

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, April 11, 1983 at 7:43 PM

Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

Michael Kibby

Connie C. Murray Trustees

V. James Saia

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk

Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney

Phil Boudreau, Dept. of Public Works

Absent

Lawrence R. Brenton, Trustee

Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 11, 1983 at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 1983-1984 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Glen Park Joint Activities Fund Annual Budgets for the Village of Williamsville.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Saia, the hearing was opened at 7:43 PM.

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Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: I'd like to begin our public hearings on our three, actually four budgets this evening with the Annual Budget Report for the 1983-1984 tentative budgets.

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I'd like to begin by saying that in Villages across New York State, with fiscal years beginning June 1, April and May are budget hearing and budget adoption time. These months witness the culmination of an annual process that is of critical importance to all villages. The annual budgets are the government's financial spending plan for the coming year, but more importantly they are a statement of the priorities and goals by the governing body. The budgets reflect the philosophies and principles of the Village Board and should be carefully examined and seriously considered by the public.

Article 5 of the Village Law on Finances enumerates and describes in considerable detail the form and substance of the annual Village budgets. It stipulates that the budget officer, who is usually the Mayor, shall annually prepare tentative budgets and publicly report the budgets to the residents and the Trustees prior to final adoption. In Williamsville, however, the standard budget preparation procedure includes the incumbent Trustees as active participants and contributors. During my terms as Mayor, I have found this involvement by the Trustees to be extremely valuable and a positive force in the formulating of realistic spending plans. The tentative budgets, therefore, are the result of the Village Board's individual and collective hard work and

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long hours. Obviously, every request was not appropriated. The budget represents a realistic and workable plan of priorities, philosophies and principles.

This evening's public hearing is an essential element of the budgetary procedure and in my opinion, perhaps the most important element. It is the time when the taxpayer can tell his elected officials exactly how he thinks his tax dollars should be spent.

While budget hearings are a statutory requirement, budget reports have only recently been the practice in our Village. As Mayor, I have continued the practice because I firmly believe that the taxpayers are entitled to a clear and complete reporting on the expenditure of their tax dollars. Village government is unique in this regard. It is small enough that it is subject to weekly taxpayer scrutiny. It is small enough that services can be provided in an efficient and effective manner and daily operations can be administered without an expansive bureaucracy. Local government has always been the showplace for unique brand of democratic government because it alone provides the greatest control and loudest voice to the people who pay the bills.

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With these considerations in mind, it is my intention to comprehensively report the General Fund budget to the taxpayers. It will be the second year that a detailed analysis of the General Fund Budget will be presented, page by page and item by item, and once again Village government is the only place where taxpayers can know exactly how their hard earned tax dollars are spent.

Before getting into the report though, I would like to preface the Budget Report with the following observations. The Village continues to be in a strong financial position. The General Fund and Sewer Fund are financially strong. I'd like to add that we have a Class A Moody rating for borrowing purposes. The continuation of this posture, however, is essential to the continued vitality of our Village. A changing economy and soaring costs have increased the responsibility of Village officials to demonstrate resourcefulness in addressing the economic realities we all face. Government must provide essential services in the best, most efficient and cost effective manner. The third observation is that by a simple comparison of tax rates, Williamsville taxpayers continue to enjoy the second lowest tax rate of the sixteen villages in Erie County. Fourth and finally, accessibility and accountability are the essence of local government. It is government that can be readily understood by all interested citizens. It is with this basic knowledge that I now present to you our report of the 1983-1984 budgets.

At this time I'd like to move over to the projector.

We did have budget handouts available up here and I hope that those of you who have come in took the budgets.

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To begin with, an overview of the General Fund. Appropriations in our General Fund will total \$1,031,072. We anticipate our revenues to be \$645,537. We arrive at our tax rate by subtracting revenues from appropriations and that means we have an amount of some \$385,535 that has to be raised through taxation. To get the tax rate we divide the amount to be raised by taxes by the assessed value and we have a projected tentative tax rate of \$17.98 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This is a \$.73 increase over last year's tax rate. Our total assessed valuation is in the neighborhood of \$21,440,000. The place to begin when you talk about your budgets is with the anticipated revenues. I'd like to put that overhead or that transparency up next.

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This breaks down our revenues as we anticipate receiving them. For my report though I'd just like to run down some of the larger revenue sources that we expect. Obviously the largest would be that source of revenue generated by the real property tax, which I already said would be \$385,535. The next largest revenue to be received by the Village is the sales tax distribution from Erie County, which would be \$230,000. The other larger ones would include fire protection we receive from other governments, \$101,000. I'm reading these in an order which is different up here but if you follow down you can see the figure and then follow over. Our per capita State Aid which will be on the next transparency is \$63,376. And I'd just like to make a comment regarding that. Per capita State Aid was capped by the Governor, by the then Governor Carey some two or three years ago and it has remained capped at that level over those years. If the cap were lifted and the formula that was originally intended to be implemented was implemented, the village would be receiving more money in the form of per capita State Aid from the Governor, from the Governor and the State. So this year certainly we are happy that the Governor is continuing this per capita State Aid program but we would be more enthusiastic if he would lift the cap and the Village received those additional revenues. Other larger sums, and I'll go through these a little more quickly, our gross utility tax is \$44,000. Our interest on earnings - \$16,000; Fines and forfeited bail - \$14,000; mortgage tax - \$10,000; Licenses and permits - \$5,200; the rental of the Meeting House, we receive \$3,700; Franchises - \$3,500; building and plumbing inspection fees - \$1,950; State Aid to the elderly - \$2,000. I'll lump the remaining sums as other miscellaneous revenues - \$21,085.

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I'll put the second page of the revenue sheets up. This has listed some of the revenues I've just mentioned. Our total estimated General Fund Revenues are in the neighborhood of \$500,237. We do anticipate appropriating surplus of \$145,000 for this budget. Our expenses when we look at appropriations break down into two general categories. First of all, personal services and second of all, contractual services. Attached to your agenda was a graph, a pie graph which shows the appropriations and the revenues. If you look on the one side you see that personal services, which is basically salaries,

total \$274,844, or basically 26% of our total budget. However, it would be better to also examine the benefits because personal services in my opinion, do include not only salaries but the benefits paid to employees, and employee benefits are another \$83,650. These two combined total approximately 34% of our total General Fund appropriations. Our second area of expense is contractual expenses and you can see that on the graph also. Contractual expenses total a little bit more than one-half of all our total appropriations. So for that reason I'd like to take this moment to look a little bit more closely at the way contractual expenses are allocated and probably the simplest way to do that is by the different areas or functions within the government.

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Looking first to general government and administration, your Board of Trustees, and Mayor, the Court, the Office, the Clerk-Treasurer, our Village Hall, the Building Inspector, different community projects, or community oriented projects like the youth, the Historian, Senior Citizens, the Meeting House. Our total expenditures regarding contractual expenses for general government and administration are \$69,000. I'll round these off to the nearest \$1,000. Another area of contractual expense, and probably the largest, are, is public works. That includes our garage, our snow removal, our refuse collection, street administration, street maintenance, street lighting, storm sewers, street cleaning and flood control. Our Public Works department's contractual expenses are in the neighborhood of \$287,000. Another larger contractual expense is the Fire department where there are first aid supplies, truck expense and all the other things that go into a Fire department. The expense in that department is \$101,000.

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In Parks and Parks department the contractual expense is \$39,000. Special Items, which includes our insurance, association dues, the contingency account, provisions for salary increases and longevity, our special items contractual expenses are \$73,000. Our debt Service expense is \$85,000 and transfer from the General Fund to the Water Fund is a \$10,000 item.

Now these are the areas of the government where the contractual expenses have just been summarized. Now within each of these areas there are different uses for the contractual expenses and the next thing I'd like to do is look at these expenses by use. For example, utilities. Utilities include street lighting, our one-third share of the Town Hall costs and other utilities that are associated with Village owned buildings. Utility expense will be \$109,000 anticipated for this coming year. Another expense regards service contracts and professional fees. These service contracts include our contract for garbage collection, our contract for youth, park guards, Clerk's Office, there are different contracts and professional fees and also the Senior Citizens. The total Service Contract and professional fees expenditure is \$123,000, once again rounding off to the nearest

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\$1,000. Maintenance costs regarding equipment repairs, building repairs, building maintenance costs in the neighborhood of \$77,000. Street paving, our expense will be \$32,000. Salt - \$12,000, and generally new equipment, new equipment purchases \$17,000. So with this basic knowledge as background what I'd like to do now is take a closer look at the General Fund and go through it page by page and item by item. If you do have the copy of the budget you can follow along, but if you don't I will be putting the transparencies on the overhead and briefly go through them.

I would begin though by saying that if you have any questions at any time regarding any item within the budget, you know, certainly raise your hand and we can discuss it then. You don't have to wait until the conclusion of the report.

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We begin then with the Board of Trustees and if there aren't any questions I'll move through it quickly so that we can keep this moving. As I said, you see there are basically two ways that expenses are appropriated within the Village - personal expenses and contractual expenses. Personal expenses represents salaries, contractual expenses are those things listed under that subtitle. \$10,000 represents the personal service for the Trustees and that is no increase in salary. Or in fact it's best to say that there are no increases in salary for any elected officials this year within the budget. Office supply expense and expense for travel. Expense for travel includes the trips of the Trustees to various official meetings. Village Justice, that would be the Justice's salary and our deputy Justice's salary and the various expenses involved within a court system - juror fees, printing, traveling expense and transcripts.

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The Mayor's salary, the personal service, represents not only my salary but a \$200 stipend for the deputy Mayor, and the expense of travel and miscellaneous expenses. The Treasurer - this year has been combined with the Clerk for our budget purposes. That's why you see a little note that says see Clerk-Treasurer. The Assessment is our Assessor and the office staff help that goes into compiling the annual assessment. Expense and travel this year includes an anticipated trip to a school that is now required by the State for all Assessors, Town and Village. If there're no questions we'll go on to the next page.

As we go through this I would like to take the opportunity to point out some new items that appear in the budget. The first place to do that would be under the Clerk-Treasurer's department regarding equipment. You can see within the parentheses equipment this year includes a new copy machine for the office, as well as about \$1,000 to make a safe and secure record storage area within the P.P.W. garage. Trustee Saia was very emphatic about this, that we improve the way in which we store our records. Office supplies includes basic materials needed to run the office, postage, printing, advertising and so on.

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The Law area is our Village Attorney, as well as our Village Prosecutor. This is salaries of both and the expense, the contractual expenses listed.

Election. You'll notice that it says no election in 1984 and that may or may not be. It's still pending, but if there's no election there will be no expense and that's because the Village has now gone to a four-year term and bi-annual elections, every other year elections.

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Our Village Hall expense increases annually. That's the amount of money the Town bills us regarding our occupancy of this building. It represents the maintenance costs and utilities of the Town Hall, our share of the Town Hall.

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Under garage, that's the D.P.W. garage. One thing to maybe point out not only the cost of the utilities, okay, certainly which is noteworthy, but the repairs to the building. Last year we instituted a program to improve not only the appearance of the building but also its energy efficiency and this is a continuation of a general improvement of the D.P.W. garage and that \$5,900 includes the purchase of two new garage doors for the D.P.W. garage.

Special items which I mentioned previously - insurance, association dues, taxes on Village property outside the Village, the contingent account and provision for salary increases.

The next page starts with Traffic Control. The expenses involved there are our sign maintenance program, which is repairing and replacing signs that have been damaged or vandalized; a traffic control update, which is a continuation of program started in the last budget as a result of a New York State Traffic Safety Grant; signs for a left turn at Garrison and Main - \$500; and continuation of street painting \$600. Fire department is perhaps the second largest expenditure within our budget. The expenses are listed there. Expendable equipment within the department. I believe that's ladders and hoses, supplies, things like education, moving right through that. The thing I'd like to do as we go through the budget is point out the cost of utilities. This is \$10,000 on utilities for the Fire Hall across the street and then we also have an additional \$4,500 which the Village is paying for utilities at Station No. 2 on Sheridan drive. So within the Fire department, and by no means am I singling out the Fire department for an unreasonable utility bill, but I'd just like to use this as a point. \$14,500 for utilities and so I guess the point I'm trying to make which I'll stress more as I go through this, is the cost of utilities not only for us at home but us in the Village is way out of hand and something we need to get a handle on and I wish we had the answers now we could give you on that.

Safety Inspections include our Building Inspector and our part-time Fire Inspector, and our Building Department Administrator and the expense of their office.

Registrar of Vital Statistics is basically dealing with death certificates in the Clerk's Office.

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Street Administration is the, exactly what it says, the administration of the D.P.W. Street Maintenance, an important item, includes repairs to the equipment, okay. Let me skip back. The equipment, the purchase of, some \$5,300 represents the anticipated purchase of a pavement recycler which would be used to patch, I guess you'd call them potholes, and Mr. Boudreau has recommended purchasing this equipment for a better street repair program, for a better product in the long run. Repairs to equipment, that would be equipment within the D.P.W. used for street maintenance. This is another item I'd like to point out, that we're budgeting \$5,000 towards the repair of sidewalks. This is another continuation of a program that was started in our last budget and it is our anticipation to commence a sidewalk rehabilitation program with some seed money from the Village budget. And the rest - repairs and gas and oil. And this item here, \$30,000 for the street paving program for this summer. Snow removal and the purchase of salt for sanding our streets. And this item especially stands out in my opinion. For street lighting what we're going to do is, we anticipate paying Niagara Mohawk \$74,000 for our street lighting. That's an increase of \$14,000 from this current budget which is something we need to talk about more as we go through this.

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Wehrle Drive Park is a piece of property the Village picked up at Aero and Wehrle and again is a continuation of something which was begun in our last budget and we anticipate developing the property. By that we mean improving its appearance, such as grass and trees and a "Welcome to the Village" sign.

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Parks, as we said, the total expenditure in the parks area is \$30,000 for this portion of the parks budget. Equipment, fence around the pool, the pool in Island Park. Last year we fenced the pool in Garrison Park. This year we intend to fence the pool back on the Island as a result of the Erie County Health department recommending the fence for public safety. Again, utilities is something we need to be aware of and keep an eye to. Various service contracts for park guards - that's to patrol the parks just before they're closed and after they're closed to reduce the vandalism, and eliminate the vandalism. We have contracts to open and close the pools. Something new that maybe we should discuss here is the \$5,000 for the repair of the Island Park pavillion. Mr. Saia and our D.P.W. Superintendent Boudreau have come up with a plan that will hopefully reduce vandalism on the pavillion and also give us some winter storage for park equipment like the picnic benches and anything else that might fit in there. The Board has felt that this is something worth looking at and are prepared to pay \$5,000 to improve the pavillion. Last year we budgeted money to put a new roof on it, on the pavillion, as well as to take care of the mortar on the foundation.

Recreation activities, a small amount, but something that Trustee Saia has been actively involved in. Last year there was a one time,

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or two time puppet show up in one of the parks and Jim has suggested that this year we have a puppet magic show back a little more often, as well as I think a band concert and the \$500 will cover that expense. And going through the rest of it - supplies, pool and park supplies, and the rest of it. Glen Park there is a transfer of \$11,276 to a Joint Activities Fund that the Town also will be contributing an equal amount to and that's for the maintenance and operation of Glen Park.

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Youth projects, a \$1,000 amount for utilities at the Cayuga Road Youth Center. Youth and Recreation, which is a new combination in the Village, \$2,000. That includes a Halloween Party, I think a Fishing derby for next year, and the Winterfest which was so successful this past year in Glen Park. Youth contracts represents our payment to the Town of Amherst for the Youth Program that's conducted out of the Cayuga Road Youth Center and publicity to help promote our own youth projects within the Village.

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Historian - there's a miscellaneous expense of \$125. Celebrations include putting up the Christmas decorations, \$500 to the Old Home pay Committee, sanitary waste would be regarding Old Home pay, also, and the Memorial day parade and breakfast and the cemetery ceremony and the Volunteer Recognition on Memorial day.

On the next to last page it begins with Programs for the Aging. This is our Senior Citizens Program. The personal service represents the salary of our coordinator and the senior citizens program is budgeted at \$4,300. The Village Meeting House, and again I keep hitting this utility, \$2,400 for utility expense at the Meeting House.

Zoning is, the amount allocated there is basically for publishing legal notices regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals. Under Planning though, something that is new and worth mentioning. \$3,000 for professional fees for the Planning department is a \$3,000 downpayment on the updating and revision of our Village Code. Those people on Village committees are acutely aware of some of the problems in dealing with the Code and the Board is equally aware of this problem and this year is appropriating the money to do something about improving the codes and their workability.

Storm sewers, one new item to mention is Phase I of a South Long Street storm receiver \$3,300. This would be a storm receiver, a storm line that would not only serve the D.P.W. yard and garage and Lehn Lane - it's still called Lehn Lane, we haven't changed the name yet - and some of the runoff from the baseball diamond, but it would also be a line that would run down Long Street and intersect at Main and also help improve the drainage problem at South Long Street and Main.

Refuse collection, basically our garbage. The service contract we anticipate to be in the neighborhood of \$98,000. At our last meeting those of you that follow the Village Board were aware

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that we threw out the bids that we recently received and as a result we were able to lower this appropriation figuring that the, one of the lower bids at that time was in the neighborhood of under \$100,000. So we're in the process of rebidding our garbage contract and are confident that the bids should come in in the neighborhood of \$98,000, or hopefully less. And then the other costs associated with garbage and trash. The dump fees, that represents the money the Village D.P.W. has to pay to the sanitary landfill to dump the things they take over there.

The last page of the General Fund shows a transfer to the water fund. It is something the Village Board has been doing for a number of years now to help offset the troubled financial condition of the water fund. Our Debt Service represents our payment towards the past borrowing of the Village, total interest and principal on our serial bonds \$42,000 and the total principal and interest on our bond anticipation notes in the neighborhood of \$43,000. So our total General Fund appropriations then are \$1,031,072.

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Mr. Donald Schueckler, 124 S. Union Road: You skipped a page.

Mr. Troy: The one immediately before this, Gordie.

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Trustee Kibby: It starts with street cleaning.

Mayor Kuzon: I can't find the transparency. I'll just briefly summarize it. It starts with street cleaning. That's basically our street sweeper that goes around and cleans the Village streets. Community Beautification, which includes the Beautification Committee, the Environmental Committee, replacement and maintenance of trees and plants and Main Street hanging baskets. A couple of things worth mentioning there. First of all is the \$250 for landscape architect fees that's anticipated to be used for the front of the Meeting House to come up with professional plan to landscape the Meeting House. Plants - \$1,000. A portion of that, I think about \$700 will be used for the plants at the Meeting House. Shade trees - the amount there was increased to include shade trees replacement within the residential area, and on Main Street Trustee Murray has recommended, I guess through her Beautification Committee, that we implement a program of hanging baskets on Main Street and the Board has allocated \$1,000. Shade tree maintenance, which is the next item, that basically includes our leaf collection. You see a large personal service expense there and is accountable to the leaf collection program in the Village. Flood and Erosion Control is dealing with the flood control gates at the Creek and then the employee benefits - state retirement, Social Security, Workmen's Comp, disability, hospital, unemployment and provision for the increase of cost of benefits.

I'm sorry I don't have that transparency to put up. That concludes the reporting of the General Fund and if there aren't any questions on it we'll move along and begin the Water Fund and I've got no transparencies on the Water Fund.

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Our next budget that we're going to report on is the Water Fund. The Water Fund appropriations are anticipated to total \$427,305 and expenses break down roughly as follows: Special Items - \$5,730; Employee Salaries and Benefits, \$36,105; Water purchase - this is the Village buying water from Erie County Water Authority - \$295,000; Transmission and distribution basically dealing with the operation and maintenance of the water lines - \$25,200; our debt Service Serial Bonds - \$57,720, and the Bond Anticipation Notes - \$7,550. We estimate revenues to be the same at \$427,305. However, we break the revenues down into income and our income would be coming from metered sales, service charges and interest and penalties. We estimate out total income in the Water department to be \$417,005. Added to that is a transfer from the General Fund of \$10,000 and \$300 from meter sales. We get a balance of \$427,305.

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However, a simple report of the Water Fund Budget does not tell the whole story of the Water department as you well know. The previous financial practices and physical neglect have created a critical situation in the fund. The current troubled financial condition should be no surprise to anyone. This Board has been aware of the economic and physical situation and has taken purposeful action to improve it. And above and beyond that, at all times, the Board has openly informed the consumer of the plight of this essential service. Most importantly, though, several deliberate steps, sometimes unpopular steps, have been implemented to stabilize the deteriorating condition of the Water department. The actions implemented to date have been effective in closing in on the desired objective. The Board has been successful in achieving a daily self-sufficiency in the Water department. The Water department is and has been operating at or near a break-even level on a daily basis for about a year, for approximately a year. In my opinion it is now physically sound and operationally improved on a daily basis. However, the measures that have been taken to date have been effective improvements but a troubled financial situation remains. This financial plight is the result of years of neglect and ineffective management. The facts remain that the current deficit is \$136,070. It obviously did not happen overnight and cannot be corrected in a single year, but be assured and I'm confident that the Board is taking deliberate action to deal with the deficit and debt situation. The deficit is the excess of current expenditures over revenues. Our current debt in the Water Fund is \$421,800. Debt is a long term obligation which is bonded either in the form of serial bonds, bond anticipation notes, or capital notes, which are issued for capital construction projects that have a period of usefulness of five years or more. It is imperative that Village officials address this issue head-on. The Village Board will need to be resourceful, and tough minded in successfully combating the issues of debt and deficit in the Water department.

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Our next fund we have is the Sewer Fund. Quickly, the appropriations in the Sewer Fund total \$441,558. The expenses in this fund break down into Special Items - \$4,900; Salaries and Benefits for employees - \$16,685; Expense for Sanitary Sewers - \$10,600; debt Service - \$24,000 and a contract with the Town for sewage treatment \$379,073.

I'd like to comment for a minute on our contract with the Town for treatment and disposal. Over the last three years our contract with the Town has called for a payment of some \$225,000, \$297,000 and for this coming year \$379,000. In two of the last three years the increase in sewage treatment alone, sewage treatment cost to the Town has been \$72,000 and \$81,000 and now we have recently been informed that the Town through error or omission in their calculations the Village now owes an additional \$70,000 for sewage treatment from the previous year. These costs dominate the fiscal picture of the Sewer Fund. Sewage treatment was expected to be costly and we've been telling Village residents this for some four or five years now. However, the dominance of these costs combined with the amounts they have increased annually over the last three years necessitates a much closer look at the method and the cost of sewage treatment. In this regard, and in our budget deliberations, the Board has approved the initial investigation by Trustee Brenton concerning the feasibility and cost effectiveness of the Village building, maintaining and operating its own sewage treatment plant. At this time, however, it would be premature to report anything more than the go ahead for an initial investigation of the feasibility. But, increasing contractual costs for sewage treatment mandates that these costs not be passively accepted. First of all that they be annually reviewed for equity and contract compliance, and that we fulfill our responsibilities and that alternatives be at least considered and investigated.

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One thing we also need to talk about when we talk about the Sewer Fund are revenues, money that would operate this budget. Sewer charges - we anticipate receiving revenues of \$251,569; contracts with outside users - \$50,000; interest income - \$11,000; and we anticipate appropriating surplus of \$128,989 for our total appropriations of \$441,558. At this time we will have a separate hearing on sewer charges and the method by which they're assessed but to advise you as to the cost for operation and maintenance it will be \$.74 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed and the capital cost will be \$5.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. These figures are the same as last year and there is no increase in O and M or capital cost to Village residents.

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One final budget to review this evening and that's the Glen Park Budget. The total Glen Park Budget is \$22,552. As I referred to earlier tonight this is shared 50/50 by the Town of Amherst and Village of Williamsville so the actual expenditure by the Village of Williamsville in Glen Park is \$11,000, some \$11,000. Basically, I'll run through it quickly, salaries - the total on this is only the Village portion of the Glen Park Budget item - salaries will total some \$9,000. Equipment in the form of a new mower and a weed eater is \$950. Professional services - the park guards, weed spraying, fertilization, snow plowing and physicals for laborers will be \$8,800. Utilities in the park about \$1,000. Gas and oil for the mower and other equipment \$200. Repairs to the garbage cans, the light fixtures and the various equipment \$1,500. Supplies in the form of trash liners and some small tools \$300. A Johnny-on-the-Spot \$480 and other expenses \$250.

That would be the basic reporting of the General, Water, Sewer and Glen Park Budgets. However, for the second part of the budget report this evening I would like to take the opportunity to focus on several items or issues that have evolved from the budgetary procedure. I feel a budget report is an opportune time to make comments and recommendations regarding procedures, policies and practices and I offer the following comments and recommendations for the consideration of the Trustees and Village residents. First of all I would recommend to the Trustees and office staff that the purchasing of office supplies by all departments, including Clerk-Treasurer, Building, Justice, D.P.W. and Fire, be consolidated and purchased by the Village Clerk's Office. To me there are clear advantages to this consolidation. First of all there would be greater control of purchases, improved audit control, possibly certain purchasing advantages regarding larger volume and quantity purchases which may reduce duplication within our departments and perhaps the expense. I would also suggest that we investigate the possibility of shared/joint purchases with other governments, perhaps the Town of Amherst.

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The second recommendation is that except for official trips and meetings within Erie County, that all other trips and meetings by Village officials and committee members and employees be requested in writing and be approved in advance by the Village Board and only where budgeted. I would further recommend that the Clerk develop a form that can be used for trip requests and reimbursements.

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As we've gone through the budget I made some comments about the utilities. My third comment or recommendation concerns utilities and I would recommend that the Building Inspector and D.P.W. Superintendent evaluate the energy efficiency of our buildings and street lights and make recommendations to improve the energy efficiency and reduce utility costs. An obvious part of this evaluation would be a review of the recent N.Y.S. energy audit that was done on Village buildings and it would be up to the D.P.W. Superintendent and Building Inspector to make sure that all recommendations of that audit have been complied with and implemented. A major part of our utility cost is street lighting and I would say this evaluation should include a detailed analysis of our street lighting system and its cost and any recommendations to reduce and/or maintain the costs at the current level.

Fourthly, I'm going to recommend the re-instatement of periodic department head meetings. Also, I would say that these meetings should be expanded, the membership of these meetings be expanded to include the Chairman or a representative from each committee. These meetings in the past have provided an opportunity for department heads and myself and Board members who've attended to review and discuss programs and I feel by expanding the attendance at these meetings to the committees it will only improve the communication between departments, the committees and the Board.

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My fifth recommendation is that the Village operation be evaluated for the purchase of an appropriate computer. This evaluation is absolutely necessary to ensure that we purchase in the near future, perhaps in the next budget, a computer, one that will serve our needs and serve our residents. Part of this recommendation is that we contact the New York State Conference of Mayors or the New York State department of State regarding their ability to pursue the evaluation and at no cost to the Village.

My final recommendation concerns the status of the new Fire Hall, which has been pending for a number of years now. I would recommend that the Village determine the intentions of the Town regarding the disposition of the Court Building on Main Street now that the Town has apparently committed to build a new court building. It should be fairly simple for the Town to tell us what they plan to do with the old building and to this end I would suggest that Trustee Brenton, Attorney Troy and myself act as a committee to negotiate with the Town and determine their intentions. I would say that in this regard a meeting has already been scheduled for Thursday, April 14th to discuss various options. However, I would further recommend that if the Town continues to stonewall the discussion of relocating the Fire Hall to the Court Building that this site be permanently abandoned and the Village proceed full speed to relocate to another suitable site in the Village. In my opinion, the continued delay is a disservice to our taxpayers within the Village and in the Fire Protection district.

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In conclusion I would say that the 1983-1984 tentative budgets have been carefully scrutinized by the Village Board and as a result, the proposed budgets represent a realistic projection of anticipated needs and priorities. In my opinion, it is a clear statement of the Board's commitment to sound fiscal planning and responsible management. The budget meets our primary goal of keeping a lid on spending while providing essential and necessary Village services. The minor increase in the tax rate is a significant accomplishment in our economy. The total general fund increase of \$.73 per thousand is in the neighborhood of 4% and in terms of services, at a rate of \$17.98 per thousand of assessed value a Villager's tax dollar buys the following services - all based on per cent of assessed value: \$4.08 for General Government; \$4.55 for Streets, Refuse \$1.90 - total P.P.W. costs then would be \$6.45; \$.95 for community services; \$2.15 for the Fire department and that's based only on our general fund; \$1.22 for parks; \$1.46 for employee benefits; and \$1.67 for fund transfers and debts.

1983-84
Budgets

The Trustees and I actively solicit your ideas and questions tonight and also between now and the budget adoption at our next meeting on April 25th.

Finally in closing, I would like to make a few relative observations about our Board. First of all, it is this Board's objective to manage Village government in an open and responsive manner, and secondly, while this Board's composition is of one political party,

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and I use the term loosely, it is by no means of one political thought. You can be assured that our apparent allegiances will not stifle our thinking. There will be creative opinions and dissenting thoughts. In fact, our differences will be our policies, our arguments, our principles and that we are pelting each other for the public good. And to my colleagues on the Board I would make the following observations: "A party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised when its opponents blame it for the drought". Finally, the Village Board, the office staff and the P.P.W. are available to serve Village residents. Providing first rate services to residents is what we are here for. We are at all times accountable to Village residents and I look forward to this next year and encourage your involvement, participation and criticisms.

That concludes my report. Is there any comment on any of the budgets? Any Board member have any comment? If there is no comment on the budgets...

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the hearing was closed at 8:35 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

Michael Kibby
Connie C. Murray Trustees
V. James Saia

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk
Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney
Phil Boudreau, Dept. of Public Works

Absent

Lawrence R. Brenton, Trustee

Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 11, 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 on the proposed sewer rent rates for the 1983-1984 fiscal year per Section 51.20(D) of the Sewer Rent Code. PUBLIC HEARING

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the hearing was opened at 8:38 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Sewer Rates
for 1983-84

Mayor Kuzon: As I made reference to previously, the cost to Village consumers for sewage treatment for this coming year is anticipated to be, or proposed to be \$.74 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed and that would be for the operation and maintenance cost of sewage treatment, and \$5.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and that's for capital costs of sewage treatment. That's the simplest way to explain it and I would say if there's any comment on it now would be the time to make it. If not...

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the hearing was closed at 8:39 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Roll Call

Present :

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

Michael Kibby
Connie C. Murray Trustees
V. James Saia

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk
Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney
Phil Boudreau, Dept. of Public Works

Absent

Lawrence R. Brenton, Trustee

Mayor Kuzon: This public hearing is regarding Federal Revenue Sharing. It is informational only as a result of a mix-up in getting the official notice published. We will be having the official meeting at a special meeting next Monday night but this evening for your information we will discuss the revenue sharing budget and how we anticipate spending our revenue sharing funds.

Informa-
tional
Public
Hearing

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the informational public hearing was opened at 8:36 PM.

Federal
Revenue
Sharing
1983-84

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Our total anticipated revenue sharing money is \$30,800. This would be our general revenue sharing amount of \$30,651 and the interest on earnings from a previous year. The money we anticipate spending is within the Fire department for major equipment, expendable equipment and capital equipment. Major equipment - \$19,100; expendable equipment - \$1,550; capital equipment - \$10,000. The remaining \$150 balance of the fund will be used in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office regarding publications. Are there any comments on the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget? If not...

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the informational public hearing was closed at 8:38 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

Michael Kibby
Connie C. Murray Trustees
V. James Saia

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk
Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney
Phil Boudreau, Dept. of Public Works

Absent

Lawrence R. Brenton, Trustee

Mayor Kuzon called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Mayor Kuzon: Trustee Brenton is not with us this evening because his business has required him to be out of town this evening.

The first order of business this evening is a Proclamation proclaiming Girl Scout Leader's Day within the Village and I'll read the Proclamation at this time.

Proclamation

WHEREAS the major purpose of Girl Scouts of the United States of America is to offer a program of informal education designed to develop the planning and decision-making abilities girls need to succeed in a constantly changing world, and

PROCLAMATION
Girl Scout
Leaders Day

WHEREAS Girl Scout volunteer leaders form skilled partnerships with girls, and

WHEREAS Girl Scout volunteer leaders possess the imagination and self-confidence required for successful, competent leadership, and

WHEREAS Girl Scout volunteer leaders provide positive role models for today's girls and young women, and

WHEREAS Girl Scout volunteer leaders encourage girls to develop a growing confidence that enables them to meet today's challenges and to become tomorrow's competent self-assured women;

THEREFORE I, Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor of the Village of Williamsville hereby resolve that the purpose of this day is to give girls, their families, and their communities the opportunity to recognize and honor Girl Scout leaders for their important work, and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that April 22, 1983 be celebrated as Girl Scout Leader's Day in the Village of Williamsville.

If anyone is here from the Girl Scouts I'll present the Proclamation at this time. If not, we will forward it to the Girl Scout Troop in the Village.

Our next order of business is approval of minutes.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the minutes of the public hearing held March 28, 1983 regarding the proposed use of 1983-1984 Federal Revenue Sharing Funds were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, the minutes of the reorganizational meeting held April 4, 1983 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Our next order of business this evening are a series of public hearings regarding budgets.

ON MOTION by Trustee Murray, seconded by Trustee Saia, it was moved at 7:43 PM to open the public hearing regarding the General, Water, Sewer & Glen Park Budgets. (The hearing was closed at 8:35 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Our next public hearing this evening is one regarding Federal Revenue Sharing. You'll notice in the parenthesis that it is informational only. Informational only is the result of a mix-up in getting the official notice published. We will be having the official meeting at a special meeting next Monday night but this evening for your information we will discuss the Revenue Sharing Budget and how we anticipate spending our Revenue Sharing Funds.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, it was moved at 8:36 PM to open the informational public hearing regarding the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget. (The hearing was closed at 8:38 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Kuzon: Our third and final public hearing this evening concerns proposed sewer rents for 1983-1984.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, it was moved at 8:38 PM to open the public hearing regarding proposed sewer rents for 1983-1984. (The hearing was closed at 8:39 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: That concludes our public hearings. We will be acting on the budgets at our next Village Board meeting. One thing to mention would be that these are proposed or tentative budgets and there may be or there may not be changes within any of the line items between now and the time we vote on them and if you have any suggestions or additions or deletions that you think should be brought to the Board's attention you should do that between now and the time we adopt it on the 24th.

For my report and section of the agenda this evening, first of all I'd like to report that today I received notice from the Employment Training Services of Erie County that they are distributing applications for the county's annual summer youth employment program. The applications will be available at the local youth boards and in the Town Hall. We will make sure that some of these applications are available in the Village Clerk's Office. They will be available the week of April 17th for the summer youth program. It is a two month program which will run during the months of July and August. Those potentially eligible youth between the ages of 14 and 21 must reside within the county, outside the city and the towns of Cheektowaga and Tonawanda. This is basically the former CETA program in the past and I do believe that CETA eligibility guidelines will apply once again this summer. After the youths have picked up their applications and completed them they will be able to return the completed application to the Erie Community College North on the following dates: April 30th, May 7th and May 21st and that would be between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

The other thing I have to report is that I am a member of the Erie County Development Coordination Board and I just received notice today that as part of my membership on that Board I was appointed to a committee which is going to be reviewing consultants for architectural and engineering projects and for each project that will come before I guess the DCB and the DPW and the Planning Department of the County, the selection committee will interview at least three consultants who express an interest in the work and determine if they're qualified and the committee will recommend to the various departments within the County.

The other thing I'd like to report is that last Monday, April 4th we had our annual reorganizational meeting. At that time committee assignments were made, some committee appointments were made and the appointments of various Village officials took place. To summarize the results of that meeting Trustee Brenton was given

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the following committee liaisons, or areas as not all of them are committees: the D.P.W., lights, sewers, water and fire department. Trustee Kibby will be responsible for building and plumbing, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Meeting House, Community development Funding, and Library. Trustee Murray has Senior Citizens, Regional Planning Board, School District, Beautification and Traffic and Safety. Trustee Saia has the Environmental Committee, Assessment, Parks, Glen Park and Youth and Recreation. My assignments will be personnel, intergovernmental, Old Home day, insurance, budget and Local Government Committee. The Deputy Mayor will be Lawrence Brenton.

The following officials were appointed: Village Attorney - Tom Troy, Village Prosecutor - Joe Stoeckl, the official newspaper the Amherst Bee, Acting Village Justice - Ed Robinson, our Registrar of Statistics - Theresa Cummins, our Deputy Registrar Mary Harrigan, our Deputy Village Clerk - Mary Harrigan, and our Deputy Village Treasurer Elaine Garano, the Collector of Taxes and Assessments - Theresa Cummins.

At that meeting we also established the regular Board meeting nights for the Village. They are the same as they have been, the second and fourth Mondays of the month, except for July and August when the regular meetings will be held on the fourth Mondays. Before each meeting we do have a pre-meeting, or a work session at 6:30 PM. The public is, of course, invited to those meetings also. The other resolutions at the meeting were basically committee appointments and I'll leave the reporting of the committee memberships to the Trustees who have those committees.

That concludes my report. I do have a number of resolutions. The first one is for vouchers.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Saia, vouchers in the sum of \$36,914.72 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 4/1/83	\$ 4,800.90
	W/E 4/8/83	4,686.32
General Fund	Abstract #534	22,399.70
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #114	1,443.37
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #154	3,505.87
Glen Park Jt Activities Fund	Abstract #54	<u>78.56</u>
Total Vouchers		\$36,914.72

The larger of these vouchers are some \$9,800 to Rapid Disposal, our garbage collector, and to Niagara Mohawk \$5,500 for street lighting. That \$5,500 represents how long?

Clerk: That's one month.

Mayor Kuzon: One month.

Unanimously carried.

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My second and third resolutions deal with the clerical problem we had with the publishing of the notice for the Federal Revenue Sharing hearing. We are required by law to have two public hearings. We held one and we are in the process of attempting to hold a second one. To hold a public hearing, however, you have to have a meeting and as we've already said, our regular meetings are the second and fourth Mondays. So to expedite the process we're going to have a special meeting next Monday, April 18th at 7:00 PM for the purpose of holding the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget hearing.

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

RESOLVED that a special meeting be held on April 18, 1983 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of holding a Federal Revenue Sharing Budget hearing.

CALL FOR
SPECIAL MEETING

Federal Revenue
Sharing

Unanimously carried.

My third resolution authorizes the Clerk to public a notice of the public hearing regarding the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund and this hearing will be held next Monday at 7:00 PM in the Village Conference Room and the only topic of business at this special meeting, this public special meeting will be the discussion of the budget that we talked about here tonight.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held April 18, 1983 at 7:00 PM in the Village Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 1983-1984 Federal Revenue Sharing Fund Budget for the Village of Williamsville.

CALL FOR
PUBLIC
HEARING

Federal
Revenue
Sharing
Fund

Unanimously carried.

My fourth resolution appoints the Historian and the Assessor. The Historian will be Mary Jane Kibby and the Assessor will be Raymond J. Fischer. They have been our Historian and Assessor for the last couple of years, maybe longer for the Assessor.

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

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RESOLVED that the following appointments are hereby made until the end of the 1983-1984 official year:

APPOINTMENTS

Historian
Assessor

Mary Jane Kibby
Raymond J. Fischer

Historian and
Assessor

Unanimously carried.

That concludes my portion of the agenda. Next is Trustee Kibby.

Trustee Kibby: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I need to make an appointment to the Planning Commission and that's not on the agenda so first off I need to make a motion to suspend the rules.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Murray, it was moved to suspend the rules to consider a resolution not on the agenda.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kibby: My motion is:

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

RESOLVED that David Coe, 19 Monroe, is hereby appointed to the Planning Commission until the end of the 1983-1984 official Village year.

APPOINTMENT
Planning
Commission

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kibby: Thank you. That's all.

Mayor Kuzon: Next is Trustee Murray.

Trustee Murray: Thank you. For my report this evening I would report that I unfortunately had the experience that I hoped I never would have this morning. The Fire department responded to a fire in a very responsive manner at my house and it was very nice to feel confident that I knew the men who were responding knew what they were doing and that they would handle it in a professional manner. I'd like to express my gratitude to the men of the Hutchinson Hose Company for what they did for the Murray family this morning.

I have one resolution tonight. It pertains to a public hearing

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we had on parking in front of the Town Hall and the other two buildings in the complex. We had received a request from the Town of Amherst to eliminate five parking spaces, two on either side of the driveway into the court building, two on either side of the driveway into the library building, and one on the side of the driveway into this building, because of the fire hydrant on the west side. The Village Board, however, felt that because of the parking problems in the commercial district in the Village that they did not want to eliminate a total of five parking spaces so the resolution tonight is for a new local law that will eliminate only one parking space to the eastern side of the driveway into this parking lot right here between the Town Hall and the library building. Now this comes not with the recommendation of the Traffic and Safety Committee of the Town or of the Village. At the last, at the public hearing that we had on the subject there was much discussion and the Village Board asked that both those committees, those volunteer committees take back an idea of one-way driveways into the library and court and upon examining the idea the Traffic and Safety Committees felt that that was not a solution and would not work out well for public safety's sake. I have been in favor of the proposed local law because I favor public safety over parking spaces. However, I was in the minority and it seems we are only going to eliminate one parking space and the resolution reads:

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

RESOLVED that Local Law #4 - 1983, Amend Section 60.32(21) of the Traffic Code, which was the subject of a public hearing on March 14, 1983 is hereby adopted.

LOCAL LAW TABLED

Amend Section
60.32(21)
of Traffic Code

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Mayor Kuzon, it was moved to table the preceding resolution.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: The question of parking restrictions in front of the municipal building is tabled for this evening until the Board discusses it further. Is there anything else?

Trustee Kibby: The only discussion we have had on this is I remember is about a month ago when Mr. Saia and I kind of lit into Hank Smith to go back to his committees and to have both the Town and Village committees look into the question of one-way driveways and Dick Hill called me about two or three weeks ago and said both committees unanimously agreed that that was, the idea of one-way driveways was simply unenforceable. I don't recall discussing it. I said at that time I'd be willing to think about eliminating five parking places. So my motion to table this is so that we can discuss this at some later time as to whether we go with one or we go with five, so in a sense positive, it's going the way the Traffic and Safety Committee I think wants it to go but we need to discuss that. That's my observation.

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Mayor Kuzon: Anything else, Trustee Murray?

Trustee Murray: That concludes my report.

Mayor Kuzon: Next is Trustee Saia.

Trustee Saia: I have two security agreements to sign. We don't know if the Town is going to approve this Mayor, but if the Village does I'm sure that they will. I'll read the resolution.

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

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

AUTHORIZATION
Mayor to sign
agreement
for park guards --
Glen Park

Unanimously carried.

And the other one, the same thing to sign a security agreement but this is for Island and Garrison Park.

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

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

AUTHORIZATION
Mayor to sign
agreement
for park guards

Unanimously carried.

Island & Garrison
Parks

Resolution number 3 reads:

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

RESOLVED that May 7th is hereby designated as the date for the First Annual Fishing Derby and that an annual fishing derby be hereafter established.

DESIGNATION
1st Annual
Fishing
Derby

Unanimously carried.

For my report tonight I'd like to comment on the driveway and parking that I originally didn't want any cars removed from the Village because I do think we do not have enough parking spaces and the report or study that has been made confirms my opinion, but I have softened a little bit and I would allow one car space but that's as far as I go. So if I seem kind of soft tonight in seconding your motion it is because I have softened a little and I would remove one car space, but I don't want to, but I would for the sake of what we were discussing.

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I would like to - I've had the job now one year. I've learned an awful lot in this one year. As a lot of you people know I sat in the audience for probably 20 years before I got the job I got now. And I have observed quite a few things and at the next meeting the 28th of April I'd like to just kind of go over the year that I had serving on the Board and I would like to make a few statements, but I think tonight has been a long meeting and I'll discontinue what I was going to say. Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Trustee Brenton is not with us tonight. Next is the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, Mr. Boudreau.

Mr. Boudreau: Under the heading of Streets, an increasing amount of property damage is being sustained on front lawns throughout the Village streets. This damage is being caused by cars being intentionally driven across the sidewalk onto front lawns. Small trees, shrubs and lawns are being torn up and destroyed. It will be appreciated if Village residents will take note of license plate numbers and make of cars doing such damage and report same to the police.

Under the heading of Annual Village Trash Pick-Up Week - Spring Clean-Up - the Annual Village Trash Pick-Up Program will commence on May 2nd and continue thru the week to Friday, May 6th. The areas and days of collection will be as follows: on the north side of Main Street - Monday, Tuesday and a half day Wednesday; and the south side of Main Street - a half day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Under the heading of Sign Installation, the first large "Welcome to the Village of Williamsville" sign was installed on the south side of Main Street, east of Union Road this past week. Additional signs of this type will be erected at various points of entry into the Village, time and conditions permitting.

Under the heading of our Water Distribution System, continued monitoring of our Village Water Distribution System shows a sustained reduction of our water losses. The Department of Public Works is now equipped and ready to respond to any type of water main emergency.

And lastly under the heading of Firewood, firewood from cut down trees in the Village is available at the D.P.W. Garage. Pieces are cut to 24" lengths, but are not split. That is the end of my report.

A man in the audience: Your "Welcome to Williamsville" sign is on the west side of Main Street.

Mr. Boudreau: You're right.

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

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Kuzon: At this time anyone in the audience may bring any idea before the Board. We ask that you state your name and address.

Mr. Joe Greer, 69 S. Union: A letter was received by the Village Board sometime ago from the Convention Committee of the Erie County Volunteer Firemen's Association asking permission to have the New York State Volunteer Firemen's Convention parade, which will be held in August, 1984, down Main Street in Williamsville. This letter was sent out before I had a chance to contact the Board and possibly it came to you with adding to the confusion. You in turn turned it over to the Fire Chief and he knew nothing about it. I admonished the General Chairman and Secretary for sending the letter out before I gave the okay on it. But that letter, all it is is seeking permission, it will probably be the third Sunday of August, 1984, to have the parade down Main Street. The headquarters and everything is in Cheektowaga. There is no part of the convention in the Town of Amherst outside of some housing at various motels. We can't see parading up and down Genesee Street. There's nothing there and we would like to have the parade down Main Street in Williamsville. It would be at 2:00 PM on a Sunday afternoon starting, we don't know if we're going to go west to east or east to west, and it would be a matter of at least four hours closing traffic off on Main Street. We would like the Board to consider this and if you get back to me at a later date then I can report to the Convention Committee. I just wanted to clarify the point, or the reason for that letter.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. The Board is aware of it. We discussed it and it was referred to the Fire Chief. We asked that we be given the opportunity to consider it and be involved in the process. And we have no problem with that.

Mr. Greer: Well truly the Fire Company itself would not be involved in any way because the parade judging and everything is all done by the State Tournament Judges and I have been designated as Parade Chairman. All I have to do is figure out the route and they have to approve it. We have to have a dispersal point and a marshaling point and outside of that the State people take over the rest of the parade.

Mayor Kuzon: Is there any deadline you need for approval of that?

Mr. Greer: There's no immediate rush. As I said, it's not until '84 but if there is a denial of this request I would like to know as soon as possible so we can find some alternate location for the parade. Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Mr. Brand.

Mr. Edward Brand, 131 Monroe: Mayor and Trustees, of course I did not have the opportunity of seeing the budget before coming

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here tonight. My reason for coming, one reason was I would like to talk about the traffic situation at Main and Garrison. I notice that there was an item of \$500 in the budget for signs at Main and Garrison. At the present time that is a hazardous location. I live on Monroe Drive and I can speak from personal experience that there is hardly a week that goes by that you don't come up to Main from Garrison Road that some car is in the left hand lane going north and comes straight across Garrison heading north down to Evans and Evans, of course, is one lane and it makes a confusing and a dangerous situation. And then they add insult by blowing their horn at you. That's happened any number of times. It's much worse in that direction than it is coming up Evans up to Main and crossing over. And until two years ago the situation was pretty well under control. There were good 'left turn only' signs on the pavement and, of course, there is a sign on a post left lane must turn left, but the pavement was not repainted last year. It hasn't been repainted so far this year and I don't know what kind of signs are contemplated but I would suggest, if I may, that the signs would be an overhead sign with left turn only marker and the other one straight ahead or right turn. Now whether that can be done with \$500 I don't know. But, of course, you have a contingency budget and I would like to recommend you do a good job there because that one sign left turn only at the side of the road does not do the job. I'm not the only one that's complaining about this.

Trustee Kibby: No, you're not, Mr. Brand. As a matter of fact we've discussed this several times and it's on my list of things to do tonight in our work session. One of the things that irks me personally was a message that came back from the DOT, is that correct? The Erie County DOT?

DISCUSSION

Mr. Boudreau: No. Both the State DOT and Erie County Highway Department.

Overhead signs at Main &

Trustee Kibby: That any additional work there would be overkill. Well that's interesting because I went back down the street and there were at least 13 accidents in the last 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 months. Just last Saturday I saw over 11 cars that stayed in the left hand lane and tried to go straight. Several times I was walking in that area. As you know I have a residence there on Garrison. So I know that corner incredibly well. I've seen more cars go through that intersection in the last six to eight months than ever before. There's something going on that I don't understand. But the thing that bothers me the most was that when we were told overkill I went down to Youngs Road and Sheridan Drive. I went down to Evans and Sheridan. There are about six or seven other spots where I looked at, places that have left turn only lanes. They all have overhead signs. They all have one, two or three approach signs. They all have markings on the highway. And when we're told this is overkill with one scruffy, dirty white sign just a bit south of 24 Garrison Road between the houses there and it says that that's the only sign. There's no indication up further say across from the park. There's no indication of left turn only lane. There's nothing overhead. I can understand that our pavement markers may be worn away and we can certainly tolerate waiting a few weeks to get those back on. I think the DOT is just plain out of its cotton picking mind to say that that is an overkill to do any additional work there. I didn't think so two or three

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weeks ago because I thought there were two or three signs. There are not. There is only one sign. There are no overhead signs. There are no signs further south of 24 Garrison. There just simply isn't enough there. I think that whichever Trustee is in charge, or the Mayor, or Mr. Boudreau or all three of them should go back to the DOT and make sure that they take care of it. That is a dangerous corner without question.

Mr. Brand: Thank you very much. I hope the Town, or the County or the State will take care of it, but if they don't I think the Village should.

Trustee Kibby: We will have to take care of it. They do not.

Trustee Saia: Mr. Brand, is it your opinion then that the street marking is not sufficient for this intersection?

Mr. Brand: Yes. Definitely.

Trustee Saia: Thank you.

Mr. Brand: There should be an overhead one left turn only and one straight ahead and right. Do I make myself clear?

Trustee Saia: Yes, sir.

Trustee Kibby: Like there is in every other left turn only situation in the area.

Mayor Kuzon: Trustee Murray.

Trustee Murray: Like Trustee Kibby I agree and as liaison to the Traffic and Safety Committee it is the recommendation of the committee that we go, I believe, with the overhead. It's not overkill. We've all lived with that situation over and over and over again and seeing the danger in that spot. This year I did budget some \$4,200 to install an overhead sign there on both sides. The Board however, did not see fit to allow that \$4,200 but did put \$500 in there to mark the pavement with an inset, not just a painting, an inset.

Mr. Brand: That's not good.

Trustee Murray: Some of us agree with Mr. Brand that the sign approaching the intersection on the side of the road and the inset is not enough and that it is a sufficiently dangerous situation that it needs an overhead sign and if Trustee Kibby had that on his agenda for discussion this evening I would appreciate his report.

Trustee Kibby: I was one of those who took the \$3,700 out of the \$4,200 budget, Connie, as you know. But that's when I was of the opinion that there were two or three signs there and wasn't

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totally aware of what was at the other corners. So I'm with you on that.

Mayor Kuzon: Mr. Hill.

Mr. Richard Hill, 18 Brookside Drive: As a citizen - I'm not talking for the committee now. The last couple of months I've had six times down there when I was in the right hand lane to go straight through and I found a car coming at me this way. I agree with Ed overhead signs and I'm asking you to do something before someone gets killed up there and it might be me and I'm kind of interested in my own life.

Trustee Saia: I've got to say something here. It seems to me, and I saw it in my notes for the agenda, or the Village Board meeting that we had here a time not too long ago when Dick got up and made a statement about that intersection and I said I'd like to take that, and I'd like to take it to the State DOT and I was turned down here and you people wanted that marking put on there. We discussed this right at that Village Board meeting. It's all in writing and you people, and you live right there at the corner.

Trustee Kibby: That's right and it's worse in the last few months. Now what did I just say. I said that two weeks ago or four weeks ago. I said I was wrong and I said I was ready to rectify it. What do you want me to do? Write it in blood?

Trustee Saia: Well I keep hearing the same thing. It's like a broken record now. Now we're going back to what we were originally talking about three months ago.

Trustee Kibby: I made a mistake. It's not the first. It won't be the last. I can assure you of that.

Mayor Kuzon: Mrs. Schlifke:

Mrs. Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street: I'd like to say something as a member of the Traffic and Safety Committee. We've been talking about this for about two years trying to get somebody to listen to us and I'm just glad that finally the Board realizes this just isn't a whim of our committee. That it is something that should be looked into. I don't care who you get to do it. I just hope you get someone.

Trustee Murray: There's not a chance of having the State or the County do it for us. It is a Village ordinance. Therefore, it is a Village responsibility and there's no chance that the State or the County is going to pay to have that done. If we want it done we're going to have to pay for it ourselves.

Mr. Brand: If it costs \$4,200 to do a good job it's worthwhile spending that money.

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Mayor Kuzon: 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...Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill: Hank just reminded me of something. When this first came up the State offered to help us with the pole, if we put the pole in they'd string the wire.

Hank Smith, Town and Village Traffic and Safety Committees: The original understanding was to allow the Village to put a turn sign on the span wire that now holds the signal. The State at that time felt it didn't want signing on that span wire and they suggested that the Village go to two wooden poles, or at that time it was suggested onto their detector pole on the one side, a wooden pole on the other with span wire with the overhead signs on the span wire at the approach and that they would furnish the span wire and make the signs and would allow us to tie onto the radar pole, or detector pole on that side along with the State and that means the Village would only be involved in the setting of one wooden pole on the west side of the street and they would help the Village to put up the span wire and signs.

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

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Mayor Kuzon, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer