

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, May 14, 1984 at 7:39 PM

Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

Lawrence R. Brenton

Richard Gallagher Trustees

Michael Kibby

V. James Saia

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk

Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney

Phil Boudreau, Dept. of Public Works

Clerk: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 14, 1984 at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in a proposed local law which would increase the earning limits of Senior Citizens from \$10,500 to \$13,500 on a sliding scale and still enable them to qualify for a Senior Citizen exemption.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

**SENIOR
CITIZEN
EXEMPTIONS**

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:39 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: And I'll turn the public hearing over to Trustee Gallagher.

Trustee Gallagher: I think all of us recognize the importance of this hearing and prior to accepting comments from anyone in the audience I'd like to read correspondence from Jerome A. Nirschel, who is Chairman of the Village Senior Citizens Committee. The correspondence was directed to Mayor Kuzon and the other Trustees. (Trustee Gallagher read the correspondence, a copy of which is attached.) Are there any comments from the audience?
Mr. Hill.

Mr. Richard Hill, 18 Brookside Drive: Is there a minimum where the scale starts?

Trustee Gallagher: The minimum?

Mr. Hill: Yes.

Trustee Gallagher: Yes. It's a range from \$10,500 to \$13,500.

Mr. Hill: Thank you. That's all I wanted to know.

Trustee Kibby: The first range is 0 to \$10,500.

Trustee Gallagher: 0 to \$10,500 to a maximum of \$13,000 to \$13,500. As the income range increases the percent of tax exemption decreases.

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Mr. Hill: Now I'm a little confused. You say \$10,500 for a start, right?

Trustee Gallagher: 0 to \$10,500 is the first range.

**PUBLIC
HEARING (Con't**

Mr. Hill: Okay.

**Senior Citizen
Exemptions**

Trustee Gallagher: At that level there's a 50%...

Mr. Hill: At \$10,500 there's a 50% exemption?

Trustee Gallagher: Right.

Mr. Hill: Okay. That's all I wanted to know.

Trustee Gallagher: There are various intervals of \$500 to a high range of \$13,000 to \$13,500 with a 20%...

Mr. Hill: But at \$10,500 the Senior Citizens still get 50% off.

Trustee Gallagher: Yes, sir.

Mr. Leonard Schallmo, 128 Oakgrove Drive: Did you get my paper I handed in this afternoon on the other side of the scale?

Clerk: No. (The paper was handed out.)

Mr. Schallmo: I thought you'd have it at the meeting in the side room.

Clerk: We didn't get to it.

Mr. Schallmo: What about the people that don't earn very much? I mean say you lived here a number of years and you keep giving these exemptions to the people that are 65 and older. It goes up and up and up. How about the people that have been here and don't earn that much and are not 65? So I brought up the other side of the scale.

Trustee Gallagher: We appreciate this information.

Mr. Schallmo: Look at it and play around with it and see what you come up with.

Trustee Gallagher: Sure.

Trustee Brenton: The law mandates the method of applying these Senior Citizens deductions and I don't think there's any guidance within the law to do other than that. In other words, what I'm saying is I don't think New York State has adopted any type of tax abatement for other than Senior Citizens within these income scales. So that while your point is well taken, I think our hands

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would be tied and I defer to the attorney on that as to any attempt to change it.

Mr. Troy: You're correct. Veterans and Senior Citizens are essentially the only ones included and we have to stay within the perimeters that the State of New York ordinance has established on this. We have no choice. I mean the ideal would be nobody would pay any tax at all. But unfortunately, we can't do that.

Mr. Schallmo: Well what I'm basically driving at is that at \$13,500 a person 65 years or older is earning \$3,000 more and probably the most they're going to get off on their taxes in the Village here would be approximately \$40.00. What I'm saying is why somebody should earn another \$3,000, they only benefit \$40.00. Somebody has to make that up.

**PUBLIC
HEARING
(Con't)**

Mr. Troy: There is - it's a very good question. Privately I think there's no equity in taxes one way or another. I don't know the answer. It's unfair on the face of it. All taxes are.

Mr. Schallmo: What I'm basically driving at is the main criteria for taxation should be how long a person lives here. For example, my neighbor just passed away. Somebody 65 years or older all they have to do is buy that house from anywhere, live there two years and they get their taxes cut in half. I got to live there another 8 or 9 years before I become eligible and I don't think it's right. I think actually people who are 65 years old should have lived here more than two years. I think that limit is just too small. But again, that's what the state says, right?

Senior Citizen

Trustee Gallagher: Correct. And we appreciate your comments. Any other comments from the audience? Yes.

Exemptions

Kristen Milbrath, Director of the Amherst Senior Center: I can appreciate what this gentleman has said, but I think it's very hard for many who are maybe unemployed to see that Senior Citizens on the whole get quite a few breaks in some areas such as heat energy assistance, Senior Citizens programs and a few additional areas, but in their defense their medical expenses are about four times that of anyone else in society. They are hanging on by their fingernails because of inflation and their income. They also are unemployed. This may be said about the younger generation too but the chances are that some people can have additional income and can seek other employment. But at the age of 60, particularly when you're a widow in your 60's and 70's you're having a rough go of it. I think that the compassion that the community has shown in the past, the support, the interest and the understanding. I would say the Village is full of many Senior Citizens who are not living in large houses in the affluent areas. There are many, many Senior Citizens in smaller homes, who lived here in the Village before everyone else was here, when it was exurbia, before it became suburbia and the pressures of school taxes and of heating are felt, not because they're not felt

Subject: Sliding Scale Tax Exemption for Village of
Williamsville Senior Citizens.

May 3, 1984.

Mayor Gordon Kuzon ✓
Trustee Lawrence R. Brinton
Trustee Richard J. Gallagher
Trustee Michael W. Kibbey
Trustee V. James Saia

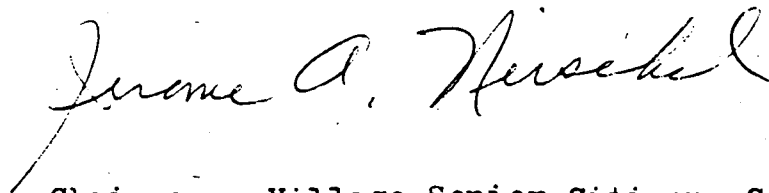
Gentlemen:

The Village of Williamsville Senior Citizens Advisory Committee at their regular scheduled April meeting, went on record for the Village Board adopting the new sliding scale increased tax exemption for senior citizens.

I believe that this is the first year that the Village Board has been the last governing body in the Town of Amherst to adopt the new exemption. The Town, as well as, the three school districts have already passed this new tax exemption unanimously.

As for myself, another commitment will not permit me to attend the May 14th. meeting to express my thoughts regarding the tax exemption. I heartily endorse this new method of taxation, as well as the increase in the exemption.

I have the utmost faith in the Village Board passing this new exemption unanimously, as they have always done in the past.



Chairman - Village Senior Citizens Comm.

May 12, 1984



Mayor Gordon Kuzon
Village of Williamsville
5583 Main Street
Williamsville, New York 14221

Dear Gordon,

I urge you and the members of our Village Board to institute the sliding scale for property tax exemptions for those property owners over the age of 65 within our community.

The current "all or nothing" rule hurts those on a low limited income. The sliding scale will allow recipients to continue to receive the exemption regardless of the small social security increase granted last year. The sliding scale, therefore, would help to lessen the inequity that may occur when an elderly household's 50 percent exemption is entirely lost by virtue of an increase in income that exceeds the maximum eligibility level by a few dollars.

Having worked closely with many of the elderly within our community as coordinator of the Cluster Program, I can attest to you that the use of the sliding scale will extend a needed "helping hand" to some of our elderly.

Very truly yours,

Marina Woolcock

MARINA WOOLCOCK
67 Hirschfield Drive
Williamsville, N.Y 14221
634-3719

c/c

Richard Gallagher, Liaison Senior Citizen Committee
Jerome Nirschel - Chairman Senior Citizen Committee



TOWN OF AMHERST
TOWN OF AMHERST SENIOR CENTERS

ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

30 NORTH UNION ROAD
WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 14221
716 — 631-5595

JOHN R. SHARPE
Supervisor

JOHN R. SHEARER
Town Clerk

March 20, 1984

KIRSTEN M. MILBRATH, MSW, CSW
Director, Services for the Aging



Gordon Kuzon, Mayor
Village of Williamsville
5583 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Gordon:

The Village has always been a strong advocate for senior citizens, and I applaud the many efforts which led to housing, recreation programs and "Nice Neighbor" support.

You raised the property tax exemption level to \$10,500, and this step protected those with the greatest need.

Social Security has in many instances pushed these residents just over the line to where they are no longer eligible, and consequently worse off than when their income was in the \$9,200 to \$10,500 range. Increased Medicare and health costs, as well as utility costs have eroded the income and savings for this vulnerable home owner group. I recognize the high density of senior citizens in the Village, and I can understand that you need an impact study to see what the effect of a change will be before acting.

I do support a sliding scale, up to \$13,500, as being fairer to everyone. It may allow a number of residents the option to stay in their homes as long as their health permits.

Another option might be the "Home Equity Program" which provides income for older citizens through their lifetime, and a guarantee that they can live in their homes, rent free. If interested, DONNA GUILLAUME (892-2141), would be able to supply details on the subject.

Sincerely,

Kirsten M. Milbrath, Director
Services for the Aging
Town of Amherst

KMM/jh

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by us - they are felt by you and me - it's very, very hard too, again the middle generation putting their kids through school, but on behalf of the older generation where they can only look forward to more instances of health costs which are enormous and more problems coping with inflation and holding onto their homes. We don't have a lot of subsidized housing. For ten years we fought to get what we have in the Village. They have a waiting list of 5, 6, 7 years. Where are these homeowners going to go? What I'm saying is if they don't get some breaks here and there they have nowhere to go but institutions and we don't want to risk that. They have lived here, contributing to the Village, spending their maybe sometimes meager income here in the Village, being active - and again health permitting, in the churches, in the community. I think they have given the Village a great deal through the years and I implore you if you pass this it is well deserved and, but again I understand the gentleman's objection.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

**Senior
Citizen
Exemptions**

Trustee Gallagher: Any other comments? Any comments from the Trustees?

Mayor Kuzon: I'd also like to say that I received two letters - one from Kristen Milbrath, who is the Director of the Amherst Senior Center who just spoke, and also one from Marina Woolcock and I would add I'd like to give these to the Clerk so that she can add them as part of the record. Both letters were in favor of the proposed local law.

Trustee Gallagher: Any other comments? If not...

ON MOTION by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved to close the public hearing at 7:48 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Phil Boudreau, Dept. of Public Works

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

Mayor Kuzon: The first item of business this evening is a Proclamation proclaiming National Public Works Week and I'd just like to take a moment and read it.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, solid waste collection, and snow removal, and

NATIONAL
PUBLIC WORKS
WEEK

WHEREAS the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depend on these facilities and services, and

WHEREAS the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials, and

WHEREAS the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor of the Village of Williamsville do hereby proclaim May 20 - 26, 1984 as

"NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"

in the Village of Williamsville, and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint

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themselves with the problems involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions that public works officials make everyday to our health, safety and comfort.

Mayor Kuzon: And I'd like to present that to our Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Boudreau, and he can hang it up in the garage and maybe make copies.

Mr. Boudreau: Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Our next item of business is the approval of minutes.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Saia, the minutes of the regular meeting held April 23, 1984 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Saia, the minutes of the public hearing held April 23, 1984 regarding changing the name of a street on the official Village map were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Next on our agenda is a public hearing regarding Senior Citizens' exemption.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:39 PM. (The hearing was closed at 7:48 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Next on the agenda is my section and I'd move right into my resolutions. My first resolution is for vouchers in the amount of \$225,355.53. These vouchers cover a three-week period from the time of our last meeting until this evening.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Brenton, vouchers in the amount of \$225,355.53 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 4/27/84	\$ 8,320.00
	W/E 5/4/84	5,152.17
	W/E 5/11/84	<u>5,252.17</u>
Total Payroll Fund		\$ 18,724.34

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Payroll Fund (From Preceding Page)		\$ 18,724.34
General Fund	Abstract #560	103,323.44
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #141	45,492.94
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #180	13,945.49
Glen Park Jt. Activities	Abstract #80	189.04
Federal Revenue Sharing	Abstract #155	5,587.90
Community Development	Abstract #85	25,108.74
SSES C-36-1244-01	Abstract #29	755.70
Capital Fund	Abstract #132	<u>12,227.94</u>
Total Vouchers		\$225,355.53

Mayor Kuzon: Large vouchers went to the Erie County Water Authority, Rapid Disposal, Herbert Darling and Samcost Construction.

Unanimously carried.

My second resolution this evening is one which will designate a Village Historian. In the past Mary Jane Kibby - I think for the last two or three years - has been our Village Historian. We are making a change this year in that talking to the Historical Society trying to spread the burden so to speak. We found it is an enormous job being Village Historian, and one which requires more than one individual, and my second resolution designates the Historical Society as the official Village Historian so that a number of people can share and divide the functions and the resolution reads:

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

RESOLVED that the Williamsville Historical Society is hereby designated as the Village Historian for the 1984-1985 official Village year.

**APPOINTMENT
WMSVILLE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY AS
VILLAGE HISTORIAN**

Unanimously carried.

And, of course, we're deeply indebted to Mary Jane Kibby for her volunteer service to the Village and we appreciate the work that she did do as Village Historian, and we look forward to her continuing in the Historical Society and making her contributions there.

My third resolution is reappointments to our Historical Preservation Committee.

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

RESOLVED that Gladys Weller, Carolyn Shrauger and Chris Maraschiello are hereby appointed to the Historical Preservation Committee until the end of the 1985-1986 official Village year.

APPOINTMENTS

**Historic
Preservation
Committee**

Unanimously carried.

My fourth resolution is the work of the Historical Preservation Committee. It's been in existence now about a year. Their task is to research and designate local landmarks which have local historical significance. One of the things, the first task that they have done after organizing themselves, establishing their own criteria, they have come to the point now where they are ready to designate a local landmark and it's only appropriate and somewhat obvious that this first local landmark be the Williamsville Water Mill. Many of you know already that the Mill has been designated by the Federal government and the State government as a historic landmark and we're following suit with our local Historical Preservation Committee and would like to designate it locally. That would be consistent with what the Federal government and State government have done, but we also think that it's an obvious and appropriate place for us to start our designation of landmarks. In accordance with the law, the Historical Preservation Law, we will be holding a public hearing and my resolution calls for that public hearing. At the public hearing the committee will be present and will present its findings of fact to substantiate this designation and we'll have public discussion on the motion. The resolution reads:

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville on June 11, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of designating the Water Mill as a local landmark as per the Historical Preservation Code.

**PUBLISH NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Designate Water Mill
as Local Landmark**

Unanimously carried.

I'd just add one footnote, that this is also even more appropriate this year in that this year happens to be the 200th anniversary of Jonas Williams' birth and there will be a small celebration this summer in conjunction with Old Home Days, and since the Water Mill was built by Jonas Williams we feel that the celebration of the anniversary of his birth along with our designating the Water Mill can be tied in nicely for a little ceremony this summer around Old Home Days and that's why we'd like to do this and get it

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designated before the summer by the end of June.

My fifth resolution is making appointments to the Village Meeting House Committee.

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

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed to the Meeting House Committee until the end of the 1984-1985 official Village year:

**Meeting House
Committee**

William Bancroft
Gartley Weller
Jerome Nirschel
Paul Riedel
And a yet to be named representative
from the Historical Preservation Committee

Unanimously carried.

In our last budget we had some money set aside for an architect, a landscape architect, drawing some plans for the landscaping of the front of the Meeting House. We have solicited quotes on that plan and we have received four quotes, the lowest being Arbordale Nursery for \$1,847.00. My sixth resolution will award the landscaping plan as per the landscape architect to Arbordale Nursery for that figure. They have informed me that they can be in there within a matter of a week and finish the job within another five to seven days and it would be -

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

CONTRACT AWARDED

RESOLVED that the Arbordale Nursery is hereby appointed to perform the landscaping work at the Meeting House for \$1,847.00 - per plans drawn by Bob Kinkel.

**Landscaping of
Village Meeting
House**

Unanimously carried.

I have some additional resolutions. Within the last month Trustee Kibby sponsored a resolution authorizing the Village Board to award the low bid for the upstairs renovation of the Meeting House to Loudon Building Company out of Springville. After that was done we found out, or were informed by our architect and the builder that he had made a miscalculation in his bid of the job, at which point we were obliged to go to the next low bidder, which we did. We informed him that he was the then designated low bidder at which point he reviewed his plans and he also found that he made a miscalculation in his - one thing leads to another - in his bid documents. So at this point we feel it best to throw

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out the bids that we have received to date and start fresh and my next series of resolutions do that. The first resolution reads:

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

RESOLVED that resolution of April 23, 1984 awarding contract for renovation of Village Meeting House to Loudon Building Company, Inc. for \$12,469.00 is hereby rescinded due to the fact they made a mathematical error and asked to be relieved of low bidder status.

RESCIND RESOLUTION

**OF Award of
Renovation of Meeting
House to Loudon
Building Co.**

Unanimously carried.

Following that:

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

RESOLVED that all sealed bids received for the renovation of the Village Meeting House on April 18, 1984 are hereby rejected.

REJECT BIDS

**Renovation of
Meeting House**

Unanimously carried.

And as I said, it's now our intention to readvertise for bids for renovation of the upstairs of the Meeting House and hope that, or not hope but plan on it being accomplished this summer.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to readvertise for sealed bids for the renovation of the Village Meeting House. Bids to be opened on June 4, 1984 at 10:30 a.m. 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 tradein 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.

READVERTISE FOR BIDS

**Renovation of
Meeting House**

Mayor Kuzon: On the question?

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Trustee Brenton: On the question, I neglected to bring this up during our work session prior to this Board meeting, however, the reason that the successful low bidders were allowed to rescind their bids is in effect because there was no performance bond. Now I would assume that these people would all have their figures in order this time around but I just wonder whether we should include that bid bond requirement and I would, I think, ask that question of the attorney. But I think from now on we should have the bid bond requirement, but in this particular instance now what do you think?

Mr. Troy: In this particular situation as long as there was no bid bond there's no way we can really...

Trustee Brenton: I know, but on this particular resolution right now I'm asking on the question whether or not we should have requirements stipulated within the resolution that a bid bond be included.

Mr. Troy: If you want my advice, yes. But it's up to the Board, however.

Mayor Kuzon: Well does that have to be written into the resolution?

Mr. Troy: It should. It might be helpful and that any further specifications are drawn, specs, will require that a bidder have an appropriate bond which would be what, Terry? 5%?

Clerk: 5%.

Trustee Brenton: But does that incur a greater expense to the Village?

Clerk: Well the expense is on the bidder.

Trustee Brenton: Right.

Mr. Troy: Except that he's going to calculate it into his expenses, Terry.

Trustee Brenton: So then we can amend this resolution to include that last sentence, something to the effect that as per the previous specifications including a, but to include a 5% bid bond, something to that effect.

Mr. Troy: Bear in mind, however, Larry, that that expense will be, he will factor that into his bid. One way or another it will come back to the Village, the cost of that.

Trustee Brenton: Right. On that small of a project is it that big?

Mr. Troy: It's not that big.

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Trustee Brenton: Well that's why I phrased my question. I mean, I assume by now they certainly are not going to make errors but we could keep this up forever. I mean hey I made a mistake, you know, the price of nails went up since I put my bid in and I want to be relieved and the next guy well it's the same thing with me, the nails went up for me. It just would seem to me that we'd put this thing into gear by doing this even though it does cost a little money.

Mayor Kuzon: All right. Would you then like to offer the...

Trustee Kibby: Why don't we amend it by "under the terms of the standard bidding resolution with the provision that a bid bond be submitted with the bid". Is that...

Mr. Troy: That's satisfactory.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. We'll make that motion.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kibby, seconded by Trustee Brenton, it was moved to amend the preceding resolution by the addition of "with the provision that a bid bond be submitted with the bid".

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: My last resolution concerns an administrative procedure and we had a situation in which a water meter was running fast. It was tested by the Department of Public Works Water Department and was deemed to be running fast and we're making an adjustment in the person's bill. There are additional circumstances in this situation. I think the majority of the Board though feels that it's the best that we can do at the present time, and it reads:

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

RESOLVED that the water bill for Anthony
Sardina, 188 Hirschfield Drive, be adjusted
by 6,000 gallons, or \$12.36 because his meter
was running at 102%.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Adjustment --
188 Hirschfield
Drive

Unanimously carried.

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

Trustee Kibby: Thank you. The only thing that I have to report is that we did meet a few weeks ago, the Trustees and three Boards to whom I am liaison - Traffic and Safety, the Planning and

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Architectural Review, and the Board of Appeals - met with a codification firm regarding recoding the Village codes. I have met with one board - the Planning Board - and the minutes reflect that they are unanimously in support of our retaining the services of this particular, of a codification firm. I have yet to meet with Traffic and Safety, that will be Wednesday night, and I'll be in touch with the people on the Board of Appeals.

My resolution tonight reads:

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

FENCE APPROVAL

RESOLVED that Tony Schueckler of 14 Garden Parkway be permitted to erect a 6' fence per the recommendation of the Planning Board.

**Commercial Zone -
14 Garden
Parkway**

Trustee Kibby: The only reason we have this here is that any time a fence goes up on what appears to be residential property, but is in actuality commercially zoned property, that fence has to be approved by the Board of Trustees upon evaluation, examination and recommendation of the Planning Board..

Unanimously carried.

Thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Next is Trustee Saia:

Trustee Saia: I've got a few resolutions. I'll get those out of the way first. My first resolution is - Mr. Nowak who lives outside the Village is to be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Council. The Environmental Council thought that this person has some qualifications and that he could impart some of his knowledge on the Environmental Advisory Council.

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

APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED that Leonard Nowak, 14 Harvard Court, be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Council until the end of the 1984-1985 official Village year.

**Environmental
Committee**

Unanimously carried.

Resolution Number 2:

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

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville has advertised for sealed bids for one Caterpillar #930 Wheel Loader for the Department of Public

Works, and

WHEREAS Syracuse Supply, 2140 Military Road, Kenmore, New York submitted their low bid meeting specifications.

CONTRACT
AWARDED

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Syracuse Supply be awarded the contract for the purchase of one Caterpillar #930 Wheel Loader for their bid of \$45,900.00.

Caterpillar
#930 Wheel
Loader

Mayor Kuzon: On the question?

Trustee Brenton: On the question, Mr. Mayor. This particular piece of equipment was originally sponsored, the request to purchase it was sponsored by myself and in doing so at that particular time we developed specifications which did direct the Village towards the purchase of a piece of equipment manufactured by the Caterpillar Corporation. However, since that time - and at that particular time I would also say, that this is verified by the minutes, I expressed concern that this would be broadcast as far as possible, the need for this particular piece of equipment, and its specifications, with the probable understanding that it would be a Caterpillar piece of equipment, but, however, that there would be other bids from other Caterpillar dealers within the State of New York or even further and thus we might be able to arrive at a competitive price. But I have since found out that, at least I'm led to believe that in fact it would be very difficult for someone else to come into this particular territory and sell a Caterpillar piece of equipment, or for that matter a Case piece of equipment, etc. By someone else I mean some rival dealer. So that I find myself uncomfortable with the fact that having been assured we were going about it in the most democratic way possible and still arrive at a piece of equipment that we felt we needed, I am now uncomfortable that Syracuse Supply is the only Caterpillar dealer that has submitted a bid for this piece of equipment. Also, I am uncomfortable with the fact that if we would accept it we would be purchasing a piece of equipment that is more than likely a superior piece of equipment, however, is approximately a little less than \$10,000 more than the lowest bidder. That lowest bidder was the Case Manufacturing Company.

We've had input from the Superintendent of Public Works regarding this particular piece of equipment and it is his position, and I believe this is also supported by Trustee Saia, that to buy the Case piece of equipment would not be in the best service of the Village because of possible non-conformance with specs that Case would be guilty of, but I happen to think Caterpillar itself does not meet their own specs and in regards to the equipment itself, the Case piece of equipment, - I have no knowledge of how this piece of equipment performs - but the engine on the Case is larger, the bucket on the Case is smaller but only by a quarter of a yard smaller. Break-off force, things like that, Case is superior and

then there's other things that Caterpillar is superior to Case. It should be noted also that we have one other bid regarding this piece of equipment and that was from the Deere Corporation which was approximately \$1,000 cheaper than the Caterpillar piece of equipment. So that in my mind, although I realize and am aware of where the direction is here that in order to purchase a piece of equipment that you feel is the best you have to go about it in this manner, I am uncomfortable with. For those reasons I would vote no on this issue and that is all I have to say.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Anything else on the question? Could we have a roll call then please.

Vote on Roll Call: Trustee Gallagher - yes
Trustee Kibby - yes
Trustee Brenton - no
Trustee Saia - yes
Mayor Kuzon - I'd just like to echo

Trustee Brenton's comments that I was really disappointed myself that we only received one bid from a Cat dealer. However, that has been discussed in work session. Even though the explanation is obviously reasonable it is not one which I totally accept but that's a fact of life on that. I'm also a little bit upset about the price difference between the high and the low bidder but when it comes right down to it I haven't heard anyone say that Cat is not the machine that we want, in other words we do want the Cat and I think for that reason I'm going to vote yes.

Yes - 4; Noes - 1.

Carried.

Trustee Saia: My next resolution -

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

RESOLVED that Sharon Bidwell, 127 Columbia Drive, is hereby appointed to the Youth and Recreation Committee until the end of the 1984-1985 official Village year.

APPOINTMENT

**Youth and Recreation
Committee**

Unanimously carried.

I also have a new member for my Youth Board and I'll submit that next time, and that brings up a report on my Youth Board. As everybody knows I'm pretty proud of that Youth Board. I think the Village has gained much by having an active Youth Board in this Village. I'm awful happy to announce that the Town of Amherst Youth Board has now, in conjunction with the Williamsville Youth Board, have been working on a program that's going to take place between July 23rd and August 31st in the Village. It's very important to people who have children here. In the past it seems like the

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Amherst Youth Board, of which we have a station right here on Cayuga Road where the youngsters meet, it's been kind of geared to the older youth, you know 14, 15, 16 that's old, but the younger youth, pre-teens, have been kind of neglected and our Youth Board has tried to fill in that gap of the adolescent to the teen youth and I think they've done a marvelous job. Now I'm informed there's going on right now, and I'm sure you'll hear about it and read about it in the paper, a program that with the help of the Glen Park Joint Committee and the Village Island Park that we're going to have an ongoing program from July 23rd to August 31st and we even have an offer from the Amherst Recreational Department of some situation where we might have them involved with the youth in this area. So I'm elated by that. We're finally getting some place that we're going to get the youth from the Town to come into the Village and have a program that will benefit our Village youth. Also we're going to use the nature hut at Glen Park frequently I hope.

I also, on the Youth Committee, the planters that the Youth Board have offered to the merchants on Main Street are available to be put out the first part of June and I think you're all going to be pleasantly surprised because I think there's going to be roughly between 38 to 40 planters out on the street and the Youth Board not only takes care of the youth but they're trying to raise some money in order to perpetuate the beauty of the Village and at the same time help the youth. I must remind you of this - there is no cost to the taxpayers. It is self-replenishing. The businessmen pay to have these planters in front of their establishments and one of our local businessmen got four of them to put in front of his place. So he thinks a lot of the beauty of the Village.

The other thing I've got to say and I don't see it on my report and I don't see it mentioned and maybe I overlooked it, but I asked the question of the railroad, if the money was, if the deposit was given, or if the downpayment and it has been given. So I imagine that we're working ourself into the railroad so that we will have it. That's the end of my report.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Next is Trustee Brenton.

Trustee Brenton: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. For my report tonight I would report that we had a bid opening today and a surprise result of that bid opening, which pertains to Phase II of our Sanitary Sewer Rehab Program, was that the low bidder was M. C. Morgan Company - I don't have it in front of me - but if I remember correctly it was \$198,000.

Clerk: \$198,900.

Trustee Brenton: \$198,900, and that was considerably lower than had been anticipated and it was also lower, much lower than the next low bid and I would emphasize that the M. C. Morgan Company

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is the apparent low bidder at this stage of the game because the engineering firm has to go through their bid documents, etc. and determine that they indeed are, but it is anticipated that by tomorrow this information will be at our hand and then we should be pursuing this situation and I'm happy to report that it's finally gotten off the ground. And I would also emphasize we're happy to report that it came in at such a low figure because we are responsible for 25% of those monies and the Federal government, as you no doubt know, reimburses us through the State of New York for the other 75%.

For my resolutions, my first resolution when I first read it I was a little bit apprehensive because it looked like an escalation and I immediately, not having read it very well, referred it to the Clerk and she indicated that no it wasn't an escalation. In fact the change order regarding the Reist, Spring and Grove Street water main is to allow for an actual lower price of almost, well greater than \$9,000. And the primary reason that this is lower and thus we have to have a change order, is that there was no rock excavation necessary in this contract and that had been projected at \$6,300, and then there were other areas that the contract was lower in price, so that the final comes in at \$40,492.64. The resolution reads as follows:

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign Change Order #4 for Reist, Spring and Grove Street watermains which resulted in a net decrease in the contract from \$49,732.24 to \$40,492.64.

REIST, SPRING &
GROVE WATERLINE

Change Order #4
Approved

Unanimously carried.

Resolution number 2 deals with something I wonder about every once in awhile because I know we're appointing new members of the Fire Department and it doesn't seem that the Village is acting on it. Apparently I don't have any fears because Chief Andrews is here with a resolution to appoint three new members to our volunteer Hutchinson Hose Company. The resolution reads as follows:

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board sitting as Board of Fire Commissioners and acting upon recommendation of the Review Board of Hutchinson Hose Company does appoint

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appointments as
Firemen

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the following as firemen in the Williamsville Fire Department:

Richard Maddigan	15 Garden Parkway
Timothy Kuzon	56 S. Union Road
Mark Kardaman	105 Brookdale Drive

Unanimously carried.

And resolutions number 3, 4 and 5 - if you have them on your agenda - as well as 4 twice, anyway two fours and a 3 and 5 are negated by the decision of the Board to accept the low bid, or rather the high bid for the Caterpillar tractor. So these resolutions will be stricken and they will not be acted upon and that's all I have, Mr. Mayor, thank you.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Next is Trustee Gallagher.

Trustee Gallagher: I have only one item to report. That is that the program coordinator for Senior Citizens in the Village - Mary Jane Eckert - has resigned her position and all the classes, etc. will run through June 30th. The Village Senior Citizens Committee in the next couple of months will be evaluating the program, assessing the needs of the program, including another coordinator, and will have more to report on that in the next few meetings.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Next, then would be our Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Boudreau.

Mr. Boudreau: Under the heading of Storm Drainage - A number of storm drainage receivers are deteriorating or collapsing on Village streets. Age and a severe, deep winter are contributing factors. D.P.W. crews have been busy rebuilding and replacing collapsed receivers this spring and will continue with this work. The heavy continuous rains occurring this spring have caused three separate high water surges in the Village Flood Channel. D.P.W. crews have been controlling the water level in the channel at the dam spillway.

Street Sweeping: The Village street sweeper has been out working on streets this past month. This past severe winter has left considerable debris on the streets. As of April 30th all Village streets - that's 64 lane miles - have been swept clean.

Under the heading of Parks - This past few weeks considerable damage was done by vandals to the Gazebo in Garrison Park. Repair of said damage required three men, three days from the D.P.W. In addition to repairs, four overhead lights were installed in the Gazebo to hopefully deter further vandalism.

Under the heading of Trash Pick-Up - Annual trash pick-up week was just completed this past week. D.P.W. crews were active on Village streets Monday thru Friday, and all Village streets were swept clear of trash at the curb. A new summer trash pick-up

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Schedule has been published and is available at the counter in the Village Clerk's Office, showing:

Date of metal and heavy trash pick-up and the rules for same.

Heavy trash pick-up will be the third Thursday of each month. Residents are to call 632-4120 or 632-5009 for trash pick-ups.

Residents are reminded that loose piles of leaves, rakings, etc. may be piled at edge of street during the months of October and November only.

And I have one final thing to add and that is the Main-Garrison overhead sign is up, complete and in place. That's the end of my report.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

Trustee Saia: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Kuzon: Sure.

Trustee Saia: Can I say something about the Department of Public Works. I've been keeping close track for the past week at the Village Clerk's Office and I've asked the people that work there about the complaints that are coming in. I'd like to report that the complaints have been very minimal. In fact, you couldn't count them on one hand in regards to the trash and the spring clean-up that happened this last week. You people going down the streets notice that the stuff was picked up pretty fast on the streets and the fellows did a nice job and it took all their efforts and the whole crew was out there and I think they did a nice job and Mr. Boudreau ought to be complimented on it. It was very well handled and I'm sure you'll agree with me.

Mayor Kuzon: Mrs. Babin.

Mrs. Loretta Babin, 56 Spring St.: At the Cobbler Shop the debris is not at the street edge but there is a pile that's sitting up against the garage. That's all we need is another cigarette and another fire. So who is responsible for that? The people that own the building?

Mr. Boudreau: Yes. That is overhaul from the fire, I believe, and that would be the owners of that building.

Mrs. Babin: Yes. Anybody that passes by could start another bonfire with part of the debris that's laying there and it's been there since what? The Friday before Easter. And I realize the stuff in their yard is not accessible for somebody to start a fire, to throw something on it, but this right at the sidewalk level here is. I live too close to there. So I just wanted to know who was responsible.

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Mr. Boudreau: I'll look into it for you.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Anyone in the audience? Rick, our Fire Chief Rick Andrews.

Fire Chief Rick Andrews: I'd like to cover a couple of things. I can't make the meeting afterward here so I'd like to speak to the Board regarding a couple of things that came up tonight. One is the bids for the Meeting House and I'll address this to Trustee Kibby. And I'd like to ask that now that the bids are thrown out and you're going to come back with new bids that your fire protection would be - not that they're thrown out but you're going to start the bid process again - that you would consider that fire protection that I'm asking you for that you have agreed to go along with, that you would consider putting that all in one package.

Trustee Kibby: Well I thought we talked about that, Rick, and I did talk to the architect about that and Phil also, and we just thought between the four of us, decided we were better off having someone else do that in conjunction with the work. It will get done.

Chief Andrews: Irregardless, I guess the fact is I thought it would be convenient and maybe even cheaper to have it done if it were included in the bid process. I'm not telling you how to do it. I'd just like to see it done.

Trustee Kibby: Well I didn't ask him to alter the plans because I felt we had decided to go with this and I don't feel I can go back now and alter the plans.

Chief Andrews: You don't think it will hold up the whole project?

Trustee Kibby: No, I don't.

Chief Andrews: I mean you've given me your word you're going to put something in.

Trustee Kibby: Yes.

Chief Andrews: Okay. Very good. The other thing was concerning Trustee Brenton's first resolution. I'd like to ask the Board, and I haven't mentioned this before, we have been out testing the new hydrant and the new water line down on the Grove Street, Glen Avenue, Reist Street area and preliminary tests - and by no means professional or conclusive - we have found that the water

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doesn't appear to be much better than it was originally and what our feelings are is that we're being held up on that one end where the 3" tap was made. We feel that, and this is from people that have been in the business for awhile and speaking to our own people in the department and those who have done this test a considerable amount of times, we would like to see some of that money - by no means is it anywhere near \$9,000, I think the present figure is \$1,200 that is thrown around - to tap from the end of Grove St. across Glen Avenue into the 8" line and I feel with the work being done on Howard Avenue that this whole thing together would feed the other. And I'd like to see that looked into.

Trustee Brenton: Well just to answer that concern, and I have looked into it and discussed it with Superintendent Boudreau, and I'm not sure that you will be getting, you know, any greater flows there. However, it is our intention to try to work this into the Howard Avenue water line but the one thing you do have is a functioning hydrant in the belly of an area that was unprotected previous to the water line reconstruction. However, we do, we have discussed it and we're going to attempt to have this included as an extra either through the contractor for the Howard water line or perhaps even have the contractor who did the Reist-Grove area back in and do that for us.

Chief Andrews: Just to clarify it for the public is that neither Trustee Brenton nor Superintendent Boudreau nor the engineer that designed it knew at the time that the line that we were going to tap into was going to be 4". It was a 4" line. No one knew that. It wasn't on the map, it didn't show, and that's where the problem was. So I'd appreciate it if you could look into that and try to resolve that as best we can. I guess that's all I have, Mayor.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you.

Mr. Boudreau: Could I ask a question of the Chief?

Mayor Kuzon: Sure.

Mr. Boudreau: On this hydrant what was the flow, and the...

Chief Andrews: I'll have to get together with you, Phil. We have the figures. As I said it's not by any means conclusive at this time and it's not a complete test. It's not done completely like the code books say but if we did sit down and do it I'm sure we wouldn't find much more. But I'll talk to you privately about that.

Mayor Kuzon: Thank you. Anyone else? Mr. Hill.

Richard Hill, 18 Brookside Drive: I'd like to direct this to the Department of Public Works. Have you heard anything about repaving Garrison by the County?

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Mr. Boudreau: Not this year, no. Last year I did and then they backed away.

Mr. Hill: I understand they backed away but that leads to the next question. We have the signs up. Can we still get the arrows and line marking on the street?

Mr. Boudreau: We can put the marks back down again but if they're going to repave it...

Mr. Hill: Well that's why I asked about repaving. I understood - I don't know - they backed away from it but I just wondered if you had heard anything on it.

Mr. Boudreau: No, I haven't. I can give the County a call and see what their intentions are.

Mr. Hill: Will you let me know?

Mr. Boudreau: Yes, I will.

Mr. Hill: Okay. Thank you.

Trustee Kibby: Mr. Hill, our Traffic and Safety meeting is at 7:00 p.m., not 7:30 p.m. - am I correct?

Mr. Hill: Yes, 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Kuzon: Anyone else? Chief.

Chief Andrews: Yeah, Dick just reminded me of something. Has the Village and Phil specifically, have you heard anything about the Wehrle Drive bridge being closed?

Mr. Boudreau: That bridge is the second of the two that are going to be replaced.

Trustee Saia: They're doing the one on Youngs Road right now.

Chief Andrews: Is it coming up quick?

Trustee Brenton: Next year.

Chief Andrews: Okay, next year. Because I had heard it was this year and we were never notified one way or the other on it. Aero Drive, it's a long haul for us to get around. But if it's next year, I'm sure...

Trustee Saia: They're doing the one on Young's Road near Aero Drive now and that will be completed in September. So I imagine the other one will be the following spring.

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Chief Andrews: Right.

Mr. Hill: You heard September? The County told me November.

Mayor Kuzon: Mr. Sandburg.

Douglas Sandburg, 81 Mill Street: I was wondering what the present status of the Conrail property is, if you've taken any stances one way or another or like to make any public comment on that.

Mayor Kuzon: Well as you're very well aware - you were at our last meeting - we did discuss it at length April 23rd. I don't have my notes in front of me but if I can recall correctly we did decide a few things. The Board is, or does have the intention of offering for sale a portion of the property, has the additional intention of developing a portion of the property for public use which would be basically a continuous strip from S. Union Road to S. Cayuga Street. That strip could be used as bike paths, nature trails, whatever is appropriate at this point and also as we stated earlier, I think we have the intention of establishing a blueprint for the development and improvement of that area. That's basically it.

Mr. Sandburg: What I understand then is you say the Board's intention at this time is to sell part of that property. May I ask each of the Board members if they've taken the time to get out and look at the property to understand what they're actually working with?

**CONRAIL
PROPERTY
DISCUSSION**

Mayor Kuzon: I would answer yes.

Mr. Sandburg: May I ask Trustee Kibby?

Trustee Kibby: Yes, about seven or eight times including last night.

Mr. Sandburg: Very good. I know that - Trustee Gallagher also?

Trustee Gallagher: Yes, sir.

Mr. Sandburg: All right. Trustee Brenton too?

Trustee Brenton: Certainly.

Mr. Sandburg: I can answer for Trustee Saia that I know he has because I went through it with him. The reason I bring that up is I wonder if it still makes sense after you've gone down there and looked at it to sell part of it because I think part of the proposal that was made - which I understand now is not necessarily a relevant one, but a proposal was made by International Chimney that they wanted to buy the property between Long St. and Union and also part of the property on the opposite side of Long St. and in turn they're going to give a right-of-way and the right-of-way

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if you notice on that, portions of it between S. Long and S. Union would be almost useless. In fact, that happens to be a creek bed and I wonder, you know, how you, how a right-of-way in there makes any sense to have usable property. For instance, for a bike path.

Mayor Kuzon: The only thing that I can say is that I don't see that it's International Chimney's prerogative to give the Village a right-of-way. The Village owns the property. So if the Village sells part of it they will sell a portion which will, in other words, not harm or endanger or threaten what the Village plans to do with the majority of the property for public use.

Trustee Kibby: It's our property. We'll sell the property we would like to sell and retain that property we need to retain for purposes that have yet to be ironed out.

Mr. Sandburg: May I ask how you plan to come to a decision of what you'd like to see that property used for?

discussion
of Conrail
Property (Con't.)

Mayor Kuzon: The Village's - what's going to be left?

Mr. Sandburg: Right.

Mayor Kuzon: Well first of all, the Village is in the process of getting quotes on a survey and I think we need to have the survey to know exactly the dimensions and layout of the property and then we can go from there to determine the best public use. I'll give you some information and it's very premature. I've sent away for information on something called a Par Course, which is a series of exercise stations. Now as I said this is very premature. It may or may not be suitable for that property and that is something that I would like to see there. The rest of the Board has other ideas.

Trustee Kibby: They have talked about a number of ideas and different kinds of approaches and one is a committee, one is an expert, one is ourselves. It hasn't been hammered out yet. It probably won't be hammered out tonight with the rest of the working agenda.

Mr. Sandburg: Trustee Kibby, I believe your comments were in your working session that you were in need of a committee to tell you how to use the park. Is that true?

Trustee Kibby: How to develop this property - as a matter of fact, you misunderstood me completely. I'm sorry if I misspoke so that you didn't understand me, but I was perfectly clear that I don't know how to design the park and I said that time and time again that I do not know how to design a park.

Mr. Sandburg: Assuming that's what it might be. From what I gather from what you told me at the moment you haven't decided what it should be. Is that true?

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Trustee Kibby: What kind of public facility? Well that's probably true. I have some ideas of my own but there are five of us and I certainly, even with those ideas I certainly wouldn't go to the paper with them. I don't know how to design a public facility. That's not my business.

Mr. Sandburg: May I ask you though publicly why you would sell a portion of it.

Discussion of
Conrail Property
(Con't)

Trustee Kibby: Money.

Mr. Sandburg: Why money? Can you put that in a context other than one word?

Trustee Kibby: To recoup part of the \$87,000, \$85,000, \$83,000 of the cost because I think that we can - I think, if you're asking me, I think we can develop the kind of public facility and the access to the larger public facility that is back there on 25', 35', 45', 55' as well as we can 100'. Okay? I think we need some sort of avenue. How wide it should be - you were at the meeting last week which you were - I haven't any idea whether a bike path, a recreational strolling area, a conservation walk area, whatever it is, I haven't any idea whether we should have that, which of those we should have or how wide it should be. That is something I think we need some advice about. But on the other hand, I'm pretty well sure having been on a number of those paths, three or four of them between here and Akron, a couple of them between here and Tonawanda Creek, that 100' wide is not necessary.

Mr. Sandburg: This is why, you know, given your comments and also the Mayor's comments I wonder why you're so opposed to having a committee look at it before you decide to sell part of it because you don't seem at this time to have concrete answers to what it ought to be used for. You don't putty yourselves as authorities in that position of knowing what it ought to be used for. Then I ask, why are you so opposed to allow appointing a committee to look at it.

Trustee Kibby: I'm probably going to be publicly quoted on this, publicly slammed on this, and you think if you can turn to just any other group of residents they're going to have any more expertise, any more knowledge on this. If you're asking me, you heard me say that I think we should either contact someone in the Town who does work in parks or we ought to contact someone in the designing of parks. As a matter of fact, if you attended you heard me say, name a couple of names, that I thought we might want to get. I said point blank that I don't think I should ask a businessman, an accountant, and a lawyer, and a housewife what we should do about park back there. The Board can decide that just as well as any other ordinary group in the community but when we go to design it we need expert advice. Not the advice of a lawyer, accountant...

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Mr. Sandburg: In other words, well I should hope you'd design something prior to selling something.

Trustee Kibby: We'll talk about it. I can't decide for five people. You're asking one person and you're getting one person's view, one person's view at this moment which has changed somewhat over the last year and a half via discussions and I hope will change somewhat in the next months as we discuss it. I've been called hardheaded a number of times. I hope I've not been terribly hardheaded on this. I have done some shifting on this one. I intend to probably do some more shifting. Where, how, when and why I don't know. I'm just open to it and to a variety of ideas.

Discussion of

Mr. Sandburg: I'll ask Trustee Brenton a question. Why he believes we ought to sell the property prior to determining its use because I know you happen to be in favor of selling the property.

Conrail

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Trustee Brenton: Yes, it certainly is and of course, you're aware of that and of course, I've made my feelings known all during the procedure of purchasing this property because I happen to really be aware of what it takes. You're looking at it from a \$80,000 viewpoint, you're trying to object, can't we afford \$80,000 to add another park. I really, I wish I could agree with you but in the first place I don't agree, as Trustee Kibby pointed out, it doesn't makes a great deal of difference whether it's 100' wide, or 35' wide. I think we can accommodate it on 25' very easily what we intend to do and that is open up two acres of present park that we now own, but is totally unrelated to the railroad property. In order to develop these properties it takes money and this is where we're at as far as the Village of Williamsville is concerned. We're at the second lowest tax rate in Erie County and it happens to be one of the promises I made when I ran originally for election that I would continue to try to find ways to in effect have your cake and eat it, if you want to call it that. A good quality of life within the Village but not an overly expensive one. So that the bottom line here is I feel we can accommodate the needs of what the people desire in that particular area and also recapture some of the money that will be spent for that particular property and recapturing we can also have greater funding to develop the areas that will then need to be developed. But to sit here and say look you've got to have all 100' swatch and call it park and it has to be 100' I can't agree with that. It's just philosophically against my very nature to in effect waste property. And bear in mind that by acquiring the property and rezoning the Long St. area is the long range intention of the Village Board to improve an eyesore within the Village. You indicated International Chimney. I don't think we have a commitment to sell anything to any one individual at this time. So we really don't know what's going to happen there but we have a very saleable piece of property particularly on Long St. and I think it would be a disservice to the citizenry to in effect allow that property to remain in a non-taxable state.

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Mr. Sandburg: In other words, what you're telling, what you're saying is you believe you know what the property should be used for at this time because you only need "X" number of feet to open up the property the Village presently owns. But you know in some respects I think maybe the citizenry of the Village might have been slightly deceived in what they voted for and what they're going to get and I think, and I found it out by just riding around on a bike and talking to a few people and finding out from them that what they thought they voted for was property they figured the Village was going to keep. The point is they were willing to put out to keep it and so this is why I wonder if necessarily what you're saying was actually in the minds of the people who elected you and that you're representing.

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Trustee Brenton: But then it's what I said exactly before the people voted on the issue so that to make that point very clear I have not been devious. I have said this all along and so have other members of this Board, and these people that voted to purchase this property, many of whom I have talked to when I've been riding around on my bike and they feel that we should sell some of this property. So that I don't want to get into that type of an argument of who talked to who. But I am elected to represent the Village the way I see fit.

Mayor Kuzon: Just a question in response, Mr. Sandburg. What's - if I might ask - what's your proposal for this property so that we might know your feelings?

Mr. Sandburg: What are my feelings about the property?

Mayor Kuzon: What do you think the best use would be?

Mr. Sandburg: What it's best use would be. I think in keeping with what the Village really wants, you know, what they think the best use for the people here. Looking at it I think some of the things, Mayor, that you spoke of would be very befitting of it, having some type of exercise thing. I should hope that there's a possibility, and I don't know where this will go one way or another, that the Town might pick up property going down through that it might tie to so that you could have a bicycle path all the way from the Village down to about Sheridan. I think that would be excellent. But for me to stand here and tell you exactly what, I haven't taken let's say, you know, taken hours and hours of time either to look at, you know, what I think it ought to be but I think to start with though I don't believe there is a great hurry to sell land and that's what I can't understand, the reluctance of the Trustees to appoint a committee to look at it. Maybe whatever they develop isn't worth anything but I don't see where the time pressure is upon you due to the fact now I believe you have three leases, or will once you take the property or acquire the property - I don't know if you have or not - but you'll have leases on that property that will adequately fund that bond for a period of time and, therefore, I don't see what the nature of having to worry about selling it off right away is. Therefore, I say why not allow

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somebody to look at it, say you know Trustees we'll take the time to do it. You obviously are very busy and this is only one small thing in the Village. Therefore, we'll help you out. We're willing to do it free. And that's what I'd like to see done.

CONRAIL

Mayor Kuzon: Just one additional question. Do you support selling a portion of it to reduce the burden to the taxpayers?

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Mr. Sandburg: At the moment I don't think it would really be that. Right now no. Looking at it no. I would not. I would not be in favor of selling any of it and the reason as I've said before, I don't think it will cost us anything to hold onto it for a couple of years.

Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Thank you. We appreciate your views.
Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill: I want to carry that a little bit further. It amazes me to sit here and hear the Trustees say when we sell it, as if the decision's already made that we're going to sell it. I've heard that two or three times tonight from a couple of the Trustees - when we sell it. Now I've got to go along with the gentleman back here that there's no big rush for it. Now the same thing took place down at the park, "Glen Park. We were told time and time again the Village people wouldn't go for it. We took it to the Village people, the park is there. Now you're saying here, now, that you know exactly what the majority of the people in the Village of Williamsville think. I'm saying I don't think you want to know what they're thinking. I think you're anxious to sell it before the people have a chance to really get into it and make a study of it. At this point I don't know whether we should sell any of it or not. Maybe we should. I don't know that. I'd like to see a study of it made before the decision is to rush out and sell it. The next question I want to ask about, the only name I hear that's interested in buying it is International Chimney. I've heard people up here from time to time from that area asking the people to really help them get International Chimney to clean up their act. Nothing has ever been done about it. Now you're telling me if you give them more property then you'll clean them up. If you can't clean them up now how are you going to clean them up when you add to it?

Trustee Brenton: By rezoning the property, as has been explained here many times. We will rezone the property. They will not be able to function on a manufacturing basis there. We've explained that many times. So that it will be rezoned commercial and they will have to go into an office type of situation or something similar to that and they won't have those big machines there or piles of metals on the property east of Long St. What they have on their own property we have no control over other than to make sure that they attempt to keep it clean.

Mr. Hill: Well I toured up there at Long St. because I heard these people complain and I wanted to know what they were complaining

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about and on the east of S. Long, which you say is not manufacturing, I saw heavy equipment and I saw piles of timber, scrap, junk laying there and it looked like the devil and it had been laying there for weeks and I don't know if it's still there or not but if that is not manufacturing right now why hasn't that been cleaned up by now.

Trustee Brenton: It is manufacturing, the east side is manufacturing. We will rezone it and it will no longer be manufacturing and they won't be able to participate in that type of activity, whoever they might be and I want to emphasize that because there might be someone else that comes in here that might want to pay a greater price.

CONRAIL
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Mr. Hill: That's a down zoning. I've heard it said right here by the attorney that you can't down zone the property. Is that right?

Trustee Kibby: We won't down zone the property that any of those companies along there already own. We can't change the zoning of property there. What we're going to do is we're going to acquire the property next to their property and we're going to change the zoning regardless of whether we sell it, park it or just leave it there.

Mr. Hill: Then I want to ask you a question.

Trustee Kibby: Then if we do sell part of that property it will not be sold as manufacturing district property. It will be sold as commercial. In effect, all that does, Dick - and this is why I interrupted there - it doesn't mean that they have to conduct their business - Darling or International Chimney - they don't have to conduct their business any differently on the property they already own. All that means is it's going to be a commercial strip between their present edge of their property and the new boundary of their property. They won't be able to store all that junk.

Mr. Hill: They do own land, east of Long St. now.

Trustee Kibby: They rent it I think.

Trustee Brenton: They have a lease on it east of Long Street.

Trustee Kibby: And then Darling comes back behind there also. Darling Construction comes back up to behind or east of the railroad station, the railroad depot.

Mr. Hill: They own east of the railroad station? Darling?

Trustee Kibby: Yeah, I think so.

Mr. Hill: Then you can't rezone that property.

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Trustee Kibby: But we're talking about south of the railroad station, south of Darling. We're talking about that area between the Schueckler's, for example, and Darling. There's 125', 1130' in there. Okay. That property and all that includes S. Long and Union, that's still, that's going to be, that's going to be immediately next to International Chimney and we can rezone that particular piece of property but we cannot rezone International Chimney's present property.

CONRAIL
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Mr. Hill: I'm not asking you to rezone that side of the street. I'm just saying on this side of the street. This junk is piled way down to land on this side of the street.

Trustee Kibby: It's either Darling or International Chimney. I can't draw the line. Which is it?

Trustee Brenton: International Chimney.

Trustee Kibby: They lease it.

Mr. Hill: Well in other words, there's not much hope of anything but you're going to sell part of it. I think your mind's already made up for that no matter what happens. And I think you're afraid to take it to the public.

Trustee Gallagher: I'd just like to say something for the record and that is that all through the campaign I was targeted as opposing the sale, or purchase of the property, and that what my campaign platform was was to develop a comprehensive plan mainly to rezone it and yes, in fact, to sell portions of it, whatever that might be to recoup some of the cost, to put a bike path, to clean it up, to restore the depot. That's the literature that I sent out, contrary to the literature the opposition sent out. For the record, I totally disagree with this piece of paper that's called the Village Alert that's coming from the Williamsville Citizens Committee that spells out what this Board should do with the property, as far as working through a process - which we're doing - and object strongly to the following - "If you object strongly also call Mayor Kuzon" his number "and the Trustee Richard Gallagher" my number "he opposed the purchase." I didn't. "Larry Brenton and Mike Kibby - these latter two often are not available" which even being on the opposing party I find contradictory to the extent that they have been supportive of myself coming on this Board and were available and that Jimmy is the only Trustee objecting to the sale. Now at a meeting two or three weeks ago I said that anyone please call me if they had any problems with (1) my position or (2) let me hear the people. Betty Schueckler called and talked to me for a few minutes and gave me her position. She's the only person I heard from. I'm willing to receive phone calls and I'm willing to listen to people. Like Mike says we're not closed. But this piece of paper is a bunch of garbage.

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Mayor Kuzon: Mr. Hill.

Mr. Hill: I've talked to some of these people myself and I've told them the same thing, to come down here and talk to you. I think they're going about it the wrong way.

Trustee Gallagher: I agree.

Mr. Hill: But what I'm saying is when they talked to me I say to go down to the Village Board and express your opinion. So far there's only two of us coming down here to tell you what we think and trying to influence you one way or another.

Trustee Gallagher: And the way that I'm perceiving that is that the majority of the people in the Village have the trust in this Board that they will do what's right. They will work through a process and that they'll openly bring out everything and not operate in any closed session. And that's what I think, that this although it's publicity, it's nothing.

Mr. Hill: I got one stuck in my door. I got to agree on one thing. I thought this Board was going to do that for a long time then all of a sudden I find out that decisions were being made, not out here but back there, about selling it and I found this out at a meeting. In fact like I told one of the Trustees that what you and the Board did with the property there was none of my business and I think it is my business. I said I don't know what to do with it. I might even be in favor of selling it if you tell me what you're going to sell, what you're going to do but I don't think anybody's going to tell me that what this Board does is none of my business because I'm going to be down here and make it my business.

Trustee Saia: I think you've heard from everyone on this Board, and I have a hard time trying to keep my cool here and I've got to say it. Now I'm going to try to be as rational as I can and I hope some of you people understand me. All I've heard now is a lot of baloney. Now I happen to be put on this Board, and we still have three other members of this Board, we were elected because we believe in having the Village residents have some input into this government and I firmly believe that. And I'm very disappointed in hearing what Mr. Hill has said about this Board. They are committed to selling it up till this time and yes, they can change their mind. What kind of gets me mad, and I've got to say it, is that I was led to believe when we gave a chance to vote your opinions at a referendum to purchase a bond then in effect if you voted for that bond you were voting for that piece of property. It didn't say anything about the Village turning around and selling it from under you. You voted for a piece of property. I voted for it. I firmly believe that if this piece of property, part of it must be sold it must be but I think this Board is remiss in not forming a committee, the Board that

sits up here, in forming a committee of Village residents. If we don't trust the Village residents - darn it they're going to pay the taxes to pay for this piece of property. Now, Dick Gallagher talks like he wasn't opposed to it. Well I know you were opposed to it. He gets in the back room and the minute it comes up he wants to sell it. Now if he opposed the referendum, and even though he got elected, he got on the referendum almost a three to five vote that the people wanted this bond, \$80,000 some dollars. The bond was used to purchase that property. I don't know what people want to use it for. I have no idea. But it's an opportunity that we have a piece of property that opens up another piece of property that we can take our time in looking at it, let the residents put some input into this thing and then make a determination somewhere down the line. And someone mentioned here we were getting 30 some hundred dollars a year in leases. I firmly believe we probably could get some more money than that so that the residents don't pay anything toward this bond purchase for a few years and at that time we could make up our mind what we want to do with it. Now I ask you - property doesn't go down around here. Every real estate man you talk about, or talk to in our area tells you property always goes up, it never goes down. So I just can't stand, I mean this Board should come out and tell you what they want to do with it. That's what I'm trying to get. I want to get it back into a committee for a two-year moratorium and say okay you committee you report back to this Board at such and such a time and then we will discuss what we're going to do with it. Thank you.

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Mayor Kuzon: Mrs. Schlifke.

Mrs. Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street: I'm afraid I have to have a few words in on this. Everybody sits here it seems like and everybody seems to hear what they want to hear. I sat through all the meetings before the referendum. I have heard the Board saying that if the referendum were passed and the property were purchased there was a possibility that a portion of it would be sold. That was what I heard. All right. When the referendum came up I voted for it on that basis. I went in with my eyes wide open thinking that perhaps you were going to dispose of it, not knowing what you were going to do with the rest of it. I think the most important thing was the rezoning which the Board would have privilege to do if they owned the property. Now everybody is all upset because perhaps a piece of it will be sold. If the voter was informed they wouldn't be surprised at all at anything that's going to happen now because they would have been here and they would have heard what was said. Many people voted on hearsay that they heard from other people, so they voted, they were an uninformed voter, and they voted for something that now they don't know what's going to happen. As far as forming a committee I have to agree with Mr. Kibby. To appoint five or six residents who have their own desires for the property - what makes their desires any more important than the desires of the five people we have elected. Your desires should be the ones that we voted for, that you represent for us. So to form a committee, I don't agree with

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Mr. Saia at all in that respect. A committee is, who is going to decide who's going to sit on that committee? Are you going to pick me, or are you going to pick someone who doesn't want to sell any of it? Who are you going to pick to sit on that committee? I don't think you honestly could pick five or six people who didn't already have their minds made up what they wanted to do with that property. And maybe what they want is not what I want. I feel much safer in relying on your five decisions than I do on five or six decisions of other residents. So I don't think a committee is the answer to it. I don't know whether a moratorium of two years is an answer to it. I don't see the Board moving that quickly. They passed the referendum. You haven't sold any of it yet and if I know the Board it moves very slowly and very cautiously. So I mean I'm not that concerned that you're going to rush into something and do something unwisely. I really think that you will research it, find out what is the best for the whole Village, because you represent all of us. You don't just represent one section. You have to do what's best for the taxpayer. We have to be concerned with we've laid out an enormous amount of money, can we get some of it back and still do what we want to do with the property and instead of hanging onto all of it and burdening the Village with a big debt for many, many years. I mean parks are great. We have more than most areas. But can we really afford not to get some reimbursement on this purchase. So I really would like, I'd like to place my trust in the five Board members to do what's the best for the Village.

Trustee Saia: Mrs. Schlifke, you belong on the Traffic and Safety Committee.

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Mrs. Schlifke: Absolutely.

Trustee Saia: And we value your input in that Traffic and Safety Committee and you have made recommendations to this Board which are very valued but some of your recommendations, as you know, do not take fruit. The Board has rejected them.

Mrs. Schlifke: Absolutely.

Trustee Saia: Well now all I think that a lot of people in this Village are asking is for them to have some input. Now remember that four people on this Board are from one party who believe in having citizens put input into Village matters. Now what's wrong, Mrs. Schlifke, with having a committee appointed by the Mayor to look into the uses of this property. Now they didn't tell you what they wanted to do before they purchased the property. Everybody came up here, we heard people in the back room, well what are you purchasing it for? Why are you purchasing it?

Mrs. Schlifke: But, Jim, it was my understanding that the referendum the way it was written was to give the Village Board the power to purchase the property. It did not say and then let the residents tell us what to do with it.

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So I can't make an honest opinion what should be done with it, but I'd like to know before you do something. I'd like to know what pieces you're going to sell, what pieces you're going to keep, and some of what you're going to do with it. I don't know. We had the same problem at Glen Park. We were told the Village would never go for it. We won that. The public wanted it. They might want this. I don't know. But I don't think that anybody can make, anybody in this room and including the five people up there should make the decision for the people of the Village. I think the people should have input. That's all I'm asking. I'm not asking you to change your mind, but I'm asking you to give us the chance to know what you're going to do with it.

CONRAIL
DISCUSSION
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Mayor Kuzon: Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. Babin: Mr. Gallagher, you said save the train station. But it doesn't belong to us, does it?

Trustee Gallagher: No, it doesn't. But does that mean that efforts should not be made?

Mrs. Babin: Oh, no. I'm on the Preservation Board and I want to see the building saved. But you said you know we'd like to save the train station but the gentleman who owns it could easily destroy it, or move it, even out of our Village because I think the property that it sits on doesn't belong to him either. I think he has a lease on it. There's a lot of things to discuss on this.

Trustee Gallagher: That's right.

Mrs. Babin: And I don't think decisions should be made immediately. I'd like to see the train station saved and I'd also like to see the kids have some place to play, but I don't think you can do it in one meeting.

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

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon: Before adjourning I'd just call it to your attention that the Memorial Day parade and celebration will be held on the 28th of May. There's an 11:00 AM ceremony in the cemetery and I believe the parade's at 12:00 PM on the 28th. That is an official holiday. The offices will be closed. Our next meeting then is scheduled for the 29th, which is a Tuesday and not the usual fourth Monday. And if there's no further business...

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Trustee Saia: That's right. And it said for general Village purposes or uses.

Mrs. Schlifke: All right. But can you speak for your other four members that they won't benefit the Village in what they decide?

Trustee Saia: I don't know this, Carolyn. It's the same way when I put you on the Traffic and Safety. You give me a report. I value your report. I don't have to act on it but now you have looked into it. You are the residents of this community. You've been appointed on a committee to look into the problem that these other people that sit here that come to these meetings are unaware of, some of them, but you come up, you go look at it and you bring it back to this Board. We do not have to act on it. That's why you elect us. But here comes a problem now that it's my belief that the Board wants to sell off two acres or so of this property right off the bat and then give the remainder to the citizens to decide what to do with it and I think that's wrong.

Trustee Kibby: I agree with both of you. I agree with you, Mrs. Schlifke, and I agree with you, Mr. Saia. I believe there should be a committee to investigate what to do with this property and that committee is sitting right here - the five of us - and I think this particular committee...

Mrs. Schlifke: I agree with you. Either that or for you to appoint some people with expertise.

Trustee Kibby: Correct.

Mrs. Schlifke: But as I said to get people whose opinions are already formed, people who send out slingers and things like that because they know what they want and it's the only answer they're going to accept, those people don't belong on a committee. If you can find five or six people who have the expertise in the field of parks those are the people.

Mr. Hill: I don't think the Traffic and Safety Board has anything to do with the meeting.

Mrs. Schlifke: No, I don't either.

Mr. Hill: But what I'm saying is that I know four members of this Board that we elected, if we look at their campaign literature you'll find that they believed in open government, that people would have input. Now I'm watching here where this is being changed, that these five people should decide what's done with that property. I made a statement, I don't know. Maybe selling the 2½ acres is good. I don't know but I think you ought to come out and tell the people what you're planning. I don't know whether you're going to sell the 2½ acres. Nobody told me that.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Brenton, seconded by Trustee Gallagher, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,
Village Clerk-Treasurer