

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Monday, March 14, 1983 at 7:37 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, Dept. of Public Works

Clerk: The Village of Williamsville expects to receive Community Development Block Grant funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 1983-1984 program year. On Monday, March 14, 1983 at 7:35 PM the Village will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs. Special emphasis is placed on projects which benefit low and moderate income residents. PUBLIC HEARING

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Saia, the hearing was opened at 7:37 PM.

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Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: At this time I will turn the public hearing over to Trustee Kibby.

Trustee Kibby: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. It is my understanding that we will begin this with Mr. Brown. Mr. Charles Brown from the Town Planning Department has a few words he'd like to say. Mr. Brown.

Charles Brown, Town of Amherst Planning Department: Thank you, Mr. Kibby. I'll make this very brief ladies and gentlemen. You have been given, I believe, a small chart dated March 14, 1983 which includes a status report on the amount of money expended and the amount that had been received. Over the past two years, 1981 and 1982 being the first year, approximately 96% of that funding has been expended for housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements, which includes water lines, and \$2,000 for neighborhood facilities. In 1982 and 1983 approximately 74% of that funding has been expended to date. There is some money, \$8,400 in housing rehabilitation yet to be expended as well as \$6,000 for the Village Meeting hall. We are looking this evening for ideas and elements to go into this year's program.

Trustee Kibby: As I understand it, this year we have a total of \$51,450 of which our original designations were \$8,090 for housing rehabilitation, \$8,090 for neighborhood facilities, or in this case the Village Meeting House, and \$35,230 for infrastructure which reads again this year water lines. One other thing I'd

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like to say before I open this public hearing to the people from the floor is that there is money in this fund yet left over from last year, both in the Village and in the Town, for rehabilitation of homes and we encourage people who live in the designated areas who feel that they need help in rehabilitating their homes to apply for these funds. Now, open the floor to anyone who would like to speak on the use of the Community Development funds. Seeing no one who would like to speak on the use of Community Development funds I'll move that the hearing be closed.

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Trustee Brenton: Do the Trustees have input on this?

Trustee Kibby: Yes. Excuse me.

Trustee Brenton: I would just simply say that I didn't quite understand the....I think you said it was \$30,000 that would be allocated for infrastructure.

Trustee Kibby: \$35,230.

Trustee Brenton: \$35,230. I would just like to say, Trustee Kibby, that these monies could and probably would go for the use of water lines and in that regard I had Mr. Boudreau draw up some proposed water line areas that are very weak as far as we're concerned and one of them is the previously discussed and funded Grove Street area, of which there's \$11,000 from this current fiscal year and I would certainly suggest and feel it very worthwhile that the Village proceed to have that Grove Street project completed. However, Mr. Boudreau's estimate is apparently it would cost about \$30,000 to do it. So that would still leave us with a balance with the \$11,000 that we have this year as well as \$16,000, so that we could also go into another area in the target area and I would suggest perhaps some work on Reist Street or into Swan area regarding water lines and that would be my comment as far as suggesting uses for these funds.

Trustee Kibby: We need to check on Reist Street to see if it's in that area.

Trustee Brenton: Reist Street is in the area.

Mayor Kuzon: Are two public hearings required on Community Development funds or is that Federal Revenue Sharing? Charlie, do you know?

Mr. Brown: Just one, I think.

Mayor Kuzon: I have a question regarding this. Are the regulations as stringent as they have been in the past regarding the use of this money for rehabilitation of sidewalks even in the target area? In other words, can money which has been designated for infrastructure repairs be allocated for the rehabilitation of sidewalks?

Mr. Brown: In the target area, yes.

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Trustee Saia: Mike, I'd like to ask if any of these funds are available to be used for rehabilitation of the pavillion on the Island. I realize that our water lines are important but I think that maybe we've got some structures that are falling apart in this Village and I think that's one of them and I think we should do something. We have got plans and a cost estimate to repair this structure. I just want to know if we can use this kind of money.

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Trustee Kibby: It's something we can certainly talk about.

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Trustee Brenton: Is Island Park within the target area?

Trustee Kibby: Yes. It is within the target area. If my memory serves me correctly we did use some of these funds before.

Mayor Kuzon: We were going to.

Trustee Kibby: But we had a problem.

Mr. Brown: Yes, Mr. Kibby, we did.

Trustee Kibby: That's what we went downtown for, wasn't it?

Mr. Brown: Yes. It's difficult to use community development funds for park and recreation because of the proof that you have to provide that 51% of the recipients are low and moderate income.

Trustee Kibby: I think that really goes back to Gordie's question about have there been any changes in the way HUD sets up its requirements for use of these funds this year and if that's what we want to do we can certainly inquire. When we went downtown a year and a half ago to talk about the meeting house and the pavillion we did meet with quite a deal, quite a bit of resistance to the thing in the park.

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

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the hearing was closed at 7:44 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville on March 14, 1983 at 7:40 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in a local law which would amend Section 60.32(21) of the Traffic Code regarding parking on the South side of Main Street in the vicinity of the Municipal Building.

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

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Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Kuzon: Trustee Murray will conduct this public hearing.

Trustee Murray: Thank you. This public hearing comes at a request from the Town of Amherst because of their proposed plans to widen the driveways into this complex, which means the three driveways - the one by the court building, the library and the one at Town Hall. Their proposal is that five parking spaces be eliminated on Main Street in order to widen the driveways. There is some discussion in the Board of Trustees whether some people feel that public safety is at stake by entering and exiting the driveways and that the parking should be eliminated, and on the other hand there are some on the Board who feel that the Village of Williamsville has a problem with parking and that the parking spaces remain more important. This does come from the Traffic and Safety Committee as a recommendation to approve it. This evening we have Councilman Barton from the Town of Amherst and the Town of Amherst Traffic Coordinator Mr. Hank Smith and I would ask first Mr. Barton to speak to us about this proposal and then I would ask for public comment. And I would ask that you state your name and address for the public record. Mr. Barton.

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Councilman Richard Barton: Good evening members of the Board. I am Councilman Richard Barton of the Town of Amherst and also the Chairman of the Town of Amherst Traffic Safety Committee and on the Town Board. A little bit of background. First of all actually the proposal here is to widen the driveway off of Main Street into the Town Hall parking area about three feet more or less. The other driveways incidentally, we really had not, Trustee Murray, planned on widening. The suggestion of eliminating parking on either side of each of the three driveways was

principally a recommendation for a traffic and safety point of view in order to given clearer vision of oncoming traffic. A little bit of background here. It has been noted for some time, actually several years, that daily users especially, of which I'm sure many of you are, myself included, that have noticed and have seen the difficulty of entering or exiting from the Town Hall driveway, especially when there are two cars either coming in or going out both at the same time, plus the fact that there is quite a bit of pedestrian traffic surprisingly during the daytime hours in particular as well as bicyclists and there is conflict at times. There is a problem with cars having to stop on Main Street while wanting to ingress to the parking lot while a car is trying to egress from it and it causes quite some confusion. We think that the situation would be improved if the driveway were widened and also if parking were eliminated on either side of the widened driveway. On the one hand here we notice you do have a tree and a fire hydrant on the west side of the driveway. Perhaps just posting a sign in front, of the legal distance from the fire hydrant there would take care of the matter anyway. I was unlucky enough one time to get a ticket for parking too close to that hydrant. But there was a mark on the curb which I had presumed was painted there on purpose for a car to park and I parked there and unfortunately got a ticket. But at any rate, I think we've all experienced this problem and we see how especially with bicyclists and pedestrians and the cars coming up behind us having to stop on Main Street does create a problem. Myself if I'm going west on Main leaving these premises I never go out the driveway onto Main Street. I go out Cayuga so I've got use of the signal because of the danger inherent in leaving the premises because of the lack of clear visibility to the west especially.

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So actually as far as the parking goes, and we realize in the Town how big a problem and what a premium parking is on Main Street, although from actual daily visits here I find that most any time you can park in front of Town Hall, at least during the day. At night it may be more of a problem, on court nights for sure. Other than court nights though I really do believe there is ample parking in the area in my experience, but we aren't pressing that particular matter as to eliminating parking. It is merely a recommendation for consideration of the Board with all the other considerations it has to have. The Town Board has authorized widening of the driveway subject, of course, to a permit being granted by the Village on that matter. We do think just widening in itself will greatly improve the safety of people entering and leaving these premises including the pedestrians and bicyclists. Any one that might have a question of me at the moment, or the Traffic and Safety Coordinator?

Trustee Saia: Mr. Barton, can I just take it that at the driveway at the old police station ingress and egress are adequate?

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Mr. Barton: As to width as far as we're concerned.

Trustee Saia: And that the driveway at the side of this building, to the west of this building is the only driveway that you want to widen three feet and take one car space to the east away?

Mr. Barton: To the east, yes. I think the signing of the other, because it is a legal distance anyway, I think that would take care of the parking on the west side myself.

Trustee Brenton: So that the original intent to eliminate five parking spaces is thus lower?

Mr. Barton: No. It still is the recommendation of our Traffic and Safety Board and which, of course, was adopted by the Town Board, and we do think you would definitely have clear vision. Just tonight as I was arriving there was a car leaving the library parking lot and I know he couldn't see me but I could see his headlights because you have to inch out into the highway to actually see traffic coming from the west, especially that - you know looking to the west which is your near traffic it's a most hazardous spot I would think. If you can see your way to improving the sight distance for clear vision I think that would be the type of action to take.

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Trustee Murray: Anyone else on the Board have questions of Councilman Barton?

Trustee Brenton: Is Mr. Smith going to discuss this with us? I think we have more technical questions.

Mr. Hank Smith, Traffic Coordinator for the Town of Amherst: I guess Dick has pretty well covered the restriction itself and what we would like to have done. I would like to mention that this was a unanimous decision, or recommendation of the Amherst Board, the Traffic and Safety Board and also of the Village of Williamsville Traffic and Safety Board. I also serve on both boards. I think something that should be mentioned is that the vehicles when they park on either side of this driveway tend to park about as close as they can get and sometimes actually hang out into the driveway itself, into the approach. The vehicles when exiting, if you're looking to the west, they limit your sight distance. But when you're trying to get out even to go east it's very difficult. You have to swing almost out into the second lane to get around the bumpers of the vehicles that are parked almost hanging out over the driveway. So it's quite important that these parking spaces be eliminated in order to provide free access for vehicles to get out and to get in and because of the narrowness of all three driveways now. If vehicles are sitting waiting to get out it's almost impossible for someone to make the swing in thereby they have to stand out on Main Street

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and tie up traffic so it's quite imperative. It would certainly improve the situation to remove the five spots. The one spot - actually you're only removing five. The one spot is already removed by the fact that there is a fire hydrant located about 8 feet west of the Municipal Building driveway and it pretty much takes up one spot there already. That's about it. If anyone has any questions?

Mayor Kuzon: I would just ask, Hank, the Town has appropriated the money to widen the driveway?

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Mr. Smith: Yes. The Town of Amherst plans on widening the driveway, the Municipal Building driveway, approximately four feet, all to the east side so that it doesn't interfere with the hydrant or the tree.

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Mayor Kuzon: When would they plan on doing this?

Mr. Smith: The communication that I got was immediately. They want to secure the necessary permits and then commence with work as soon as possible.

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Mayor Kuzon: So in other words, it will probably be done this spring.

Mr. Smith: I would imagine so.

Trustee Brenton: If you took it from the east side then in effect you'd be widening the driveway and you'd be funneling traffic in so that it would actually conflict with the parked cars.

Mr. Smith: There's actually almost 10 feet behind the parked cars right now. The driveway's approximately 20 feet wide with curb on both sides. The intention is to remove the curbing from along both sides of the driveway because the grade of the lawn directly behind the curb is about 8" lower than the top of the curb itself. So the intention is to remove the curbing on both sides, pave it and then widen it on the east side by approximately three feet and then put the same flare approaches as is now on. The approach is pretty well damaged. It's all caved in and the curbing is all broken down on the approach. So the intention is to replace the approach and widen the driveway approximately - it will end up about four feet wide. We have about 24 feet.

Trustee Brenton: Okay.

Trustee Saia: Mr. Smith, I know we've got a problem because I've seen that problem for a long time and I don't like it and I'm sure that everyone using the driveway has a problem, but we've got a bigger problem with parking in this Village. Boy, we lose one space it like snowballs down the line. But I've got to ask. If we had today a business the size of this complex here, which is the court building, the library and the Town Hall, the Village Hall, I'm sure we would demand that one or two of these driveways be made one-way. Now I asked if it was adequate and it does seem to be

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adequate at the courthouse because I've pulled out of that a good many years when I was working out of the same building you work at and it seemed like it was adequate in and out. Why can't one of those driveways we're talking about be made one way? The other problem you have is right in your own parking lot. There are people that are trying to turn their cars to go one way and then someone is turning to go another way as people are backing up. I noticed that in this cheese give-away. They were all over in there. I mean cars just intertwining in there. It seems to me that maybe it would be a lot easier if you had a one-way deal going in there or out. I don't know which way would be best, in or out, and it would really be, safety wise it would be more conducive to prevent accidents. How do you feel about that?

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Mr. Smith: Well, I think that if a complex ) such as this came before us today we would ask that the entire parking area be made one and then allow two driveways in at the most, not three. As far as making any of the driveways one-way it would be very difficult right now because there are times, especially in the court, where there are a great many people moving around in that parking area, going to and from especially on court nights and there's an awful lot of traffic moving in and out and that particular driveway it becomes very narrow and they have to back directly out into it from the parking area, the area on the other side and if we widen it you'll probably lose some of that parking. But it gets very congested in the courtroom. Besides in the back end of the courtroom there is a very narrow driveway emptying into the municipal lot. On the south end of the municipal lot they have a very narrow driveway which would be very difficult to make that handle all that traffic and the library is the same way at certain times of the day. You have a lot of pedestrian travel in and out of the library. So if you can eliminate as much traffic going in and out of those driveways as possible...I know that it's probably more convenient to go out into Cayuga Street then it is to try to get out onto Main Street to go west on Main Street. It's almost impossible.

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Trustee Sala: Hank, that brings in another problem. That whole parking lot does have to be redesigned. Since you've moved the police station out of there you've got those partitions in there, those separations and they are unnecessary. You know that and something has to be done there, but I think for this Village to lose the least amount of spaces that I think maybe a one-way situation, I don't know how you're going to work that, that's somebody else's, but I think the one-way driveway in there to come in here or go out of should be looked into and that would forestall us from losing at least four spaces.

Mr. Smith: Well, I don't know. There really aren't too many times when there aren't any spaces left in the entire lot, I think for the vehicles, the four of five you're going to lose. Virtually at no time is there no empty spots in the municipal lot, one of the lots. So I think that you could afford to lose

those five spots for the benefits that you're going to gain and the hazards or the problems it is creating on Main Street. I think you could afford to put those four or five cars in the municipal lot.

Trustee Murray: Any more comments from the Board members? Trustee Kibby.

Trustee Kibby: I was listening and I didn't hear the answer that I could understand. I don't understand why Trustee Saia's comment or suggestion that one or both those easternmost, excuse me, westernmost entrances become only entrances and this lot here become only an exit. That way you wouldn't have to lose parking spaces on the two westernmost exits because for entrances only that would be fine. You don't have to lose one parking space for this first one. I don't see why that causes any kind of traffic problem. I don't see why that causes any kind of parking problem. I don't see what kind of problem it causes at all other than the breaking of old habits, your's and mine, about not coming right immediately into this first lot here. Then the Village saves four parking spaces and you know, Mr. Smith, those are valuable spaces out there. We have been told for years and years and years if there's not a parking space right there on Main Street the people won't go back here to park. We can say that's too bad, you're too lazy to park the car back there and walk over to the store. That's what you and I can say. But the guy who owns the store wouldn't have the parking spaces where his customers can get in and out quickly. I understand that there's a traffic problem the way it's set up right now. Something needs to be done. I've thought so a number times as I tried to get out. But when there are what seem to be alternative solutions that do not limit parking as we are aware of and that would seem to cause no real different or extraordinary problem, it would cause no problem whatsoever, I don't understand why that was dismissed kind of out of hand.

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Mr. Smith: You say you want to take all the traffic, or make the courtroom and the library one-way in?

Trustee Kibby: Correct.

Mr. Smith: And then the Town Hall driveway one-way out?

Trustee Kibby: Or it could be one-way or two-way. It makes no difference to me whether it's one-way in or two or in and out as long as the other two are only one-way in, which would be the one between the library, and the court building would be relatively easy to take care of with signage that there is no exit here because that's a very narrow driveway. You could certainly block that one up pretty easily as far as signage so everyone can see it. You can't park in that driveway anyway. You have to come all the way to the back of the building to park. Not like this one which would be more difficult to sign.

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Mr. Smith: Well the problem is you're taking all of the vehicles that are going to park in the lot and channeling them into two very narrow driveways where at certain periods of the day or night are very congested with vehicles moving around and persons moving around and it would, especially at the library where you've got people going in and out of that blind doorway into the side of the library and if you're going to be channeling traffic into that driveway it could be hazardous.

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Trustee Kibby: Okay, but we're already channeling traffic into that.

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Mr. Smith: We're not channeling all of it.

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Trustee Kibby: If you leave this one two-way then, so you won't be actually limiting the traffic because the people who wish to park in this lot will still come into this lot immediately to the west of us. They'll still come in and out of here but people who want to go to the library will only be able to go in that way. They won't be able to go back out, or they shouldn't.

Mr. Smith: Okay. That's another problem. It's very, very difficult to control one-way driveways.

Trustee Kibby: I understand that.

Mr. Smith: It's very difficult. That might turn out to be a very difficult thing to control, If you were to leave this one two-way and leave the other ones one-way in and then prevent them from exiting. Now if you could control it it would probably work because all you're doing then is eliminating people from going out but you're now going to put everyone out the Main Street driveway and Cayuga, but if it's widened it could probably handle it.

Trustee Kibby: Well that's my next question. Do you believe that, I guess I'm hearing you saying except at 5:00 PM congestion in and out of one driveway if this were the only exit driveway wouldn't be extraordinary the driveway would be able to handle it if it's widened and if you had no cars parked on either side of the driveway. It would be a problem at 5:00 PM but I would argue that it is the problem at 5:00 PM everywhere. I don't know whether it would be an extraordinary problem or not. I have to rely on you for that.

Mr. Smith: Well you would have to take some sort of count and find out exactly what the - I can imagine that the driveway would probably, the municipal driveway would probably handle it.

Trustee Kibby: Did your committee discuss it, Mr. Smith? One two-way driveway and the others one-way?

Mr. Smith: No. Probably in the last half a dozen years we discussed and at one time recommended that the parking be taken off the south side of Main Street, all together, in front of all governmental buildings and of course, you know what happened to that.

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Trustee Kibby: So you see, this is a compromise already.

Mr. Smith: But there are probably a number of things that can be done. One-way driveways in or out is certainly worth looking at but like I say, one-way driveways are very hard to control. A good indication of that is the driveway into Evanstown, the one furthest to the north on the west side, where we have put Do Not Exit and it's a great big sign there south of the gas station and they come out all the time. Signs don't stop vehicles from turning. Drivers do.

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Trustee Kibby: I'm glad to hear that you think the committee might discuss this issue again. I might add that I've also thought about it and cussed as I've gone out those driveways. I recognize that there is a problem but I for one would like to hear, and I'm open and I'm willing to hear you say at a later time when you've looked at it once again well there's no way that one-way driveways are going to work. It's just something that can't work for reasons X, Y, Z and if X, Y, Z seem reasonable to me I'll go along on elimination of the parking, but when there seems to be a viable alternative to me not knowing traffic flows that well then I'd like to see it looked at one more time before I say I'll go along. Thank you, Mr. Smith.

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Trustee Murray: Anyone else?

Mr. Richard Hill, 18 Brookside Drive, member of the Village Traffic and Safety Committee: Before Hank gets away, I'd like to ask a question. Are you talking about this driveway here would be an exit only and the other two one-way in? Right?

Trustee Kibby: I just was throwing out ideas. The one I said was this one particular driveway would be in and out, both, and the other two would be in only.

Mr. Hill: Because if you came in the other driveways by the court and the library you couldn't get to this parking lot without going all the way out on Cayuga and then coming back in. You'd have to change the whole parking lot.

Trustee Kibby: That may well be and it may well be that my idea has absolutely no merit, but what I guess I'd like Mr. Smith to do is take it back to his committee and at least look at that particular aspect and if it turns out my idea or any one-way driveway idea has no merit fine, away we go, we're back right here where we are tonight.

Trustee Saia: Now, Mr. Hill and Mr. Smith, if you look out here you have an entrance and an exit portion of driveway there and I don't see any problem out back. Many a time I've wanted to turn in the exit and I wait until that traffic goes by and use the entrance driveway. I find no problem down there. We have an exit and an entrance and they're two separate driveways.

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Mr. Hill: If you came in off of Main Street into the library or into the courthouse and you want to come into the Village Hall you can't make a turn to come into Village Hall because that's a one-way to Cayuga. If you do that you have to turn the whole parking lot around in back.

Trustee Saia: Well I think that if Hank takes a look at his parking lot - you're talking about the one behind the old police station - if Hank takes a look at his back parking lot he'll find out it was designed to contain police cars at a past date, that parking lot. And if you take a look at it you'll find out that ~~that~~ parking lot is not used as much as the other parking lot so a simple change in that separation of those curbs and that fence up there might solve that problem. But I honestly think that it's a very easy problem that can be taken care of and whatever they do as long as they save us some parking spaces, whatever on Main Street, because we need them, it would be appreciated.

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Trustee Murray: Well I guess I'd emphasize I think, I guess the gist of the members of the Board would like the Town Traffic and Safety Committee and the Village Traffic and Safety Committee to look at this problem again and suggest some alternatives because I believe that elimination of the parking is a problem for the Board. May we ask that you do that?

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Mr. Smith: We'll take it back to the Amherst Board and Connie can take it to the Village.

Trustee Murray: And I think Mrs. Schlifke has some comment.

Mrs. Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street of the Traffic and Safety Committee: While we're talking about driveways and the suggestion of a one-way in for two of them, it sounds like the ideal situation because it will save a couple of parking spaces. I just want to point out to the Board a case in point of a situation similar that was ordained by the Village at the Village Square Apartments for the same reason, the driveway not being wide enough for two-way traffic, and the Village ordinance for that particular roadway to be one-way in and it is not observed and I don't believe without 24-hour surveillance by the Amherst Police it could be a success. If you're going to do it here I think you're creating a more serious traffic problem by signing it one-way in, having the vehicles, or the person driving the vehicle disregard the signing as they are doing right now down at the Village Square Apartments and try to exit because a person pulling in is not expecting the exiting car and you're creating a more dangerous situation. So there is a point where it has not worked in this Village and I don't think it would work here either because people have a tendency to ignore one-way signs.

Trustee Saia: I agree with you there, Carolyn. They also ignore no parking signs. So you could have no parking in the street and it would be ignored too. But we've got to do something to try to save just those few parking spaces and whatever I'm sure something can come up between the two committees so we can sort of save most of those spaces because we need them in this Village.

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Mrs. Schlifke: I don't think that one-way is the solution to it.

Trustee Kibby: Well if there's no solution to it then the Village Trustees are forced to make a decision as to whether or not to eliminate those spaces, but all I'm asking for is a re-examination because the way I understand it those kinds of questions were not discussed.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well I thought perhaps the Board was not aware of the problem we continually have down at the senior citizens. We have been notified a number of times that it is not working. We don't bring it to you. We are trying to solve it ourselves, but there doesn't seem to be a solution.

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Trustee Murray: Is there anyone else wishing to speak? Chief Andrews.

Amend  
Section  
60.32(21)  
of  
Traffic  
Code

Rick Andrews, Fire Chief of the Village: As far as the 20 foot driveway goes out here I think everyone's in agreement with that. I'm on the Town of Amherst Fire Chief's Committee for Fire Safety and that's what we put in all the plans, a 20 foot driveway. So I'm glad to see the Town go with that.

The next major thing I want to bring up is the possibility of the Fire Department going into that third end down there and if we do, the plans are to cut that driveway right off with truck bays so that would have to be, should be considered two or three years down the road, especially with opening the rear of the driveway up. The possibility might be there that that would not remain open for the back parking lot. As far as the one-way situation goes it sounds like a possible solution and as Carolyn did say, I see many times where people come out but most people seem to be people in that first building, that first business there and that's mostly what I see. So it's like any other one-way street you have. Rock Street over here, we never have any problem with Rock Street one-way. Very few times do you see anyone come out the opposite way. The only other thing I was going to mention to Hank Smith, is the Firemen's Monument out there. Do you have any idea what they're going to do with that? Would that interfere with that?

Mr. Smith: No. It won't even be close.

A student from Buffalo State College: I would like to ask the projected cost of widening the driveway.

Mr. Barton: \$1,600 is the estimated cost to widen it and landscape and so forth. The next meeting of the Amherst Traffic Safety Board will not be until the first week in May. If it's possible to delay decision on it we can get back to you after that date.

Trustee Murray: Mr. Sweeney.

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Mr. Richard Sweeney, 325 Mill Street: I'd like to make kind of an off-the-cuff remark, since we're making observations about parking and traffic. As I came in this evening I noticed the large number of parking spots reserved for Town Motor Pool vehicles and there are no motor pool vehicles in the evenings and I would think it worth talking about moving parking spaces perhaps the Town might perhaps consider giving up, or limiting its restrictions on those parking spots to normal daytime or office hour activities.

Councilman Barton: That's a good suggestion.

Mayor Kuzon: It's never a problem for me. I just disregard the signs.

Trustee Murray: Anyone else wishing to speak?

Mr. Hill: I think those signs are illegal anyway.

Trustee Murray: Any more comment from the Board?

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the hearing was closed at 8:20 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

Connie C. Murray

V. James Saia

Trustees

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk

Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney

Phil Boudreau, Dept. of Public Works

Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville on March 14, 1983 at 7:45 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in expressing an opinion regarding the possibility of changing the name of Lehn Lane.

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HEARING

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

Change Name  
of Lehn Lane

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Trustee Brenton will conduct this public hearing.

Trustee Brenton: As I have informed the audience and Board in the past, the change or the situation is that Lehn Lane is actually not the name of this particular street involved, at least officially, and the question of changing the name arises because of the similarity to Lehn Springs. The Fire Department has encountered one situation where there was some question of which area to go to and it was brought to my attention and fortunately in the situation that the Fire Department had, the very alertness of Mr. George John prevented any type of delay pertaining to that initial request. What we have now before us is what I feel is a definite need to really not change the name but create a name for that street and with that I would open the floor to the public so that there can be any public input. If there is anyone wanting to comment please come to the microphone and state your name and make your comments. Seeing none, is there any Board member that has a comment?

Trustee Saia: I've got a comment. I've spoken about it. I think we've got a group of senior citizens, in fact a lot of them live in that building there, and we've got that committee that's headed by Mary Jane, who happens to be in the audience here. They take exercises and they do a lot of stuff with their hands. Let's let them use their minds and come up with a name, and then I suggest that that name be given to the Fire Control and they will take care of it as far as the Town and the County goes as far as the name that's picked, and handle it that way. It doesn't seem like anybody around here's got a name, have they? Anyone out there got a name for that street? That's my suggestion, Mr. Mayor.

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Trustee Brenton: Thank you. I would say that Mr. Fisher of the Village Square Apartments has suggested - I asked him for his input and he has talked to some of the people down there and he has suggested Village Square Lane. However, that sounds very nice but if it would be determined to name the street that it would have to be checked out to see if in fact there was a conflict with a Village Square Lane in any other area in our general fire protection district that had a similar name. So that the suggestion of Trustee Saia to have the Amherst Fire Control Office research whatever the street is to be named is a very good one and I have no problem with the senior citizens through Mary Jane Eckert's input going ahead and trying to find a name for the street. However, I would certainly hope that the residents of the Village Square Apartments would be allowed to have their voice pertaining to that because in effect it is their street. They are the only ones who reside on it. I think it's very important that they do have some input into the naming of the street. Is there any further comment. Seeing none...

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved to close the hearing at 8:23 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Monday, March 14, 1983 at 8:24 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, Dept. of Public Works

Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville on March 14, 1983 at 7:50 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussion of the proposed Historic Preservation Code for the Village of Williamsville.

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HEARING

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the hearing was opened at 8:24 PM.

HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION  
CODE

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Trustee Saia will conduct this public hearing.

Trustee Saia: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. First of all I'd like to say that I'm just the liaison to the Environmental Committee and it's the Environmental Committee that has come up with this Historic Preservation Code and I'm 100% behind them on it. The person that has done the most on this to get this thing off the ground after I took the liaison of the Environmental Committee has been Carolyn Shrauger. So seeing that she has done all the work, or most of the work on it, and it has been a pleasure working with her on it, I'd like to introduce Carolyn and she can introduce the rest of the members and give us a little background on the intent of this Historic Preservation Code. Carolyn.

Mrs. Carolyn Shrauger, 55 Oakgrove: Thank you. I don't feel that it's fair that I take all the credit for this so I would like to introduce the Environmental Council, many of whom are here tonight. Richard Sweeney, Chairman, Mary Jo Trusso, Dan Meyer, Phillip Eyre, Beth Lucia, Robert Kreiter, Gladys Weller and Eugene Covelli, and they've done their homework faithfully and spent many evenings hashing this out. I think maybe it's best that I give a little background information. You may wonder where this Historic Preservation Code came from. It's not a new idea at all. For the last 20 years or so there has been a great public interest in preservation and a lot of governmental support for that. In 1966 the Federal Government passed a Historic Preservation Act and I would just like to quote from the preamble of that because I think that that goes into preservation legislation. "Congress

finds and declares that the spirit and direction of the nation are founded upon and reflected in its historic past, that the historical and social foundations of the nation should be preserved as a living part of our community lives and environment in order to give essential orientation to the American people." So that's what our thinking was also and has been at various levels of government. The State of New York passed a Historic Preservation Act in 1980, which enabled municipalities to come forth with their own legislation to preserve their share of history. It not only permits them to do that, it encourages them very strongly to do that. So taking that lead, the Environmental Council last spring felt that the history of the Village and the heritage that we have is very much a part of our environment and we wished to see what we have left to preserve. I would like to show a few slides at this point. It illustrates the point of the history that we have lost and I think many villagers share with the committee a sadness at that loss of historic resources.

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First is the Mansion House, which used to stand on Main Street, where the Computer Task building is now. It was Loblaws at one time. But it had quite a rich history although it's no longer there. Second was a lovely home that stood at the corner of North Ellicott and Main Street. It was demolished for a gas station which is currently serving as a bank. This is the old Town Hall which used to sit right at this location on Main Street. Another view of that and some of the things that have been done to older buildings in the area. You can see the old home to the right of that and the cement block structure that's been built out front. This was the Town Hall, the old Village Hall being demolished. This is a picture of Island Park and I included that because during the late '60's - I don't know how many of you remember this - it was threatened with being converted to a parking lot and I think most people in the community feel that that is a very valuable resource and would like to see it protected and had we had a preservation ordinance at that time that idea could have never come up. You may recognize that in spite of the many losses we've had in the Village we do have a lot of historic resources and structures still with us and many of them have been preserved very well such as this one, which is at the corner of Main and Lehn Alley area soon to be renamed. This is the Eagle House which has undergone a good reconstruction within the last few years. A building on Main Street near Evans built about 1840, I believe. It was recently reconstructed and converted for offices but still keeping the historic character. On Main Street, the Bissel Engineering Company has done a very good job of keeping the integrity of that building. Two more buildings that have been restored. So it is possible to do that and these slides I think illustrate that we do have a number of structures, historic structures still left in the Village and the Environmental Council and I hope the public too would want to see them preserved.

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To tell you how we approached this, there are a number of other communities around that have historic preservation ordinances. Among them are Kenmore, Orchard Park, Pittsford outside of Rochester, and the Erie County Preservation Advisory Board itself has developed a draft ordinance which they hope will be adopted by municipalities. So we gathered all together all these ordinances and asked ourselves a few basic questions such as what our intent was, how would the ordinance work, how would we define our heritage and so on and then from those ordinances we picked out the sections that we thought were most appropriate for our community, offered the best protection for the property owner and the public interest and was the most comprehensive and the most workable. So the ordinance that we have presented to the Board of Trustees and are discussing tonight hopefully provides all of that thinking and effort.

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The next slide I have, and I hope you're going to be able to read it since you all don't have the opportunity of having a copy of the ordinance in hand, I did make up slides of some of the more important aspects of it. The first is the intent and purpose, which is (Mrs. Shrauger read Section 1 of the proposed ordinance, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.)

The key to the ordinance is the establishment of a Historic Preservation Commission which is a body, a seven member body of professional and interested lay people who will implement this ordinance and do the necessary research for the designation of historic structures. The people on the Commission are to be (Mrs. Shrauger read Section 3b of the proposed code.) I might mention at this point that these criteria are very universal. These are the ones used by the Federal Government for their National Register and also by the State.

In order to designate a structure or site the Commission would first undertake a comprehensive study of the history of that particular site or structure in question, document that in writing. Next they have to notify the owner of the property and provide him with the ordinance and a copy of their research. After that it goes to a public hearing conducted by the Village Board so that the public as well as the homeowner, or the property owner and the Commission have input there and the final decision rests with the elected officials, the Village Trustees, who will make the decision as to whether something should be designated as a landmark. Once designated, the method by which it is protected is - I'll quote from the ordinance at this time - if a structure or site should be designated (Mrs. Shrauger read Section 6a) I might emphasize here the word exterior. It's only exterior changes that this ordinance deals with. Anything at all can be done to the interior so that the building can be used for its maximum use, it can be put to maximum use. Plans, for example if a building on Main Street wishes to expand, the plans for that building would come to the Historic Preservation Commission for review and the intent here is that any such additions or changes would be in keeping with the historic character and design of that building.

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If the committee finds that the proposed work will (Mrs. Shrauger read Section 6e.) Those are the criteria for approving an application for a Certificate of Approval for work done on the designated building. There is a special section in the ordinance dealing with demolition which asks for a year's grace period if someone applies for demolition so that the Commission and the public have time for a public hearing and the Commission can hopefully work out a solution with the owners so that the building might be used rather than demolished. It is also important to mention that there is a provision in here that if public safety is an issue the ordinance does not apply. That is if a building is deemed to be unsafe then the ordinance does not apply to that. There is also a section that allows for the removal of a designation through public hearing and vote by the Trustees. If there are any grievances with it the usual method of appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals applies. And also, if there are violations of the ordinance a fine is levied similar to the other codes in the Village. I think that's about all I have. Are there any questions from the Board or from the public that I might answer?

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Richard Gallagher, 38 Chalmers Street: If Glen Park were designated as a landmark, does that mean that anyone who has property on Mill Street could not do anything to their property on the basis that it is near the surrounding area of the designated landmark, that they would have to go through the approval of the Commission?

Mrs. Shrauger: No. The ordinance only applies to those buildings or sites which are already designated and unless the property on Mill Street is designated the ordinance does not apply to them.

Mr. Gallagher: Does the State law that you provided me with, the last local historic preservation program, I don't know, but a section of it states that special regulations, special conditions, restrictions may include appropriate and reasonable control of the use or appearance of neighboring private property.

Mrs. Shrauger: The State may but we have not included that in our ordinance. As stated, you could do that but it's not in the ordinance as it reads now.

Mr. Troy: Carolyn, Glen Park is already publicly dedicated. It would be superfluous for you to make a further rededication. The only way Glen Park could be decertified as a public park would be by an act of the legislature at this point.

Mrs. Shrauger: The State?

Mr. Troy: Yes, the State of New York.

Mayor Kuzon: Is there a further question?

Mr. Gallagher: Yes. What is the experience of Kenmore or Orchard Park in respect to, how long have they had it?

Mrs. Shrauger: I think Kenmore has had their's since 1978, and

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Orchard Park dates from about 1980. And I would say that neither one of them had as many buildings on their list as we expected. I think the process is a slow one because of the research that is necessary and the various mechanisms that we have to go through before designation.

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Mr. Gallagher: In the code it has, it refers to the appeals process and it refers to an appeals process with respect to the Certificate of Approval if it is denied. What is the appeals process for example with the Commission designating a landmark and 60 days that occur after public hearing. What is the appeal process for an individual property owner that disagrees?

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Mrs. Shrauger: That disagrees with the Board of Trustees?

Mr. Gallagher: Disagrees with designation.

Mrs. Shrauger: There is none. There is one for...

Mr. Troy: The remedy would be in the courts.

Mr. Gallagher: But is that the remedy we're looking at?

Mrs. Shrauger: This really operates much the same way as the Planning Board.

Trustee Saia: You can go to the Board of Appeals on this and then get it appealed by the Village Board of Appeals and then you have the option of going to the legal process, which is court.

Trustee Kibby: You have to go to the Trustees first and then to the Board of Appeals. Then it can go to the Board of Appeals as I understand it.

Mr. Gallagher: If there is a process should that process not be contained in the code or referred to in there?

Mrs. Shrauger: I'm not sure of that. If a person has a grievance with the Board of Trustees' decision to designate a landmark, can they go to the Board of Appeals. I thought they only went to the Board of Appeals if they disagreed with the denial of the Certificate of Approval for work to be done. What happens if you make a decision that the public is not pleased with? Can they take that to the Board of Appeals? Just general decisions that the Board makes, because that's what this is?

Mayor Kuzon: I'll let Tom answer. It's always been my impression that the Board of Appeals only dealt with zoning matters or code appeals, not necessarily Board decisions.

Mr. Troy: The normal procedure it would seem to me that the action of the Village Board would be the final action and the appeal therefrom would be to the courts.

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Mrs. Shrauger: That's what I thought too. That's why there's a public hearing so an individual has a maximum opportunity for input.

Mayor Kuzon: Carolyn, can I ask a question on this? Does the code provide for historic districts, or can it be used as a vehicle for designating historic districts?

Mrs. Shrauger: Yes, it can be. We had not specified this procedure because in the Village there would only be one.

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Mayor Kuzon: My second question, I guess, is by locally designating something as historic how does that help that property secure let's say State or Federal designation?

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Mrs. Shraguer: I'm not sure it does but I did forget to mention one thing and that is it does help in the sense that that very climate now for a tax break for rehabilitation of historic buildings as of the 1981, Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 which increases the tax credit for qualified rehabilitation expenditures. The percentage depends on the age of the building and its certification. So I think that from an economic point of view that this I think would help if someone wanted to restore or rehabilitate a building. In terms of the other I don't know if it would help or not. It might. We know from our experience with the Mill that it's very difficult to get Federal designation but it's understandable too.

Trustee Murray: I'd like to thank Mrs. Shrauger and her committee for working on the ordinance and I think it's a good one and we hammered out two other laws together in the past and I know it's a long process and we appreciate the time.

Trustee Saia: Anyone else with any other question?

Mr. Gallagher: Just a recommendation and I talked to Carolyn. There's some concern out in the community with respect to this historic code and maybe it was precipitated at the last meeting in attempting to push it through feeling that different people were sitting up there...

Trustee Saia: Mr. Gallagher, I don't think this is the time for politicking. I got to answer this because we have in this Village people who are proud of the historical heritage of this Village. Now I saw some of your statements and I've got to say I get pretty mad about some of the statements in, regarding this ordinance. Now you had a perfect right, if you see something wrong with this to...let's change it, let's get it so it's right, but we have in this Village seen the building that you are standing in right now, the old Town Hall, go down in a big heap. We've seen other buildings go down in big heaps. We want to preserve some of these sites, buildings and sites. We just don't want to push for a tent on Island Park and have that preserved. We feel like we want the sites historically that belong to this Village preserved. Now I know you've something against this ordinance. Please if you'll just write

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them down and get it to our committee we'll make every attempt if it's possible to change it. But you say you went through this community, the community's going to back us 100%.

Mr. Gallagher: Mr. Saia, my parents always told me when someone is speaking don't interrupt them until they've finished.

Trustee Saia: You don't make it very easy.

Mr. Gallagher: I concur with the attempt and the purpose and I agree with the intent of the code. My recommendation is not related to the code. My recommendation is related to the process, i.e., the original hearing was scheduled for March 28th and was moved up for tonight. When I received a copy of the proposed code the code was not complete. The code did not reflect the changes that had occurred at the last Environmental Council and Mrs. Shrauger was kind enough to provide me with them. What I am recommending is that given the intent and given the work that people have put into this that perhaps not only in respect to the public hearing for this code but in other issues of major significance that the Board might attempt to, rather than try to put everything into a two week time frame, to extend it, to let people know what's going on. That's the intent of my remarks, Mr. Saia, and I am for the code.

Trustee Kibby: Thank you for your remark. That's very helpful.

Trustee Saia: I think if you had come around a little while before this two months before the election you might have picked up some of this stuff. But anything that you have that will help this Historic Preservation Code to go through we'd appreciate it.

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

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the hearing was closed at 8:52 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, Dept. of Public Works

Mayor Kuzon called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

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

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 28, 1983 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Next this evening we have a series of public hearings scheduled. The first one is concerning Community Development Block Grant Funds for 83-84.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Saia, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:37 PM. (The hearing was closed at 7:44 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Our second public hearing this evening is regarding a proposed local law which would be an amendment to a section of the traffic code.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:45 PM. It related to amending Section 60.32(21) of the Traffic Code regarding parking on the south side of Main Street in the vicinity of the Municipal Building. (The hearing was closed at 8:20 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Our third public hearing this evening is regarding a proposal to change the name of a street.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, it was moved to open the public hearing at 8:20 PM relating to changing the name of Lehn Alley. (The hearing was closed at 8:23 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Kuzon: Our fourth and final public hearing this evening, and perhaps the most important, not that the others are not important but this one has been in the works for almost a year now and this public hearing is regarding a proposed Historic Preservation Code.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, it was moved to open the public hearing at 8:24 PM. (The hearing was closed at 8:52 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: That concludes the section of our agenda reserved for public hearings. The next thing on the agenda is my report and resolutions. The first thing I would like to report on is that our Village employees have received this Gold Award from the United Way and this is in recognition of, in fact it's the highest award given for achieving 60% or more in the employee campaign. I'd like to number 1 call recognition to the award and also thank our employees for achieving the highest award that the United Way gives out.

One other thing I'd like to report is that we recently received information from the State Department for Aging that under the proposed Governor's budget our senior citizens program funding would end as of the 31st of March and that we were notified to not spend any more than three-quarters of our State matching funds for senior citizens. The proposed budget by the Governor number 1 calls for consolidating two senior citizens programs, our recreation with another one, calling it the Senior New Yorker Program, and at the same time also calls for cutting the appropriation by \$1.5 Million. Since receiving that notification I've been in touch with our Assemblyman who has indicated to me that the mood in the Assembly and the Senate is to continue the recreation program as is and at the present level of funding, \$2.5 Million. However, it's still up to the Assembly and Senate to implement this proposal opposing the Governor and anyone out there who would like to contact our Assemblyman, John Sheffer, or our State Senator, Walter Floss, we would appreciate your support for this program. Many of you know it as Evergreen Senior Recreation Program in the Village. We on the Board are most supportive of it and it has been beneficial to many seniors within our Village.

One last thing that I'd report. That is that tomorrow is the Village elections. The polls will be open from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM. Three voting places - District #1, the Methodist Church. District #1 includes that area which is south of Main Street, east of the Creek. District #2 is everything west of the Creek, both north and south of Main Street. They're voting at the Fire Hall. District #3 is at the Village Meeting House which would be north of Main Street, east of the Creek. We're voting for Mayor and two trustees and village justice.

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I have two resolutions. The first is for vouchers.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, vouchers in the sum of \$107,519.58 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 3/4/83	\$ 4,879.97
	W/E 3/11/83	4,766.88
General Fund	Abstract #532	70,098.22
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #113	24,092.48
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #152	3,041.65
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	Abstract #138	630.46
Glen Park Jt. Activities Fund	Abstract #52	<u>9.92</u>
Total Vouchers		\$107,519.58

The larger of these vouchers are to Erie County Water Authority for some \$22,000 for purchase of our water, Rapid Disposal some \$9,000 - Rapid Disposal is our garbage and trash contractor, to Niagara Mohawk for some \$5,000 for lighting.

Unanimously carried.

My second resolution appoints four villagers to the Old Home Days Committee which will be having a meeting on March 23rd in the Village Conference Room.

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

RESOLVED that the following Village residents are hereby appointed to the 1983 Old Home Day Committee:

APPOINTMENTS

1983 Old Home Day  
Committee

Rick Andrews, Chief, Williamsville Fire Dept.  
William Brunskill, 43 Howard Ave. (Chairman of  
Parks Com.)  
Robert Rost, 319 Cadman Dr.  
Thomas Klebes, 94 S. Cayuga Rd.

Unanimously carried.

That's all I have. Next is Trustee Saia.

Trustee Saia: Thank you, Mayor. I don't have any report tonight but the only thing I notice here is that you have the Old Home Day Committee on the 23rd and I had to move my special committee for the fishing derby. So I am requesting that I use the back room

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and this Old Home Day Committee can use that center room. Now they've changed their date, haven't they?

Mayor Kuzon: I don't know if it's a change in date or just initial confusion on their part. They had it listed as the 23rd, Thursday. Thursday is the 24th obviously so they were confused in the first place. So if you had the room signed out originally then I would just say that...

Trustee Saia: I would like the back room. They meet at 7:30 PM. They might be out before we get there. That's all I have.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Brenton.

Trustee Brenton: The only report I have tonight is that again we had a water leak and perhaps Mr. Boudreau will want to elaborate although it's probably not necessary. It was a major break and in this instance Mr. Boudreau with our own forces repaired the leak in very prompt time. From the time the leak was found it was repaired with a minimum down time to the residents of Wellington Court and I have to compliment Mr. Boudreau for his efforts and his ability to repair our own leaks. This is something that the Village used to do and something that I had pushed the previous head of the Department of Public Works for. We didn't get into any type of work like that until last summer and now it looks like we're geared to go for just about anything that would be done on our water system and I compliment Mr. Boudreau and the men of the Department of Public Works regarding that particular water leak. That's all, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Kibby.

Trustee Kibby: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. For my report this evening I would like to indicate that, or will indicate that the Planning Board was unable to meet the first Monday in March. They are going to meet Monday, March 21st. Items on the agenda that are different from my last report are two. Prechtel Optical is asking for site plan approval, I presume, for a new building and parking where the old Sunoco station was at 5732 Main Street, and Kraft Food is asking for a permit requesting remodeling for office and parking at 30 Los Robles.

I have two resolutions on the agenda, but I'm asking, Mr. Mayor, to remove the first one which was to call for a public hearing regarding what is mislabeled here as the Master Plan, actually it's conceptualization, be tabled until the Board is able to meet once again with Chris Mothersead to discuss a couple of other issues.

My second resolution reads:

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

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RESOLVED that a Special Board Meeting be held March 15, 1983 at 9:15 PM for the purpose of accepting the Village Election results.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL  
MEETING TO ACCEPT  
ELECTION RESULTS  
3/15/83

Unanimously carried.

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

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Murray.

Trustee Murray: I have no report this evening. Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Mr. Boudreau, our Superintendent of Public Works.

Mr. Boudreau: Thank you. Just a few items. Under the heading of streets - The annual street cleaning program was begun this past week with many streets being cleaned. The program is ongoing and will continue throughout each street in the Village.

Under the heading of Parks - An extensive tree limb removal operation was completed this past week in the Flood Channel, that's Island Park. The channel is now clear of sagged tree limbs and better able to pass a flood crest during high water periods. Secondly, it was noted during the past week that our Village Parks are being used by a large number of people enjoying the fine weather. Those people using our Parks are asked to use the trash receptacles. Trash debris, litter, is accumulating each day on the ground, particularly in Glen Park. An estimate of cost to remodel the Island Park Pavillion is now complete.

Under the heading of water - The Rinewalt Street Pumping Station is now back on automatic operation. A number of modifications were just completed on the Pump Panel with alternating capability now available. A repairing of the water storage tank will be considered this summer. As Larry mentioned, the water leak was repaired. That's all I have.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: This portion of the agenda is reserved for general public comment. We follow the same rules as we do during our public hearings. Please state your name and address for the record. Mr. Hill.

Richard Hill, 18 Brookside Drive, Traffic and Safety Committee: After you closed the meeting on the driveways, Hank and I had a conversation. Since they aren't having a meeting in April and would

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meet in May we wondered if Hank made a study and got approval of his Board by telephone and brought it back here would you accept that? Could we push it through that way?

Mayor Kuzon: Personally I will. I think the only thing we're asking for is just an examination of alternatives to simply keep parking on Main Street and whether it's done by telephone poll or at an actual committee meeting I...

Mr. Hill: Hank would make the study anyway. Usually the Town Board takes his recommendation.

Mayor Kuzon: And then your committee would consider it at your next meeting on the 22nd.

Mr. Hill: Yes. Hank will be there.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay, then. That's noted as a special meeting?

Mrs. Schlifke, 192 Evans Street: About our special meeting. Did Mr. Kibby say that the Planning Board was going to meet on March 21st?

Trustee Kibby: Yes.

Mrs. Schlifke: Is that a change?

Trustee Kibby: Yes, ma'am.

Mrs. Schlifke: Because we had...the people from the optical company wanted to meet with the Traffic and Safety Committee before they went to the Planning Board and so we set it up for the 22nd which is a Tuesday so that we could meet with them and now you've got them going to the Planning Board first.

Trustee Kibby: This is preliminary review. I think what they're trying to do is get information from as many committees as they can.

Mrs. Schlifke: But are they still coming to our meeting on the 22nd?

Trustee Kibby: I do not know the answer to that, Carolyn.

Mr. Hill: Julie set the date of the meeting for us. She said that an architect or someone wanted to meet with the Traffic and Safety Committee and since we weren't meeting she set a date that would meet their requirements, so we're holding a special meeting mainly for this.

Trustee Kibby: I think that makes sense. This is not out of whack at all. This meeting is not an early April meeting but is

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a late March meeting and most of the items on the agenda are left over from the first Monday in March. These two, both Prechtel and Kraft are preliminary reviews. I think what they're probably trying to do is to come in and just get a feel of how the Planning Board responds to it so when they go to Traffic and Safety they want to know how far the curb cut is from the corner and some egress and exit sort of problems. It's preliminary.

Mayor Kuzon: Is there anyone else? Chief Andrews.

Rick Andrews, Fire Chief: I wanted to say something I forgot to bring up before. I'd like to have the Board, or someone on the Board look into the legislation that's being held up by the Governor right now concerning fire prevention enforcement, the 1% commercial fire tax to go towards enforcement of fire prevention in local codes and local municipalities. I don't know the reason for it. I don't know why he's holding it up and we're not really sure as far as the fire company goes as to why he's holding it up. It's not the taxpayers money directly. Whether he's looking to refund it someplace else I don't know. We wish you'd look into it for us and back us. I believe it would be in the area of \$5,000 to \$6,000 for the Village so it's a substantial amount and should be looked into.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. That topic was also discussed at a recent Village Officials meeting and is something we were pursuing with the Conference of Mayors in Albany and in fact, the counsel for the Conference of Mayors is supposed to be in Erie County this Thursday so we will discuss with him what the status of that is in Albany right now and if that's not enough information we will talk to our Assemblyman and see what he knows about it too, but we'll definitely follow up on this.

Anyone else? Any Board member have any additional comment?

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Before adjourning this evening I would like to call your attention to the bottom of your agenda which has a schedule of the meetings for the various Village committees and our next Village Board meeting is the 28th of March at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

This evening I'd like to adjourn with a moment of silence in memory of a long-time Village resident, Bill Groth, who suddenly passed away this past weekend.

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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