can't park on the south side of California for the total of two blocks. So it does impose a restriction and I'm not really convinced that there is a demonstrable need for this legislation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee Murray: Anyone else on the Board? If not...

AMEND TRAFFIC CODE

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the hearing was closed at 7:48 PM.

Add Section 60.32 (3) (D)

Unanimously carried.

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Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville will hold a public hearing on January 10, 1983 at 7:50 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a Work-for-Taxes Program in the Village of Williamsville.

PUBLIC  
HEARING

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved to open the hearing at 7:48 PM.

WORK FOR  
TAXES PROGRAM

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Basically to provide you with some background on the concept of Work-for-Taxes and the specifics as it relates to the proposal, first of all the concept was generated by a letter which stated that the Board was taking action to benefit low to moderate income senior citizens but was ignoring a segment of the community that was unemployed and the Village Board was not doing anything to assist the unemployed Village residents. After receiving the letter and realizing that the Village of Kenmore had implemented a similar program to serve exactly that need it was presented within our Village that we should also adopt a Work-for-Taxes Program. The concept includes employing unemployed Village residents to work within the Village for an opportunity to work off their Village property tax bill. The specifics of the program would be that it would be - eligibility would be limited to unemployed resident property owners and that property ownership and residence would be verified by the Village property tax roll; that unemployment status would be verified by the New York State Unemployment Insurance records and a notarized statement; that duration of the person's employment would be determined by that amount of the property taxes they owed. The participants would be paid \$3.45 an hour. It was suggested that funds up to \$1,000 be appropriated from the current budget to fund the program and that the participants be required to sign a notarized medical certificate and waiver and that the program would be conducted in accordance with all laws and regulations.

That's basically the concept and specifics in a nutshell and I would open up the public hearing for additional comment. Is there anyone in the audience? I know there is comment on the Board, so on the Board?

Trustee Saia: Mr. Mayor, you and I have I think tangled on this one. I disapprove entirely of the concept of Work-for-Taxes. In the extent that what we're trying to do is follow Kenmore's -

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maybe successful, I don't know if their's is successful or not - but it seems like you're wasting countless hours trying to breathe life into this Work-for-Taxes Program when the time could have been better spent than the reply you made to me in your letter in the Amherst Bee which naturally I took an offense at. It's kind of amazing but there was much repetition and name calling and little substance the entire length of this rambling letter which seldom came to grips with the subject matter. Your use of long words smacks of the arrogance you accuse me of and I am arrogant and I'm not denying it.

PUBLIC  
HEARING  
(Con't)

I don't intend to reply to all of the numerous insults but may I point out that far from disrespecting Williamsville residents my sole purpose of running for this office was to represent their best interests. As far as respecting politicians, I respect those who deserve it. My failure to mention equalization rates in that letter does not alter the fact that Kenmore has higher taxes than our Village. They also have vastly different problems. I still maintain there is little need for a Work-for-Taxes Program. It's negative impact on the Village will far outweigh any benefits, time wasted, supervision needed, accidental potential and I thought maybe a far more useful program would be Village people for Village jobs. In your tenure on this Board many people have been hired for office that don't live inside the Village. For years I've pointed this out but I guess it's like talking to a brick wall. If the funds indeed are available for a Work-for-Taxes Program may I suggest to the Mayor to put them to further better use. For starters the Mayor could use these funds for a time study of Village offices and departments. The result would be a more efficiently run Village and considerable tax savings for all of us including the few who would qualify for the Work-for-Taxes Program. Now walking around this Village one doesn't have to look far to see the dumb ways and inefficiency. We could also use the money to study additional parking. You've been on this Village Board for quite a long time and we desperately need more parking. Better business means a better economy for all of us in the Village. You could also use the money, if we have any, for a survey of Village sidewalks. It would be a lot better to walk safely and easily around the Village. That would benefit all of us also. There are other unsafe conditions around the Village the funds could be used for. We also need an update of our Village laws, the zoning laws. This could help everyone also. We wouldn't be forced to take ugly structures in the Village like the bubble. I'm quite sure that many Village residents have ideas for worthwhile projects. I would be interested in hearing about them. But what we need is the leadership from you, Mayor, and not a giveaway program like the Work-for-Taxes.

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Mayor Kuzon: Well I take exception to a number of things that you said. First of all, I'm not exactly sure what the sum and substance of your remarks exactly is. I think you've missed the

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point once again. We're talking about Work-for-Taxes. We're not talking about a survey of Village sidewalks. We're not talking about a time study for Village offices. Certainly those things may be necessary and valid but that's not the point of tonight's public hearing. The point tonight is can you or can you not support the Work-for-Taxes program and if you cannot support it then substantiate your reasons for not supporting it, or we don't have to do that either. And so far, I think what's been said publicly, privately do not convince me that this program is not needed. I still am of the firm conviction that we can use \$1,000 of Village money to employ unemployed heads-of-household who are Village property owners and that we all will be better off. If the individual is employed the Village as a whole is better off. Now I guess again the things that you have said have not changed my opinion.

PUBLIC  
HEARING  
(Con't)

Trustee Saia: The things I've said in the past haven't changed your opinion?

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Mayor Kuzon: No.

Trustee Saia: Can you tell me on the Work-for-Taxes how many people have applied for Work-for-Taxes?

Mayor Kuzon: In the Village we've received interest from four people.

Trustee Saia: Can you tell me how many of these people did not pay their taxes last year?

Mayor Kuzon: How many did not pay their tax bills? They all paid their taxes last year. I don't know if they were unemployed or employed last year. I know that presently they are unemployed and that presently they are experiencing difficulty in meeting their tax bill and other bills that they might have.

Trustee Saia: I think we all have that difficulty, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Kuzon: Yes we do. I'm not denying that.

Trustee Saia: Can you also tell me how many people we foreclosed on their property in the past ten years?

Mayor Kuzon: No. Can you tell me how many we did?

Trustee Saia: I think I've asked you.

Mayor Kuzon: This is the first time I remember your asking me and I don't understand what foreclosing on property tax bills has to do with Work-for-Taxes. We're not talking about people who have lost their homes, we're talking about how people can keep them and the other property they might have in the Village.

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Trustee Saia: I'm not sure these people have a problem keeping their homes. Sure they're having problems paying their taxes.

Mayor Kuzon: Even those who are working still have problems paying their bills but the point is you can't pass a judgment and say that it's not needed. The jobless rate is 15.3%, the most for this area since the 30's. The undeniable fact is this - that unemployment has hit this area and has hit every municipality in Western New York and we'd be closing our eyes in the Village of Williamsville if we said because we are the Village of Williamsville there are no unemployed people here but there certainly are and certainly these people, they are proud people.

PUBLIC HEARING  
(Con't)

Trustee Saia: The 15.3% does not apply to Williamsville. But you know we can't start using numbers now.

Trustee Kibby: How many does it take? Is it seven people who are unemployed and have difficulty paying their taxes?

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Trustee Saia: But you can make numbers for any of these people. Some of these people are crippled and they can't work. Now do you want to help pay for their taxes also. Now we could stop right here and start paying taxes for everybody. We already do it for the senior citizens and I think it's great. But we've got to draw the line somewhere. We have people that pay taxes. Let's give those people a break rather than imposing an additional burden on these people. Now I also heard that this money is available. The money is available because it's coming from a part of the budget that we had no Superintendent of Highways, or a foreman you might call it, which means that the people weren't getting served during the period that we accumulated this money.

Trustee Brenton: Oh, I have to take exception to that. Although we didn't have a Superintendent of Public Works I served that function and I have to say I put a great deal of effort and time into it and to say that the people weren't served as a result then I feel is a direct implication of what I did or didn't do while we were without a Superintendent of Public Works for a period of some five to six months I believe, and quite frankly I have to say the people were served in my opinion, at least we had very few complaints.

Trustee Kibby: There's no doubt about that. That was an uncalled for remark.

Trustee Saia: Well you didn't have a Highway Superintendent and now you were imposing on someone who really didn't have - he shouldn't have been doing the job that he did too. Now what I was trying to say here is we did not have a Highway Superintendent or a foreman to pay that money to do that job. You were imposing it on someone else and Larry happens to be the someone else and it

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wasn't only Larry, but the way, because I did something too on account of that we didn't have a foreman.

Trustee Brenton: The point is the people were served.

Trustee Saia: Someone made an effort to serve the people but not because of - that money was there because we didn't pay someone.

Mayor Kuzon: I didn't say why the money was or was not there. I said that was where it was going to come from and how we were going to use it. The point once again is the concept is to help unemployed resident property owners, okay? If you want to deal with that how do we deal with it in the best way? Carolyn, or Mrs. Schlifke.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street: Mr. Mayor, if you establish this program this year with funds that you did not spend for a purpose that next year will exist, we now have a Superintendent, what are you going to do next year?

(Con't)  
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Mayor Kuzon: Well if the program proves worthwhile it is something that the Board would have to consider at budget time. The money was there this year so I suggested that we use it. As I pointed out, a better suggestion in my mind was not made as to how to save it or how to use it. Certainly the things that Jimmy has mentioned tonight are worthwhile things but they're not all going to get done for a \$1,000. So the point is that you could call it a pilot program if you want, but we're talking about serving a limited population right now with a limited amount of money to see if the program is in fact workable which I think it is.

Mrs. Schlifke: If you establish that this year I think it has to be clear that it is not something that people can apply for on a yearly basis because you are not going to have the surplus funds next year and even a \$1,000 added to your budget I mean it's spread over the population and means a raise in taxes for the rest of the residents. We'd all love to help everybody but we can't always do it.

Mayor Kuzon: That's right and I think if we state it's not a give-away, that the people would work, okay, much like you would hire part-time summer employment.

Mrs. Schlifke: Do you have sufficient types of work that a person who is perhaps say a bookkeeper and now you are putting him into the DPW type of job - I mean do you have sufficient work that he can do?

Mayor Kuzon: Well I would think that 1) it is my understanding there were sufficient you know, tasks to be performed within the DPW. But the other thing to point out is if someone were a bookkeeper we might be better off to use them in the Village office. If someone were a secretary with good secretarial skills they could be used in the office.

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Mrs. Schlifke: So you are not limiting their work to tree planting on Main Street, or something like that. All types of work.

Mayor Kuzon: Whatever is available, okay, and the thing is four people have expressed an interest and if more expressed an interest then that is something that the Village Board, an issue that they would have to deal with in the future if in fact this is approved.  
Mr. Schueckler.

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Donald Schueckler, 124 S. Union Road: I have a question. If the property is under both the husband's and wife's name and the husband if laid off and the wife has part-time work, are they allowed to get it? (Con't)

Mayor Kuzon: No. In fact, one of the things that I have written down because I realize that was a concern that many property ownership records show husband and wife. My thoughts on that matter would be that if the husband and wife were the Village property owners and one is working and one is not then they would not be eligible but in any case if both were unemployed one of them would be eligible for this. If both were unemployed.

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Mr. Schueckler: I've got another question. What if a gentleman works to May. Taxes are due in June, right?

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Mayor Kuzon: Yes.

Mr. Schueckler: Say the man gets laid off in April and goes back in September. Does he pay the money back? He went to the Highway Department, he came to you, your taxes are due the 1st of July, and I'd like to work. You say fine, you go down to the DPW and work. Now the gentleman goes back to work in September or October and he's back to his \$15.00 an hour job. I don't think that's quite fair to the rest of the people.

Mayor Kuzon: Well to be quite honest with you, we haven't encountered that situation so far with the people who have expressed an interest so I guess I don't have a response to that. It's something that would have to be dealt with on an individual basis. In other words, if there were a large number of interested applicants we'd have to prioritize them and go on a need basis first and someone who would expect to return to employment after a short lay off would probably not have as high a priority as someone whose unemployment benefits have almost expired.

Trustee Saia: Excuse me, Mayor, but this is one of the reasons why I was really dead against it from the beginning because man there hasn't been too much on this project from the beginning now. There is a problem of unemployment, there's a problem of compensation, there's the problem of a physical, there's all these problems and you have answered these problems as this thing has progressed. Now I'm just hearing something that you just brought up. Did you get

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the letter from our attorney today? Can you satisfy those questions?

Mayor Kuzon: These seemed to be more statements and an expression of a conversation with the Village of Kenmore. I don't remember any questions.

Trustee Saia: The statement was that you have to just about give everything that you would for a full time employee. I mean all the benefits have to be there. In fact if the guy's working for a municipality don't you have to pay a retirement allowance?

PUBLIC HEARING  
(Con't)

Mayor Kuzon: Yes.

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Trustee Saia: Now remember we're hiring these people for the maximum of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to maybe 5 days to pay this tax. That's about all we're hiring for at a maximum, at \$3.50 an hour. 40 hours is going to give them about \$150, \$140 or something like that and I think that's about the extent of the Village tax.

Mayor Kuzon: It depends on your assessed value.

Trustee Saia: In Kenmore they probably work four to five weeks.

Mayor Kuzon: I don't know how long they work in Kenmore, but that doesn't have anything to do with our situation.

Trustee Saia: Do we have a surplus of help in the Village now? Is there any thought of letting anybody go in the Village right now?

Mayor Kuzon: No. Where do you want to let people go?

Trustee Saia: I don't know. I'm asking you a question. We've talked about it. It's my understanding that yes, we could afford to let one person go in this Village, an employee. Now we're going to put some on.

Mayor Kuzon: Part time summer help is put on every year.

Trustee Saia: There's the other thing, part-time summer help, if anyone is interested in part-time summer help, are college students that we have gone to all lengths to pick because of financial problems in the family. Now they come to work for the Village for two months or whatever.

Mayor Kuzon: Can I ask a question? When did we start picking summer help by financial need?

Trustee Saia: Last year we did.

Mayor Kuzon: We did?

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Trustee Saia: Yeah. Everyone I picked who worked for the Village.

Mayor Kuzon: Was based on financial need?

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(Con't)

Trustee Saia: Yeah.

Mayor Kuzon: Then how come you oppose the Work-for-Taxes Program if you're picking your summer help based on financial need?

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Trustee Saia: Because them youths need it to go to college. Now if you're going to pick somebody for taxes...

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Mayor Kuzon: This seems equally valid to me.

Trustee Saia: Well I think we're just battling something around here, Gordie, because I think we've argued this before. That's the way I feel about it.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Mr. Schueckler.

Mr. Schueckler: Gordie, why couldn't they take and - you're battling this back and forth - did you ever think of the possibility of putting these people, these four or five, on for summer help instead of - you can use them better in summer. You can't use any more help in the winter. What are you going to do with them. The County's talking about shovelling snow now. Now they're going to sue the County. One other question...

Mayor Kuzon: Well to tell you the truth, Don, if we keep battling on this by the time it's resolved it will be summer and will be appropriate to put them on for summer employment.

Mr. Schueckler: I grant you, but you know our taxes are due in July...

Mayor Kuzon: June-July.

Mr. Schueckler: You would know then if the guy's going to make it or not. So consequently your summer help starts about June or July.

Mayor Kuzon: Or even earlier to tell you the truth.

Mr. Schueckler: Yeah, but you could use the help a lot better in summer than winter. I think that would be the time to do it and you could use them. And if you've got a budget for four seasonal people and you just hire two and keep the two open and if you don't find anybody within a month then you hire your seasonal workers to fill in. I have another question.

Mayor Kuzon: That's a good suggestion, Don.

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Mr. Schueckler: I have one more question. If a person is disability, say he's not working and he's not able to do much work. Could you possibly put him in the office up here or are you going to hire him, because you see a lot of people cannot do public works jobs, you know as well as I do, throwing garbage cans and other things. So consequently if the guy can't, he asks for it, what do you do with him? In the summertime you can put them out cutting grass.

PUBLIC  
HEARING  
(Con't)

Mayor Kuzon: Yes, but if the person's disabled then I guess my response would be that the program is not intended for him. This program is basically for able-bodied unemployed persons.

Mr. Schueckler: Is that a guide? Is it written up for this program?

Mayor Kuzon: No, because I guess in my concluding remarks I was going to say that I felt that in local government we could keep things simple but from this experience, or this exercise, I certainly can empathize with those in higher levels of government where bureaucracy and regulations are created because what started as a simple idea, a simple proposal, certainly has generated a lot of thought on the Board. It's generated a lot of thought towards imposing regulations and hypothetical situations and what not so I guess from what I experienced in this I can certainly now understand what happens to simple congress resolutions and what happens to them before they become actual law in practice because I've seen it at work here. But that's part of my concluding remarks that I would hope that we can keep it simple, that we can deal with it in an honest way and not try to read too much into it because this is not intended to be a complex proposal. As I said at the very beginning of this whole concept that it was intended to be a simple straightforward method to help a limited number of unemployed Village residents meet their property tax bills. Certainly some of the things that have been brought out are necessary and have been looked at. But some of the things that have been brought out really only cloud and confuse the issue and don't bring us any real conclusion. So I guess that's all I have. If anybody else has anything?

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Trustee Murray made a motion to close the hearing.

Trustee Brenton: I would like to express my opinion regarding this particular issue if Trustee Murray will postpone her request that the public hearing be closed. This situation certainly is important. There's no question about it. And either side has valid arguments. It gives me an opportunity to expound a little bit on what's taking place because I think many times we miss the forest for the trees. We're dealing with unemployment and we're not realizing why we have it, or apparently caring why we have unemployment. We're only trying to put a bandaid on the unemployment and go on from there. Mayor Kuzon's suggestion is without a doubt sincere and heartfelt and has brought a great deal of thought to me alone, and to the other members of the Board also as to what action this Board should take and in

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that regard I've written down some of my thoughts. I usually don't write my thoughts down because I don't have time but at any rate, I have had time to do this and so I'll read directly from them.

To begin with, the present level of unemployment throughout the nation has resulted from classic constrictive monetary policies which have been imposed to control inflation. This is an obvious fact. This is one of the things that has taken place. So that it's a political situation that has evolved here and I think that politicians at many levels, and there are those in the audience tonight that they should be aware of that, they should be more aware of it, the harm and problems that they're causing for this nation and it's inhabitants in order to cure inflation. I frankly am a conservative individual as you all, as the Board knows, and I usually subscribe to policies of this nature, but in this particular instance we've gone a little bit too far. The resultant high levels of unemployment have surfaced in our relatively affluent community affecting many of our citizens and I must say, myself included. So I know more than perhaps the members of the Board what it is to be unemployed because at this particular time I am unemployed. As an elected representative of the people it is appropriate that we consider the situation of those who have become unemployed, if for no other reason than to indicate the severity of the current economic times. That's a terrible consideration. I am inclined by heart to advance a policy of tax relief in some form. However, this would not appear consistent with my responsibility to the entire community, those low income or senior citizens on fixed pensions as well as those fortunate to be employed. Simply by that I mean that if you do address the imposition of fiscal limitations that some of us might be confronted with, and I must say in my case I'm not, but that some of the community might be burdened with do you have the right to address just one situation? Or as we have helped our low to moderate income people and we've set up a target area and addressed some of the people within that. But we have low to moderate income people out of the target area whom we do not help nor can we help as far as utilization of our federal funds for that purpose. So that my point is that even though it is a sincere effort where does the government stop helping people that have these particular circumstances imposed on them. Certainly we've got to plow the roads, protect the safety and welfare of the people, but I'm really kind of doubtful about the aspect of government becoming involved in fiscal help for the needy. Policies of this nature would be better served and equitably served on a national level. Indeed the cost of unemployment should be rectified and/or remunerated on a national level. Should we on a local level adopt some form of Work-for-Taxes are we in effect providing sustenance for policies which we have no control over or for that matter, ability to correct.

PUBLIC  
HEARING  
(Con't)

"Work-for-  
Taxes"  
Program

The questions that I do have, and I must say that Mayor Kuzon submitted a memo to the entire Board requesting concerns be addressed to him, and I really didn't feel that - so that Mayor Kuzon could provide

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an answer for us - and I didn't think that these types of concerns could really be answered in the normal method of sitting down and writing answers so that I didn't address them to Mayor Kuzon via return memo. However, these questions do stand out in my mind and the first of which is how can we be sure of productive input from those working off their taxes. It was brought out the type of people that we hire for summer help. Well it's always been my endeavor to address the employment of an individual based on what I perceive to be his family need and the people that I sponsor to work in the summer never have been affluent types. They have been just the opposite as the Board knows. The question here is how productive are they actually going to be. We have had people that have been very productive in our summer help, not only because of the fact that they were in effect handpicked but they usually have also been chosen for their physical size. As far as the DPW is concerned they've all worked out very well. Two of them painted our entire DPW garage this last summer. Another question is what would we assign women to do who have no office skills or men with no mechanical skills? How would unemployed renters be allowed to participate? I would think that we would have an obligation to people that paid rent and then how would we allow these people to participate. Then finally, the Village could possibly incur an unemployment responsibility resultant from these people going to work for the Village and then at a later date perhaps even being employed someplace else being laid off at the other place. It's been discussed between the Clerk and I and I feel that we're in agreement that we could incur an unemployment responsibility. We do not participate in the unemployment insurance fund so that our unemployment costs have to be made directly out of pocket. In other words if someone is laid off in another location we have the responsibility from prior work relationship we could incur the cost of their unemployment. So for those reasons I am reluctant to continue an effort of this nature and I think that unless it could be conclusively pointed out to me at a later date that I would be inclined not to. That's all.

PUBLIC  
HEARING  
(Concluded)

"Work-for-  
Taxes"  
Program

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Anyone else? If not...

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the public hearing was closed at 8:19 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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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  
Phil Boudreau, Supt. of Public Works

Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville will hold a public hearing on January 10, 1983 at 7:45 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the creation of a new committee to be designated as the Youth and Recreation Committee which will be separate from the existing Parks and Recreation Committee. The function of the proposed committee will be supervision of Village sponsored recreation and youth activities.

PUBLIC HEARING  
YOUTH AND RECREATION BOARD CREATED

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved to open the public hearing at 8:20 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: This public hearing will be conducted by Trustee Saia.

Trustee Saia: Well this is to - we have not had a Youth Board for 2½ years or so and what this is is a youth recreation, to make a Youth and Recreation Board and remove the recreation from the Parks Department. So we have to dissolve the past Youth Committee and reestablish a Village of Williamsville Youth and Recreation Board. I think the young people in the Village of Williamsville are in need of some kind of recreation in the Village. It's been a long time since we had one as a Village. You people remember, I'm sure you do, going back we had - the Fire Department for one participated in a lot of recreation, things for the youth, for instance Halloween, which should be revived with what's going on - razor blades, nails, Tylenol Tablets, you name it. We should revive that Halloween. We used to have a fishing derby. The Fire Company participated in that at one time and I think the Youth Board should revive that. An Easter egg hunt. Numerous things. There's numerous things we'd like to do like a youth art show. You people are aware of a recreation endeavor that's going to take care of this weekend and all these things that the Youth and Recreation Board would like to establish in the Village for perpetuity. It's not a fly-by-night thing. It's something we've got to take a hold of and keep it going no matter who politically is up on the Board. We just have to keep something like that going for you youth in the Village of Williamsville. Any questions? Any questions on

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the Board?

Mayor Kuzon: If there's no comment...

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the hearing was closed at 8:23 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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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

Phil Boudreau, Supt. of Public Works

Mayor Kuzon called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Mayor Kuzon: At this time a motion would be in order for approval of our minutes.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 13, 1982 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Next on the agenda this evening are a series of public hearings. The first two are proposed parking restrictions on California Drive.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved at 7:40 PM to open the public hearing regarding no parking on the South side of California Drive from South Cayuga to Los Robles. (The hearing was closed at 7:45 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Our second public hearing this evening also is based on a parking restriction on California Drive on the north side.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved at 7:46 PM to open the public hearing regarding no parking on the North side of California Drive from the corner of S. Cayuga to a point 50 feet west of S. Cayuga. (The hearing was closed at 7:48 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Our third public hearing this evening is one concerning a Work-for-Taxes Program.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved at 7:48 PM to open the public hearing regarding the Work-for-Taxes Program. (The hearing was closed at 8:19 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Kuzon: Our fourth and final public hearing this evening is one concerning a Recreation and Youth Board.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved at 8:20 PM to open the public hearing regarding creation of a new committee to be designated as the Youth and Recreation Board. (The hearing was closed at 8:23 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: That concludes our public hearings for this evening. The next portion of our agenda is the Board's reports and resolutions. For my portion this evening I'd like to report that (1) the Village has received notification from the Town of Amherst that the Town has received correspondence from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development indicating that their initial amount of CD money for fiscal year '83 will be in the amount of \$735,000 and that this allocation is a slight variation from previous years and it's basically a reduction of approximately 6% from the fiscal '82 allocation. This is important to the Village of Williamsville since we are a participant with the Town in the application and CD process and as I said, participates with the Town and therefore, our CD money would come from the Town allocation. I've been informed the amount allocated to the Village will be \$51,450 for fiscal '83 and this amount likewise is an approximate 6% reduction from previous CD allocations.

The other thing I'd like to report is that the Erie County Village Officials Association will be holding its monthly, or actually I guess its bi-monthly general membership meeting in the Village of Williamsville on January 20th. This is, I would think it's a pretty important occasion for the Village since it's been over six or seven years since the Village has had the honor of hosting this function. As it is our responsibility to host it we have therefore made arrangements for the speaker and we have invited our former Mayor and present Assemblyman John Sheffer to be the after-dinner speaker. That will be held at Hutchinson Hose Station No. 2 on Sheridan Drive.

For resolutions this evening I have three. The first one is for vouchers.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, vouchers in the sum of \$49,356.00 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 12/15/82	\$ 4,637.79
	W/E 12/22/82	<u>4,536.69</u>
Total Payroll		\$ 9,174.48

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Payroll Fund (From preceding page)		\$ 9,174.48
General Fund	Abstract #527	16,824.56
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #108	6,550.46
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #147	35.00
SSES Fund	Abstract #21	15,964.20
Capital Fund	Abstract #126	624.38
Glen Park Jt Activities	Abstract #47	<u>182.92</u>
Total Vouchers		\$49,356.00

This represents vouchers from the period of December 14th to December 28, 1982. The larger of these vouchers are to the State Insurance Fund and to Nickel City, our sewer rehabilitation contractor.

Unanimously carried.

My second resolution is also for vouchers. This would be because we only had one meeting in the month of December - or excuse me, the previous resolution would be a reflection of our meeting in December. The vouchers presently being considered represent Village business up until today's meeting.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, vouchers in the sum of \$71,672.30 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 12/29/82	\$ 8,603.27
	W/E 01/05/83	4,792.07
General Fund	Abstract #528	30,090.68
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #109	22,094.19
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #148	5,961.77
Glen Park Jt Activities	Abstract #48	<u>130.32</u>
Total Vouchers		\$71,672.30

The larger of these vouchers are to Rapid Disposal, which is our garbage collector, to Niagara Mohawk and to Erie County Water Authority.

Unanimously carried.

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My third resolution authorizes Trustee Brenton to negotiate on behalf of the Village of Williamsville with Conrail for that portion of Conrail property which has been designated as abandoned within the Village of Williamsville and I guess the easiest way to describe it would be the railroad tracks from Cayuga Road to Union Road. Would that be the simplest way? Okay. We have had some initial negotiations with them and this would authorize Larry on behalf of the Village to enter into I guess you could say more serious negotiations and it would also authorize him to travel to Syracuse where I believe the regional Conrail headquarters are?

Trustee Brenton: The Director of Real Estate.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay, to discuss it in person with them, any negotiations we need, and it reads:

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

AUTHORIZATION

RESOLVED that Trustee Lawrence R. Brenton is hereby authorized to negotiate with Consolidated Rail Corporation regarding acquisition of a portion of Conrail's abandoned Williamsville branch from Milepost 441.93 to Milepost 441.59, an area containing 9.30 acres more or less. This authorization to include any travel to Syracuse, New York for meetings, as necessary, with all expenses to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Trustee Brenton to negotiate with Conrail re: abandoned property

Unanimously carried.

That concludes my portion of the agenda. Trustee Saia.

Trustee Saia: This evening I have several resolutions.

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

APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED that Gladys Weller, 129 Mill Street is hereby appointed to the Environmental Committee until the end of the 1982-1983 official Village year.

Gladys Weller to Environmental Committee

Unanimously carried.

I also have another resolution.

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

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COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that effective immediately the Parks and Recreation Committee will be designated the "Parks Committee" with the same number of members serving for the same term as they are at present.

Redesignation of Parks Committee

Mayor Kuzon: Before moving it, Jim, could you just explain what the responsibilities of the Parks Committee will be after the reorganization.

Trustee Saia: Yeah. The Parks Committee has graciously given us the recreation portion of their duties - have given it to the Youth Board. The Parks Committee now will take care of the two parks as they always have done and the ball diamond and they have graciously accepted the responsibility of the ball diamond duties which are getting the fellows up there and making their reservations and assigning them a particular time to play ball down there. Bill Brunskill, the Chairman, has designated that as his duty, which we are graciously pleased that he has done.

Unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 3 reads:

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

RESOLVED that the Youth Committee, which was created by Board Resolution on December 17, 1974 is hereby dissolved.

COMMITTEES  
Prior Youth Committee dissolved

The reason for this is that the Youth Committee now will be known as the Youth and Recreation Board so you have to dissolve the old committee.

Unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 4 reads:

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

WHEREAS the need for cooperation and understanding of the young people in the Village of Williamsville has been recorded, and  
WHEREAS the dedication and inspiration by some of our parents and neighbors in dedicating their time and effort to our youth is known, and  
WHEREAS the Parks Department has graciously consented to relinquish jurisdiction and supervision of the Recreation Board to the newly forming Youth Board;

COMMITTEES  
Youth and Recreation Board Created

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NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that a "Village of Williamsville Youth and Recreation Board" is hereby established.

I will end the resolution at this point until our reorganization meeting.

Unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 5 reads:

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

WHEREAS Natural gas is essential to the health, safety and physical well-being of the residents of the Village of Williamsville, Western New York, and the entire northeastern United States, and

ENERGY

WHEREAS at the present time there is an abundance of this commodity, and

NATURAL  
GAS  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS since the deregulation of natural gas prices by the Federal Government, natural gas prices have spiraled by approximately 40 percent, and

WHEREAS the entire price increase from such deregulation is passed onto the consumer without control by the Public Service Commission, and

WHEREAS the skyrocketing price increase has placed the cost of natural gas almost beyond the reach of those who require it most, the feeble, the ill, the elderly and the unemployed and has placed an ever increasing burden on the budget of every resident of the Village of Williamsville, of every other Western New York community, and of residents in the entire northeastern United States, and

WHEREAS a great percentage of the price increase is the result of contracted extended pricing clauses and "take or pay" provisions requiring pipelines to pay for minimal volumes of gas whether consumed by the customer or not,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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to investigate and take immediate action to reopen such contracts and take such other action as is necessary to control the rising cost of natural gas products, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Senator Walter Floss, Senator Dale Volker, Senator Patrick Moynihan, Rep. Jack Kemp, Rep. Henry Nowak, Erie County Village Officials Association, and the Association of Erie County Governments.

Mayor Kuzon: Before moving this resolution, Dale Volker was added as a person it should be forwarded to because in reading the paper and watching the news he seems to be the person kind of spear-heading this whole movement. One other thing added was where it reads that it places the cost of natural gas almost beyond the reach of those who require it the most, the feeble, the ill and the elderly, certainly we could add the unemployed.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Brenton: Yes

Trustee Kibby: I have a lot of trouble with these. It seems to me like we have enough trouble right in our own house without trying to knock on bigger houses and I've voted against a couple of these before. I was misquoted that I voted against them because I don't think little government should be telling bigger government what to do. Actually I voted against them because I thought they were wrong. This one happens to be right. I think it's well done and well written. The logic is very good. The philosophy is very good. The facts are correct. I'm going to go against my inclination and prejudices and principles and I'm going to vote for this. I'm not doing anybody a favor. I'd just like to see the gas bills lowered for the sick, unhealthy and unemployed. Yes.

Trustee Saia: Yes

Trustee Murray: Yes

Mayor Kuzon: Yes. I will vote yes also but the only reservation that I'd like to express is that over the last month I think I've received six or seven of these exact same resolutions and my reservation is that I just wonder how effective these become when you start receiving numerous ones because I know my reaction was after reading the first one on the additional ones the municipality was noted but it was stuck in the file and that's it and that seems to be the net effect of all this. So I agree with Mike it certainly is something that we do need to speak out on but I'm just wondering if there isn't a more effective way to make our voice heard but I do vote yes.

Yes - 5; Noes - 0.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Saia: The reason this came up quite suddenly as you know. I only had this a couple of days and put it on the agenda but the reason I like that is because it's small grass roots governments like ours you know really, that get small little things like this to snowball into something that somebody in Albany, Washington, Erie County or whatever gets a hold of and if they get enough of them I'm sure they're going to do something about it. Now in the past we had the bottle bill. I was proud that we got something passed on that. I know that some of you people don't approve of it but I was glad to see something done on that. We also got the Allegany State Park deal and there's something going to be done on that and I feel like I did my part even though it was a small little part and submitted it to this Board and had it approved and sent to the proper place, the proper authorities, and I think we got some action on it and I hope to get some action on this too.

My next resolution is:

ON MOTION by Trustee Saia, seconded by Mayor Kuzon, the following resolution was presented:

OLD HOME DAYS

RESOLVED that the Old Home Day Committee be granted a park permit for the use of Island Park for the 1983 Old Home Days, to be held July 19 - July 22, 1983.

Park permit  
for 1983 -  
Tabled

Trustee Saia: I make this resolution, but it is not my request.

Trustee Kibby: Mr. Mayor, whereas we just received this evening the report of the Local Government Committee regarding the Williamsville Old Home Days it would seem to me not to decide this issue tonight without reading this report and taking their advice under our thinking. Further I think this Board may wish to seek advisory opinions from other groups. Therefore, I think we should - I'll move to table this.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, it was moved to table the preceding resolution to give us an opportunity to review the report of the Local Government Committee regarding Old Home Days and to seek advisory opinions from other committees.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Saia: The only other report I'd like to make is that this coming Sunday with the Lord's good graces with the snow that comes down I hope and with a lot of people's efforts that we're going to have the ski event down at the Glen Park and we'll also have ice skating I hope and if we don't have anything I hope the Lord takes care of us next Sunday as that is the snow date. Everything should be all set. A lot of businessmen in the area and a lot of people in the Village that have helped and we're anticipating a fairly large crowd but we'll have to see what happens after Sunday. If

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it works out okay, we'll maybe have a second, third, fourth and so on. I don't know if this is the right time to thank everybody but I know the newspapers have been pretty decent about it and have been writing about it and I think for the first year we're just going to have to play it by ear. Everybody's invited down there. There's no charge. We have donuts and hot chocolate and I hope we can give you ice and snow. Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Brenton.

Trustee Brenton: Thank you. First for my report I'd like to say that I have been working closely with Mr. Boudreau, our new Superintendent of Public Works in trying to establish him in that position and I like some of the initiative he's shown on his own. He's gone right to work and hit the street running as Ronald Reagan said he was going to do with his administration. But at any rate, I hope we can go in a better direction than Ronnie has, although I know that we will, and I am pleased with some of the things I see down there and with no prompting from myself, because I know it's my feeling and the Board's feeling also we want you to establish yourself as Superintendent of Public Works and introduce your own ideas and some of the things you've introduced so far are very, very good.

Last week, during the last week, the Mayor and myself met with our representatives from URS, our sanitary sewer engineering firm and with the regional district director, I guess you'd call him, of the DEC who has the authority to approve or disapprove our sewer grant and we met with Mr. Nepal of the DEC here in the conference room and resolved the issue as to Phase 2 and Phase 3 of our on-going sanitary sewer rehabilitation program so that Phase 2 and Phase 3 have been approved and we should be going to the drawing board, or the engineering firm should be going to the drawing board now in order to put Phase 2 out for bid.

Also on the question of the abandoned Conrail property there has, as Mayor Kuzon pointed out, been correspondence between myself and the representative in charge for Conrail and their initial price for the property, I think I should mention, was \$220,000. Now they are down to \$169,000 which would still appear to put it out of the reach to the community even though I would hate to see this property utilized in total for other endeavors. I think we could use a portion of it. It would be my thinking that we would acquire the whole parcel with no restrictive clauses, as are sometimes the case when you acquire property from the State or from the Thruway Authority, with no restrictive clauses that would prohibit us from selling off a portion of the property, or doing what we want to do with it. So I think it's very important to try to acquire that property if the price is right.

I only have one resolution tonight and it does deal with Mr. Boudreau's position. Our original resolution had intended that he would start the 30th of December and he didn't start the

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30th, he started the 27th so we're doing some housekeeping here regarding that. It reads:

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

RESOLVED that resolution of December 13, 1982 be amended to read as follows:

RESOLVED that Philip Boudreau is hereby appointed Superintendent of Public Works in the Department of Public Works at a yearly salary of \$21,968.00 effective December 27, 1982.

AMEND RESOLUTION  
OF Dec. 13, 1982

Re: Appointment of  
Superintendent  
of Public Works

Unanimously carried.

That's all I have.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Kibby.

Trustee Kibby: For my report this evening I'd like to indicate that the Planning Board, or the Planning and Architectural Review Board did not have a regular meeting this month because of the holidays. It is having a special meeting next Monday night at 7:30 PM in the Board conference room and the purpose, the topic of that meeting will be the so-called Master Plan. It has already been presented to the committee by Chris Mothershed of Economic Consultants Organization and we will be discussing it at that meeting. That is an open meeting.

We have a meeting of the Board of Appeals on the 26th of this month in regards to an appeal of a sign decision for the golf shop over next to Convenient.

The third thing on my report is the capacities for various public meeting places, or public facilities such as restaurants, taverns and inns, the capacities have been calculated by the Village Building Inspector and the capacities have been posted in each of these 12, 13 or 14 different establishments. A job that is finally done.

I have one resolution this evening, Mr. Mayor, and that deals with the lease agreement between the Village of Williamsville and the Williamsville Historical Society and it reads as follows:

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

RESOLVED that the agreement between the Village of Williamsville and the Williamsville Historical Society for the use of the second

AGREEMENT -  
with Wmsville.  
Historical  
Society for  
use of Meeting  
House  
extended for one  
year

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floor of the Village Meeting House be renewed for one year until January 1, 1984 as per the terms of the agreement dated March 22, 1982.

Unanimously carried.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have nothing further.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Murray.

Trustee Murray: Thank you. I had intended also to announce that the Village Officials will be meeting here in the Village of Williamsville on the 20th of January. I wonder if we ought to - if Gordon and I ought to say we joined the Erie County Village Officials when we first took office four years ago, hoping that there was 1) safety in numbers and 2) a way of sharing mutual problems and solutions, and I have to say over the past four years it has been very profitable to the Village of Williamsville. We've learned a lot and hope we shared a lot. It is an organization of 16 villages in Erie County and they come to meet with us at Station No. 2 a week from Thursday night. We should also say thank you to the Fire Department for sharing their beautiful facility with us at that time because I feel like I'm part of the Fire Department as a Fire Commissioner, and I'll be glad to show it off next Thursday.

I have one resolution:

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

RESOLVED that Mayor Gordon J. Kuzon is hereby authorized to attend the New York Conference of Mayors Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, New York from February 19, 1983 to February 21, 1983 and the expenses to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

AUTHORIZATION

Mayor to attend  
Winter  
Legislative  
Meeting in  
Albany

Unanimously carried.

That concludes my report.

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

Mr. Boudreau: I have just a few remarks. Under the heading of streets, a new street light standard was erected today at the corner of Brookside and Wehrle Drive. The foundation was installed Thursday. We are working hard to clean up the remaining Christmas trees. A large willow tree was removed from the Creek at the end of Creek Heights. The installation of a pole for overhead directional

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signs is currently being discussed with the New York State DOT for the corner of Main and Garrison turning lanes for northbound traffic. Under the heading of water, the monitoring of our meter pits continues in our ongoing program in the Water Department. The cost effectiveness and results continue to appear in the program and more than justify the time spent. Under the heading of signs, a number of illegal or damaged traffic signs are currently being replaced and we expect to place an order for sign material shortly. That's all I have.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: At this time the agenda is reserved for public participation. Please state your name and address. Mr. Hill.

Richard Hill, 18 Brookside Drive: I have a question to ask, or a suggestion to make on the Old Home Day events. As a private citizen are we going to charge, or have some income for the park so we don't have to pay out of our pocket for the clean up and for supervising that park. I think the Village should at least come out of it even-stein. There's enough money made back there that we should not have to stand the \$4,000 bill to clean-up and take care of it. I think that should be agreed with the Old Home Days Committee.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. I'm sure the Board will consider that.

Mr. Hill: I brought it up now because I didn't know if you were going to have a public meeting on that. So I just wanted to put that in. Why should I as a taxpayer pay for cleaning up the park when the people are making a lot of money off it. The other thing I was going to ask about was answered. A pole is being erected at Garrison and Evans. How far back will they be?

Mr. Boudreau: I have a meeting next week with the DOT representative, I believe it's going to be Monday, to discuss it, the need and height.

Mr. Hill: There's been one accident there and close to several more near ones there. There's going to be someone killed. Let's get them up as fast as we can.

Mr. Boudreau: It is a difficult corner.

Mayor Kuzon: Anyone else? Mrs. Schlifke.

Mrs. Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street: I heard it mentioned that you do have a report now from the Local Government Committee in regard to the impact of the Old Home Days and so forth on the Village. I wonder - is that something that the Traffic and Safety Committee could have for their meeting on the 30th of January, or is the report strictly for you?

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Mayor Kuzon: I would say that any document that the Village has is public information. The only statement I would make is that the Board just received it tonight at 6:30 PM.

Mrs. Schlifke: I understand that. Our meeting will not be until the 30th of January. I would like to see a copy of that at our meeting if possible.

Trustee Murray: You shall have it.

Mrs. Schlifke: Another thing, in regard to the purchase of the Conrail property, does the Village have any specific use for the property? Are they thinking in any terms as to the use of that property, which is why you're going to purchase it, or just because it is available?

Trustee Brenton: Well in the first place, we have what I feel is a landlocked park. That would be given access by acquisition of that property. Now that area I refer to is almost two acres in size and I call landlocked but actually there's a lot on Garden Parkway that allows you to enter onto this two acres and so to be very honest with you I as an individual have given a lot of thought as to what will take place here and until we acquire that property you don't know whether or not - however, this particular park would be made accessible to the public and utilized. Where the right-of-way is we could have a bike or a walkway trail even if it was only two blocks in length as far as I'm concerned. It would be a sanctuary to allow people to get away. Not only a sanctuary. We have Glen Park and Garrison Park and other places too. However, in that stretch between Union and Cayuga it could be utilized for that. There is also the firm of International Chimney which has a pronounced lack of space and I would think that if we acquired the property and the price was right that we probably could recoup some, if not all or more.

Discussion  
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Mrs. Schlifke: Is this the property that the rails sit on, because they took the bridge down on Main Street. You mean this is actually a strip of land that runs from where to where?

Trustee Brenton: It ran from North Tonawanda to Depew, but it runs as far as the Village of Williamsville is concerned, from Union to Cayuga and I would say that in fact a portion of that property from perhaps midway between Long Street and Cayuga is not in the Village of Williamsville and I phrased the original request to the Department of Transportation and indicated on a map that property solely within the Village of Williamsville and that property contiguous to the Village of Williamsville boundary and the Village was given the right to acquire that property that is not in the Village. So we would expand our situation a little bit and in my mind there could be a lot of uses for the property both beneficial to the residents and I almost think again if the price is right beneficial on a fiscal basis to the Village.

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We would not acquire the property if the Board did not indicate by resolution and be subject to permissive referendum of said resolution, so we wouldn't just go out and acquire that property and foremost we wouldn't acquire the property if the price were again too high.

Mrs. Schlifke: Does it include the old station house?

Trustee Brenton: It would include all the property that lies between Union Road and Cayuga that was the former right-of-way of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. International Chimney does have a lease - what they refer to as a long term lease. I understand the railroad didn't give long term leases. Whatever the situation is regarding International Chimney, why if we owned the property we would own the property and that's all so that we would take over the old depot and it would be my feeling being a Conrail employee, on temporary leave, to refurbish the old station and utilize that as some type of perhaps rental facility or whatever.

Mrs. Schlifke: Isn't it occupied now by Allentown?

Trustee Brenton: No. Allentown has the concrete block building.

Trustee Kibby: The property you should be aware is not just 8' or 12' wide. It isn't an 8' or 12' strip for a mile and a half. Sometimes it's up to 77' wide. Is that the widest point?

Trustee Brenton: At the depot it's even wider than that.

Trustee Kibby: Sometimes it's narrow as 30' and sometimes wide as 70'. So you're talking about a fair amount of land.

Mrs. Schlifke: Over an area how long? From Union to Cayuga?

Trustee Brenton: Yes.

Mrs. Schlifke: One other question. About the overhead signs at Main and Garrison, Mr. Boudreau. I know you said you're going to have a meeting with the DOT is it?

Mr. Boudreau: Yes.

Mrs. Schlifke: I'd do anything to get some signs up there but I'm a little hesitant about another pole on that corner. We seem to have an excess of poles on that corner. I wonder when you do meet with them if perhaps there is some way that the wires could be extended to existing poles. In other words, if they went on an angle across Main Street with arrows on both sides, that it was hanging in the middle of Main Street, that it could be seen from both Evans and Garrison rather than just go across the corner of Garrison at Main with the arrows and putting a pole up on the, what was formerly the Ed Young property.

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Mr. Boudreau: Our plan right now is to use the existing radar poles about 35' to 40' south. That's on the east side and come across the street and install another pole and string the wire. You have to give people reading time as they come up to the corner.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well that's true. Then you are really just taking care of Garrison. Do you think that Evans coming out onto Main to the south is sufficiently marked for left turns so that you don't have two lanes coming straight ahead?

Mr. Boudreau: I agree with you that they're not marked adequately.

Mrs. Schlifke: No it's not. I would rather see something strung across Main Street somehow with the sign hanging in Main Street. It could be seen from both Garrison and Evans.

Mr. Boudreau: We've already discussed this with the state's engineer and you do have to have this on the side road back from the intersection.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well it's just that there are numerous poles on that corner and as I said, I 'd do anything to get signs up there, but I really don't like to see another pole going up.

One other question. From what you said before I understand I guess that it is the Village's responsibility to remove the Christmas trees.

Mr. Boudreau: Yes.

Mrs. Schlifke: It was also my understanding that Monday morning is garbage and trash day and many people had their trees out and while I realize the Village has a lot of work to do they did not come down my street to pick up the Christmas tree and I took ours out of the middle of Evans Street twice today and now it's tied to a telephone pole. So when you come along you're going to have to cut the rope, but I hope you take it anyway. I don't understand why it wasn't done today.

Mr. Boudreau: Well the chipper has been running around for a week now and we just don't jump around. There's a route they take.

Mrs. Schlifke: No, I understand that. So you've been doing it on a day-to-day basis all this past week. But Monday is the day for trash.

Mr. Boudreau: You can't cover the Village in one day.

Mrs. Schlifke: So today is the day I really think that somebody who kept it in their backyard, since it's Monday which is the proper trash day, that it should have been picked up today.

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Trustee Brenton: Well I'm not sure Monday is Trash day. That changed when we combined the trash and garbage service about two years ago I guess.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well Monday is garbage day.

Trustee Brenton: Garbage day, but the garbage man doesn't have to pick up Christmas trees. So essentially what's taking place here is that the Village is out with the chipper, is running its normal route and chipping the trees and unfortunately if everyone put their trees out on Monday they were misinformed and the only thing that they can do is something like you did in this high wind tie it up or brace it against a tree. Trash day is really not Monday any more. In fact, everyone that pays their taxes was provided with a memo indicating what this Village Board's desire was regarding trash and garbage pick up and essentially what we're doing now is, we would like to that is, is answer calls of the nature that are not presently picked up by our garbage contractor on an individual basis. So that if someone has a stove or refrigerator out why we'd appreciate it if they'd call us before they put it out and then we can respond you know very rapidly, or you know well you better hold off for a couple of days because we're busy doing something else. It would keep the community a lot cleaner and try to get us away, which was the original intent, from literally patrolling the Village looking for the occasional couch or whatever that wasn't picked up by the garbage man. It really was a very good concept, and it hasn't really worked too well at all because many people, they'll just put the thing out whatever it is and wait for the Village to come along and take it away if the contractor doesn't take it. However, Christmas trees are something that are picked up on a continuous basis until they're all gone and as Mr. Boudreau pointed out, they are following their normal route with the chipper so that prevents any partiality by doing the Trustees' streets first.

Mayor Kuzon: My tree is still out there too.

Mrs. Schlifke: I mean if someone took a lot of time to write a new garbage ordinance and I've gotten up many times and you all know and it really bothers me to go around the Village and find people putting their garbage out two or three days sometimes before the actual garbage day and yet nobody does anything about it. Now I realize you people are all too busy probably and nobody's got the time to go and ring the doorbell of someone who's got their garbage out two days ahead of time and say to them you know you're in violation of a Village ordinance. Perhaps that's all it would take.

Trustee Murray: Carolyn, I have already done that several times. Since I was the author of that legislation I have done that several times.

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Mrs. Schlifke: Sunday mornings I go to church and I see business people putting their garbage out at the curb on Sunday morning all along Main Street.

Trustee Murray: If you will notify us we will take care of it.

Mrs. Schlifke: I just cannot see why people cannot do it when they're supposed to do it. Why do we have to ride around the Village and see the garbage for two days before it's picked up.

Trustee Murray: All of those who have been notified have cooperated.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well then perhaps we should notify more people because people just put it out at any time at all and I know, I go around the Village quite often and I see garbage sitting out two days in advance of when it's going to be picked up and we have a Village ordinance that isn't worth the paper it's written on. It's not being enforced.

Trustee Murray: It has been enforced when a complaint has been received. Please call me and I'll be sure it's taken care of.

Mrs. Schlifke: Why does an individual have to make a complaint? I feel it's the Village's responsibility to enforce their own ordinances.

Trustee Murray: But there is no way we can be on every street in the Village.

Mrs. Schlifke: I understand that, Connie, and it's getting more lax continually I think and I think something should be done about it.

Trustee Murray: Call me and I'll do something.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill: To get back to the pole. It is my understanding that Al Taylor that it should be for both sides of Main Street, the Evans and Garrison sides that they will do when they put up the poles. There could be an arm put up but it would have to go all the way. But for safety's sake we should do it as quickly as possible. It was my understanding they'd do Evans Street too. When you bring that up could you make sure it's both sides.

Trustee Brenton: Whatever. It was my understanding that we couldn't do Evans, because that was a county road and we had not indicated a turn, or lane, or something to that effect, but I am sure whatever Mr. Taylor is willing to provide the Village with we will take advantage of it.

Mr. Hill: I understood it to be both sides. We did not ask for Evans Street but when it went to the state they picked up the other side too.

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Mr. Boudreau: Well I only understand Garrison and Main. There was no mention of Evans.

Mayor Kuzon: 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.

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

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer