

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Monday, March 12, 1984 at 7:32 PM

Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

Lawrence R. Brenton

Michael Kibby

Trustees

Lawrence Law

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 7:32 PM.

Mayor Kuzon: Before requesting the Clerk to call the roll I'd just like to bring to everyone's attention that Connie Murray, a former Trustee on the Village Board, is with us this evening and I'm sure - on behalf of the Board I welcome Connie. We're happy to see you again and I'm sure if you stick around afterward we'd like to compare notes with you.

The Clerk then called the roll.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Next would be approval of minutes.

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Saia, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 27, 1984 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Law, the minutes of the public hearing held February 27, 1984 regarding the proposed acquisition and use of the Conrail property were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Next on our agenda is my report and resolutions, and this evening I have two resolutions. The first is for vouchers in the amount of \$75,888.12. These vouchers cover the period from February 28th through the 12th of March.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, vouchers in the amount of \$75,888.12 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 3/2/84	\$ 5,153.50
	W/E 3/9/84	<u>5,710.92</u>
Total Payroll Fund		\$10,864.42

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Total Payroll Fund (from preceding page)		\$10,864.42
General Fund	Abstract #556	58,520.38
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #137	2,667.07
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #176	1,920.39
Glen Park Jt. Activities	Abstract #76	1,415.00
Federal Revenue Sharing	Abstract #151	<u>500.86</u>
Total Vouchers		\$75,888.12

Unanimously carried.

My second resolution authorizes the Board to hold a special meeting after the annual - or not annual, but special Village election to be held March 20th. This is standard procedure that after election the Village Trustees meet for a few minutes to accept the election results and my resolution reads:

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

RESOLVED that a Special Board Meeting be held March 20, 1984 at 9:15 PM for the purpose of accepting the Village Election results.	ELECTION Special Meeting to Accept Results
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Unanimously carried.

That concludes my report. Next is Trustee Brenton.

Trustee Brenton: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. For my report tonight I would first mention the meeting that was held in the offices of URS last week which Mr. Boudreau and myself attended and the representative of URS, their project manager Jerry Kapsiak, and Mr. Kumar Nepal the Regional Director for the Department of Environmental Conservation, or has some similar title to that, and his associate, and at this meeting our Phase 2, combined Phase 2-3 sanitary sewer rehab work was discussed and with a few minor submissions from URS it is anticipated it will be approved in the very near future. However, I would caution on that because we have been awaiting that approval to be held in the very near future for over a year now. So that I hope we get quicker results. And I would also like to thank Assemblyman Sheffer for his assistance in arranging this meeting so that all sides could get together and try to get this project underway and perhaps completed by the end of the summer.

We have also received from our engineering firm of Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw and Folley the revised fire hall bay structure schematic drawings and the anticipated cost for that particular work. This

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cost has escalated from the original 1981 estimate of \$453,000 to now \$590,000 and is their estimate of construction cost necessary to build truck bays and also renovate the basement of the court-house building. The Hutchinson Hose Company Building Committee is enthusiastic about the new concept and they endorse it and accept it and are very pleased with it and so that we have had that meeting to that effect and as I said, are happy with it and so I assume now that we will be consummating in the not too distant future our negotiations with the Town of Amherst regarding this situation and this thing should start to move and I would also again emphasize that that amount of money that I mentioned - \$590,000 - is solely for construction costs. There are engineering costs, etc. costs to be tacked onto that.

I just received a letter from Mr. Ketchum's office, the Regional Director of the Department of Transportation, regarding our CHIPS money and as I mentioned at a meeting not too long ago, I had requested that our, we be given an extension on our expenditure date for our CHIPS funds and this extension has been granted and it centers on putting some storm drainage in on Monroe Dr. between Wehrle and Brookside and hooking it into the new Brookside drainage and then resurfacing that segment of Monroe after we put the storm drainage in. So that we will be starting this as soon as possible, but the request for extension was made because I felt that perhaps we might not get the final paving done before the June 1st cut-off for expending CHIPS money. So that that has been approved.

That concludes my report. I'll move to my resolutions. I don't see the Fire Chief here so that - we had wanted to discuss a resolution that was requested by the Fire Department. That's Resolution No. 1 and I think I'll move to table that resolution.

Mayor Kuzon: Why don't we just withdraw it from the agenda and save the parliamentary procedure.

Trustee Brenton: Okay. I'll withdraw it for purposes of obtaining more information on it.

Resolution No. 2 deals with the I think previously discussed purchase of a new high-lift vehicle for our Department of Public Works and in the resolution it's described as a one - that's one, not two, three or four, but one-wheel loader so that to make that clear it's a high-lift vehicle. Our old high-lift is continuously breaking down. It's had many years of service and we have put a considerable amount of money into it recently and envision spending a great deal of money more if we keep it and still be with antiquated equipment. The intention regarding the purchase of this particular piece of equipment is to budget it for the 84-85 fiscal year. However, this time frame that we are developing here by calling for bids will fall into that and then it is the intention if we do have a low successful bidder for this equipment to pay for it over a five-year period of time through the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes, commonly known as BANS. The resolution reads as follows:

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for one-wheel loader for the Department of Public Works. Bids to be opened April 18, 1984 at 10:00 AM in the Village Clerk's Office, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York. The Clerk shall advertise for the bids in the official Village newspaper at least five days before the date on which the bids are to be opened and upon opening of the bids shall make a record by listing the name and address of each bidder, the amount of his bid, the nature and amount of security furnished, and all alternate bids and trade-in allowance, if any, and present such records to the Board of Trustees at the first regular or special meeting of the Board following the opening of the bids.

CALL FOR
BIDS

Wheel Loader

Mayor Kuzon: On the question I would just restate the words that you added in our work session about getting state-wide publicity, or publication of this notice and at this time I would ask the Clerk to make sure that it gets into the Dodge Report, which will follow up on your request earlier.

Trustee Law: I thought we'd agreed on a four-year plan. There is no five-year plan.

Clerk: Yes, there is a five-year plan.

Trustee Brenton: According to the information provided there is a five-year one.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton: That concludes my portion of the agenda.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Next is Trustee Kibby.

Trustee Kibby: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The only thing in my report this evening is that I met with the members of the Historical Society last week and representatives of the architectural firm that is working on the Meeting House and we will be coming to the next meeting to ask for advertisements for bids. We expect to place the ad in early April and the bids will be opened around the 23rd of April and I have nothing else.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Next is Trustee Law.

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Trustee Law: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. As with most projects someone has to take the initiative and the resolution I'm about to offer is part of the project that Connie Murray started and this is for the landscaping in front of the Meeting House. I just wish that every item that came before us, every item in the Village had as much attention as this 16' fence has, but when this gets done I'm sure everybody will be very pleased with the way the Meeting House is going to look in a few years. This is just one step in the process if the Board approves this fence.

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

RESOLVED that a fence at the front of the Village Meeting House, 5658 Main Street, as drawn by Kinkel Associates and recommended by the Planning Board on March 5, 1984 is hereby approved.

VILLAGE MEETING
HOUSE
Fence Approved

Mayor Kuzon: I'm going to ask for a roll call on this.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Kibby - Aye
Trustee Saia - Aye
Trustee Brenton - Aye
Trustee Law - Aye
Mayor Kuzon - First I'd like to say I feel rather foolish in this and this is in no way meant to be negative to those who worked on this including Trustee Murray, Trustee Law, and the landscape architect, but I just, there's something, I don't have a substantial reason but I just don't like the fence and I don't think that in good conscience I can support it so I'm going to vote - No.

Ayes - 4; Noes - 1.

Carried.

Trustee Law: You'll love it when you see it.

Mayor Kuzon: I hope so. Seeing is believing. Anything else then?

Trustee Law: No.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Thank you. Next is Trustee Saia.

Trustee Saia: On my report I'd like to hold it up. I've got some resolutions, two resolutions. One is an appointment to the Environmental Council and it reads:

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

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APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED that David Kowalczyk, 143 Highland Drive is hereby appointed to the Environmental Council until the end of the official 1983-1984 Village year.

Environmental Council

Unanimously carried.

Number 2, is:

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

RESOLVED that as a result of Grievance Day held February 21, 1984, the Village Board hereby sets the real property assessments on various parcels of property as follows for the 1984-1985 fiscal year:

ASSESSMENTS Adjusted Due to Grievance Day

<u>Address</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>SBL #</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
158 Mill St.	201-313	69.17-2-1	\$ 5,825.00
5712 Main St.	201-62	69.17-3-38	58,250.00
25 S. Cayuga	202-371	80.08-3-14	3,150.00
205 Evans St.	201-690	69.13-2-59	492,700.00

Unanimously carried.

For my report I'd like to - and I have one of my Youth Committee members in the audience - and I'd like to report - two of them, sorry - that the Jolly Boys' Mr. Klebes has given the Youth Board for the purpose of enabling the Youth Board to continue with the work that they have done in the past year \$3,000. Mr. Klebes will receive a letter after our meeting tomorrow night and I'm sure that he'll be in total approval of what we have done for the past year.

Also at our last meeting or two I have stated some desire in the property known as the Conrail property. At this time because I do want to remain as part of the bidding process of this Board and in the negotiation process and everything else that has to do with the Conrail property I'd like to make this statement - that I wish at this time to declare publicly that I renounce any interest in bidding as a private purchaser for any part of the Conrail property offered for sale to the Village. I make this statement to clear any possible question of conflict of interest which might arise by virtue of my position as a Trustee. Thank you, Mayor.

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

Mr. Boudreau: Under the heading of Rinewalt Street Water Storage Reservoir: An inspection of the water tank interior in the spring

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of 1983 showed some corrosion and scaling occurring. An inspection of the tank interior will be done in the spring of 1984. In the event that corrosion and scaling has become excessive in the water tank, specifications will have to be drawn up for a sand blasting and repainting bid contract. An approximate estimate of cost to repaint the tank interior for an A.W.W.A. Rate two coat epoxy paint system would be approximately \$29,000.

Under the heading of Snow Plowing and Snow Removal: During the week of February 27 to March 2, 1984 the area experienced a very heavy snowfall. All Village streets were kept open and sanded, with plow crews working overtime and double-shifted in some cases. During and immediately after this snow storm, Village sidewalks were plowed in Districts 1 and 2, including all main roads throughout the Village. The sidewalk plow broke down this past Friday. We are currently awaiting parts to repair. The plow will be put back on the road as soon as possible. It's now repaired by the way, as of today. That's the end of my report.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: At this time anyone in the audience may address the Board. We ask for our minutes that you state your name and address. Anyone?

Richard Metz, 119 Monroe Dr.: Is it out of order to ask about the fence that's already been approved?

Mayor Kuzon: No, it's not.

Mr. Metz: Well location, cost and maintenance.

Mayor Kuzon: No, it's not out of order to ask that and I would refer the question to Trustee Law.

Trustee Law: What would you like to know?

Mr. Metz: The location, cost and maintenance of the fence.

Trustee Law: The location, it's in the front of the Meeting House on the westerly side. It runs parallel with the face of the building 4' and then down towards the street 12'.

Trustee Kibby: It runs north/south out of the corner, it runs north/south out of the western side of the building. That is it will parallel the western side of the building and extend forward 12'. It's 4' over.

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Mr. Metz: And how high will it be?

Trustee Law: 3' at one end and I'd say probably around 3½' at the other end.

Mr. Metz: Basically it's a backdrop for planting to give sort of a bermish effect against the building on the west side. Is that correct?

Trustee Law: Yes.

Mr. Metz: Wood or metal?

Trustee Kibby: Wood.

Trustee Law: It's also a retaining wall. I have a copy of the plans here if you'd like to see it.

Mr. Metz: Well it's a retaining wall basically, is it?

Trustee Law: The lower part is a retaining wall, the upper part decorative.

Mr. Metz: Thank you. The other question is - it's a little early in the season to ask this, however I will - In the past years the Jolly Boys seem to have monopolized the operation of Old Home Day. Is that going to be a reoccurrence this year? The reason for my question is when the Jolly Boys appear - and I'm not fighting with the good the Jolly Boys do, I am fighting the fact that there should be more local organizations involved. Some years ago I happened to be Chairman of a group from the Williamsville Lions Club and we were more or less, and I'll use the term weaseled out of any participation in Old Home Day and I just wondered whether I could look forward to another year of monopolization by the Jolly Boys.

Mayor Kuzon: It's a timely question, Mr. Metz, in that the first meeting of the Old Home Day Committee is tomorrow night at 7:30 PM. In fact I believe it's at the bottom of the front page of our agenda this evening, 7:30 PM tomorrow night in the Village Conference Room, or offices, and I think it probably would be best advised if you came to the meeting and then got in on the beginning of the planning of this year's event. I can only go by past experience. The Jolly Boys have played a major role on the Island. I would not want to predict what that role will be this year and I would say that tomorrow night is the first meeting. It's an organizational meeting and it will probably be very beneficial to you and your organization to attend and to get involved in the preliminary plans.

Mr. Metz: Unfortunately, I have a Board meeting but maybe I can have somebody attend for me.

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Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Very good. And in the future just call the Clerk's office and she'll keep you advised of their upcoming meetings.

Mr. Metz: Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: You're welcome. Anyone else? Any Board member? Yes, Mrs. Schlifke.

Mrs. Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans St.: I have a question for Mr. Boudreau. When we experience a snowfall of the size we did experience two weeks ago beginning on Tuesday and running through Wednesday to Thursday, just how is the plowing in the Village set up as to preference of streets being plowed, do you have a set route, how long does it take you to cover the entire Village, at least with one sweep?

Mr. Boudreau: There are four districts in our plowing management. District 1 and 2 are the north side of Main St., District 3 and 4 are the south side of Main St. One Main St. plow is assigned to the north side in District 1 and 2 and they usually plow from west to east in the Village. The sanding truck that follows is usually an hour to two behind. We have a different methodology for sanding the main arterials and the hills and on the south side there is a second street plow assigned and they usually plow from west to east in the Village.

Mrs. Schlifke: Now you would open the main thoroughfares first, in other words such areas as Mill St., N. Ellicott and so on, and then cross over to the side streets.

Mr. Boudreau: Yes, we would.

Mrs. Schlifke: The reason for my bringing this matter up is I happen to be the owner of an investment property on Franklin St. Now Franklin St. for anyone who is not aware is a one block long small street with about 7 or 8 houses on it. It runs between N. Ellicott and Orchard Pl. which is also a very small narrow street which dead ends. When we had this last snow I received a complaint from my tenant at the property basically because he had gone to work at about 7:30 AM in the morning when the snow began and was well able to get out of his driveway. He came home from work at about 3:30 PM in the afternoon with some difficulty getting down the street which had not been plowed and getting into his driveway. Now he has a four-wheel drive vehicle so snow doesn't bother him. He proceeded to clean out his own driveway and got up early the next morning to make sure that he could get out of his driveway. The plow had not been down Franklin St. all day Tuesday and he got into the street and was not able to proceed. All he had to make was four houses in order to get to N. Ellicott which had been plowed and as a result had to lose half a day's wages because he could not get out of his own street. Now what I'm trying to say is that was at least a day and a half before the plow even came down

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once and I would think in that length of time every street in the Village should have been covered at least down the middle to allow people to get out. Granted many plants and businesses were closed on Wednesday but many people had to go to work and it just so happens that this person works for a newspaper, or an organization that does work for a newspaper. They don't shut down, and it was very inconvenient that he could not get out of Franklin St. and I'm here to register a complaint about it because if living on a main thoroughfare people are given preference I don't think it's fair because when I pay my taxes nobody says to me you're not going to have to pay as much because we're not going to plow your street as much. So I expect that little street to be plowed as often as a main street and as I said, I really don't think that it was fair to the people living in that area. Now I know you have a difficult time sometimes with snow of this size and it's difficult to get down the smaller streets but why don't they take the sidewalk plow down there. I'd like to see that street kept open.

Mr. Boudreau: What I'd like to do is check the drivers' record of everyone who goes out and comes in and find out when they were in that district and see what happened. We had two breakdowns, and one was one of the smaller plows that does the narrow streets like Franklin. We did have a couple of breakdowns and it may not have been done until later in the day.

Mrs. Schlifke: I realize that but it was not done until Wednesday, almost noon, which he finally then after shoveling out his driveway again which was plowed full - which I'm not objecting to at all - he was finally able to get out and get to work. But as I said, as a result he had to lose a half a day's wages and cause an inconvenience to his employer.

Mr. Boudreau: I might add this. I recall checking every street in the Village, without looking at my records, on Tuesday and I seem to recall driving down Franklin with my own personal van which gets stuck on a banana peel.

Mrs. Schlifke: Well I don't know. He, as I say, has a four-wheel drive. I doubt very much if he had gotten out into the street if you had gotten down with your van that he couldn't at least have gotten three houses to N. Ellicott. I don't know where the snow came from in that short length of time. I'm just reporting to you what was told to me and it was a complaint which I feel the Board should be aware of and I'm just trying to say as I know it's a difficult area to plow but I do feel that the people over there are entitled to the same kind of service that you give to the rest of the Village.

Mr. Boudreau: I'll check and get back to you.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Thank you. Anyone else? Mrs. Babin.

Mrs. Loretta Babin, 80 Spring St.: Mr. Metz brought up that he's going to attend the Old Home Day meeting. Starting out here is it?

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Mayor Kuzon: Yes.

Mrs. Babin: Then where is it going?

Mayor Kuzon: The meeting will begin at the Village and when they adjourn there is some suggestion that they'll adjourn to a local restaurant.

Mrs. Babin: I think we got a letter to come to the meeting but it didn't say anything about it starting here. It said something about starting at the Eagle House.

Mayor Kuzon: That has been changed now.

Mrs. Babin: I hope so.

Mayor Kuzon: Yes, our attorney has advised us that it is - certainly the intentions of the Chairmen were well meant, but the attorney has advised us that it is a function of government and should be held in a public place.

Mrs. Babin: Not only government but I think it's the wrong way to tell our youth that we're going to put on a shindig and then celebrate doing it at a bar/restaurant.

Mayor Kuzon: There was a second announcement that came out that said the meeting would be here at the Village. Anyone else?
Mr. Metz.

Mr. Metz: Along on that very current subject of snow removal and the problems of the suburbs vs. Buffalo, etc. and this lady here reminded me of it, I wish the Trustee liaison to the D.P.W. would begin to study the economics in hooking the salt spreader - hopefully salt, not only sand - to the truck that is plowing. It seems to me it's a little bit a waste of vehicle and a waste of time to have a separate vehicle spreading when you can do it all in one lick.

Trustee Brenton: Well that has been considered and, of course, I'm sure you're aware that this is something that is on-going and probably even predates your administration. So that obviously it's been the accepted method of procedure for quite a few years. We did in fact consider that a couple of years ago and at that particular time we put some \$2,000 odd dollars into retention of the present sanding vehicle with the thought in mind of getting perhaps two or three more years of life out of the present sanding vehicle, which I believe is a 1948 International, or somewhere around there, and we are being successful in keeping the thing going. However, at the end of that period it is our intention to go with the purchase of sander boxes to be put into the plow trucks, but in the meantime we're going to get our couple, \$3,000 that we put into that vehicle and we're going to run it until it stops running, and then we'll cross that bridge. So we have really thought about it and we gave sufficient

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thought and significant thought to it I think it was two years ago, when we decided to put \$2,000 or \$3,000 into the present sander.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Anyone else?

Trustee Brenton: I would also say, excuse me, that it really isn't the function of a trustee-liaison to determine these things. As I've said many times in the past, we pay the Superintendent of Public Works for this type of activity and now that we have Mr. Boudreau on board why he is being very efficient as far as the handling of the department and its long range planning. So that we do sit down and compare notes but it's primarily the superintendent's responsibility to determine what and how the Village is going to be handled regarding the services. I view my position as an intermediary type of situation whereby I can assist if in any way I can, i.e., by the implementation of CHIPS funds or securing of grants or things like that, but I'm just supposed to be the guy in the middle unless I misunderstand my function. For too long I was the guy in the middle and on the other side of the fence too.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Boudreau: To firm up what Trustee Brenton was saying here that sander of ours also had a plow on it during the storm. We were plowing and salting at the same time. We used it for three days plowing and salting at the same time.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Thank you. If there's nothing else...

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

Unanimously carried.

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

ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Saia, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer