

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Municipal Building, Williamsville, New York on Monday, April 14, 1986 at 7:36 PM

Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

Lawrence R. Brenton

Richard Baer

Michael Kibby

Carolyn Schlifke

Trustees

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk

Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney

David Laubisch, Dept. of Public Works

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing regarding the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Glen Park Fund Budgets for 1986-1987.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Schlifke, the hearing was opened at 7:36 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING

Unanimously carried.

GENERAL  
FUND, WATER  
FUND, SEWER  
FUND,

Mayor Kuzon said those familiar with Village government know that April is budget hearing and adoption time. This hearing represents a part of the budget process which was begun by the Board three months ago. Ours is a line item budget. It is easy for the public to understand and the department heads and Trustees use a zero base concept, which means that just because so much money was expended on one item last year it does not mean that amount or more has to be spent on it this year. We question the dollar amounts in terms of needs and services. We feel this is responsible management.

GLEN PARK  
FUND  
BUDGETS

The General Fund spells services outside the areas of water and sanitary sewers and can be considered our work program. It outlines our level of service and establishes the cost of providing those services.

This year more than any other year, the budget and services were severely challenged and the Village Board had to make a serious decision. Local governments throughout New York State have had to face the astronomical cost of municipal liability insurance and the loss of Federal Revenue sharing dollars. While decisions are made on these items in Albany and Washington it impacts us by increased taxes at the local level. These two items will account for a \$3.36/\$1,000 property tax increase. It is easy to say that Village officials have no control over these items since these are dealt with in Albany and Washington but the increased expenses in insurance and loss of revenue sharing must be built into our budget and results in a tax increase.

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Our insurance this year went from \$38,000 last year to \$90,000 this year, a 137% increase resulting in a tax increase of \$2.44. The cut in the Federal program impacts us by increasing the tax rate \$.92. One additional item which doesn't receive as much attention but impacts our budget is the expanded Veterans exemption which has been adopted. No one argues its merits but the program adopted by the State has local government assume all the fiscal impact and this year those expanded exemption limits has decreased our total assessed valuation by \$100,000, or another \$.10 on the tax rate.

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HEARING

The combination of these items will cost our taxpayers \$3.46 more on the tax rate. There is no negotiation on this issue. It is mandated by circumstances beyond our control. \$3.46 in property taxes equals about \$75,000 in expenditures. In terms of services that would equal the service of the Village Clerk's Office. In other words the Village Clerk's budget totals nearly \$75,000. Or \$75,000 equals the Village Offices and D.P.W. garage. Our total parks, youths, senior citizens and celebration expenses also equal that amount. One-half of our fire protection. In terms of D.P.W. labor it is four laborers in the D.P.W.

1986-87  
Budgets

To save the \$75,000 the Board was confronted with cutting services. The Board made the decision that we would maintain services at an acceptable level and not drastically reduce them. He thinks it was a brave decision by the Board to maintain the services that our taxpayers are accustomed to rather than be frightened by this financial monster.

The total appropriations in the General Fund budget this year total \$1,395,960. Revenues total \$897,456 and the amount to be raised by taxes would be \$498,504, or \$72,000 more than last year. This is right around the \$75,000 difference in the aforementioned items. Without the increased cost of insurance and loss of revenue sharing funds it is very likely there would have been no tax increase this year. We have to live with this increased cost. The tax rate this year is \$23.29/\$1,000 of assessed value.

The tax rate breaks down into the following services:

Streets - \$5.76 - The street maintenance budget is \$201,000 or about \$20,000 more than last year. There will be an equipment purchase of \$7,500 for a three ton roller and trailer. There will be a new unleaded fuel tank and a storage building 30'X60'. There is \$83,000 for street paving, or \$30,000 more than last year. The streets to be paved are - Cadman Drive, Arend Avenue, Orchard, Eagle, Garden Parkway, and Monroe. Street Lighting is \$82,800.

General Government - \$4.06 - This is the elected officials and administration of the Village and Village Hall, and special items. Elected officials salaries this year are budgeted to increase by \$500.00.

Fire Services - \$2.61 - The total budget appropriation is \$156,095. \$33,000 is projected for equipment purchases and another \$104,000 is projected for contractual expenses.

Recreation & Parks - \$1.53 - That includes Wehrle Drive, Island, Garrison and Glen Parks, and this year an expense of \$2,000 for the Conrail property for personnel services.

Home & Community - \$.78 - This includes youth projects, celebrations, senior citizens program, the Meeting House, environment and beautification.

Refuse Collection - \$2.47 - This is for our garbage collection. The contract is in the neighborhood of \$147,000.

Employee Benefits - \$1.68.

Debt and Interfund Transfers - \$1.96.

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Budgets

Mayor Kuzon said all the budgets have been carefully scrutinized by the Board. It does maintain the Board's commitment to sound fiscal planning. He thinks the evidence is the fact that there probably would not have been a tax increase if it had not been for the increase in insurance cost and the loss of federal revenue sharing funds.

Mayor Kuzon then reviewed the budget for the Water Fund. The estimated revenues are \$431,847 from metered sales to residents and non-residents, water service charges, interest and penalties, and a transfer from the General Fund. Expenditures total the same amount, and the expenditures are in the area of special items which include a contingency account and salary increases, the administration of the department and personnel services. The purchase of water from the Erie County Water Authority is estimated at \$310,000 and then we have transmission and distribution expenses of \$56,397. In that item we have repairs of lines budgeted at \$8,500 and the Union Road water line improvement which is \$7,000. Other expenses include our employee benefits, debt service and bond anticipation notes.

Mayor Kuzon then reviewed the Sewer Fund. This is strictly sanitary sewer. The revenues are anticipated to be \$406,558. The sewer charges are \$262,000, contracts with outside users, interest income and appropriated surplus are \$114,000. That money is appropriated for special items, sewage treatment and disposal (which is our share of the cost at the Town plant), and our share is \$330,000.

With respect to the Glen Park Fund Budget, Mayor Kuzon said there would be a transfer of \$10,950 from our General Fund. The Town matches that amount and they are put together for the park budget as the park is jointly owned. The payroll for the park

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includes two seasonal workers, professional services for security, snow plowing, leaf spraying, fertilization, repairs and replacements. The total park budget will be \$21,901.

Mayor Kuzon then opened the hearing to public comment. No one appeared to speak.

Mayor Kuzon said if something comes up between now and the time we act on the budget at our next meeting on April 28th, people should see him, the Clerk or any Trustee. This is a tentative budget which means it can be changed between now and the time of adoption. Any concerns or questions should be brought to the Board's attention.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the hearing was closed at 7:52 PM.

Unanimously carried.

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Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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The Clerk read the notice of public hearing regarding the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget for 1986-1987.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Schlifke, the hearing was opened at 7:52 PM.

PUBLIC  
HEARING

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon said there is not too much to discuss here. The amount to be received totals \$12,300 this year. In past years we have received between \$30,000 and \$45,000 in these funds. The advantage was that this was one of the few programs which allowed some local discretion in its use. There were not a lot of Federal guidelines that had to be followed. In the past these funds typically have been spent in the area of the Fire Department for equipment and occasionally some equipment within our Village Clerk's Office. This year \$12,000 would be committed to capital equipment for the Fire Department and \$300 for the Clerk-Treasurer for supplies and publications.

1986-87  
Federal  
Revenue  
Sharing  
Budget

Mayor Kuzon then opened the hearing to public comment. No one appeared to speak.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the hearing was closed at 7:54 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,  
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The Clerk read the notice of public hearing regarding the proposed 1986-1987 sewer rents.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Schlifke, the hearing was opened at 7:54 PM.

PUBLIC  
HEARING

Unanimously carried.

1986-87  
Sewer Rents

Mayor Kuzon said there will be no change, or increase in our sewer rent charges for the coming year. He was pleased to say that there had been no changes for about the last six years. The code calls for this public hearing to be held annually. A few years ago sewer rates were a controversial item and the method of assessing them was also controversial. Basically, the sewer rates are applied to two areas. Operation and maintenance are based on water consumption and capital cost is based on assessed value. Our share of the Town cost for operation and maintenance is \$.74/1,000 gallons of water consumed. Capital cost which relates to the bond, etc. at the sewage treatment plant is \$5.21/\$1,000 of assessed value. This will be billed on the annual property tax bill, although it is a separate fund. Our share of the town cost for maintenance this year is \$168,378 and we add some of our own operation and maintenance cost for a total of \$222,496. We subtract our income of \$30,000 for a total of \$192,000. We add some surplus to it and then the total is divided over the amount of water and that's how we arrive at our \$.74 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed. Essentially the same thing is done with the capital cost. We would add our capital cost at Plant #16 with our own capital cost in the Village, subtract our surplus and then spread the capital cost over the total assessed valuation to arrive at a rate of \$5.21/\$1,000 assessed value.

Mayor Kuzon then opened the hearing to the public. No one appeared to speak.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the hearing was closed at 7:56 PM.

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Kuzon called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

There was a moment of silence in memory of Jerome Nirschel, who died on April 7th. He was a Village resident and a member and Chairman of the Senior Citizens Committee and he was very active and interested in Village affairs.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Baer, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 24, 1986, the public hearing regarding amending Section 60.32(19B) of the Traffic Code held March 24, 1986, and the reorganization meeting held April 7, 1986 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Schlifke, it was moved at 7:36 PM to open the public hearing regarding the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Glen Park Fund Budgets for 1986-1987. (The hearing was closed at 7:52 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, it was moved at 7:52 PM to open the public hearing regarding the Federal Revenue Sharing Budget for 1986-1987. (The hearing was closed at 7:54 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Schlifke, it was moved at 7:54 PM to open the public hearing regarding the proposed 1986-1987 Sewer Rents. (The hearing was closed at 7:56 PM.)

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Kuzon reported that we have awarded the bids for the renovation of the Village Offices and Fire Hall at the building two doors down at 5565 Main St. We had a small ceremony tonight to officially break ground on that property. The Fire Chief, the Village Board, the Chairman of the Building Committee, were all there. Realistically the work was started within the week that the bids were awarded. Much of the demolition work has been done in the interior and it is his understanding that the plumber is already in there and the other contractors will be in there shortly. We anticipate that the Village Offices will be over there by the end of May and will be open for business there by June 1st.

Mayor Kuzon reported that the reorganization meeting of the Board was held on April 7th and at that time committee appointments were made. Essentially, the Trustees kept the same committee assignments they had last year and they are listed on tonight's agenda.

Mayor Kuzon advised that at that same meeting action was taken regarding the Island Park Bridge. The bid was awarded at that meeting for the reconstruction of the bridge. The low bidder was in the neighborhood of \$48,000. The bridge will be widened, made of treated wood and a separated walk and driving area provided. It is anticipated that it will take 6 to 8 weeks to obtain the material and when the work starts the park will be closed for about two weeks while the bridge work is being done. Work should be finished by the end of June and the park and bridge should be in operation by the beginning of July.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, vouchers in the amount of \$101,558.19 were approved as follows:

Payroll Fund	W/E 3/28/86	\$ 8,823.99
	W/E 4/4/86	6,273.12
	W/E 4/11/86	<u>5,782.54</u>
Total Payroll Fund		\$ 20,879.65
General Fund	Abstract #605	31,069.44
Sewer & Water Fund	Abstract #1865	27,511.79
Trust & Agency Fund	Abstract #223	7,748.53
Glen Park Jt. Activities	Abstract #125	96.70
Capital Fund	Abstract #153	11,263.40
Federal Revenue Sharing	Abstract #182	<u>2,988.68</u>
Total Vouchers		\$101,558.19

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The larger vouchers were to Gypsum Systems, Erie County Water Authority, Niagara Sanitation and Niagara Mohawk Power.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Schlifke said the Village is in receipt of a certificate from the United Way in appreciation to the employees for outstanding community support. It will be kept in the Village offices.

Trustee Schlifke said the Main St. trees are being fertilized with a time release soluble fertilizer which should last for approximately two years, saving us this expense next year.

Trustee Schlifke advised that a survey has been received of the Spring St. area. Traffic and Safety will be discussing this on Thursday and making recommendations regarding the right-of-way. The survey will also go to the Environmental Council. When we receive the input of the various committees concerned we will be obtaining quotes on the treatment of that area to make it safer and a more attractive place than it is at present.

Trustee Schlifke advised that she had a resolution to present that was not on the agenda.

ON MOTION by Trustee Schlifke, seconded by Trustee Baer, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that Frank Mischler, 186 Evans Street, is hereby appointed to the Environmental Council for a term of one year, 1986-1987.

APPOINTMENT  
Environmental  
Committee

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Baer said he had no report or resolutions this evening.

Trustee Brenton said he had no report this evening. His first resolution deals with proposed amendments to our sanitary sewer rent code dealing with requirements that the Department of Environmental Conservation has insisted upon. Our attorney is still working on this.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held by the Board of Trustees on April 28, 1986 at 7:35 p.m. to hear all persons interested in discussing proposed amendments to Section 41.10 of the Sanitary Sewer Rent Code.

PUBLISH  
NOTICE  
AMEND SECTION  
40 of Sanitary  
Code

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Brenton said his second resolution deals with the Fire Department and the continuing effort to educate the firemen.

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

AUTHORIZATION

RESOLVED that Peter F. Strobel is hereby authorized to attend the Fire Investigation School at the Fire Academy, Montour Falls, New York and the cost, not to exceed \$200.00 to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Firemen to attend training school

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton said his third resolution deals with the purchase of a telephone system for the new fire hall. The Village Offices have already been taken care of.

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

AWARD CONTRACT

RESOLVED that T. R. Services, Tonawanda, New York, is hereby awarded the contract to install one model 616 Tie Modular Key Telephone system with Electronic Micro-Processor and Solid State Central Equipment in the new fire hall at a cost of \$4,993.00.

TR Services Telephone System

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton said his next resolution deals with the D.P.W. and a situation that evolved a few years ago when the Board determined it to be in the best interests of the Village to delegate responsibility below the General Foreman level to a Working Foreman/Crewchief level. As a result of Mr. Laubisch taking the helm of the D.P.W. a vacancy has occurred in this area and through his recommendation we will be filling this vacancy tonight.

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

APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED that Paul McMenamin is hereby appointed Working Crewchief in the Department of Public Works effective April 2, 1986 at a rate of \$9.35 per hour.

Working Crew Chief

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton said his fifth resolution calls for sealed bids for a sprinkler system for the new Village Offices and Fire Hall truck bays at our new facility. It was not included previously because the original architect had indicated that

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the cost would be expensive and would not be made up for in insurance savings. It has now been brought out that perhaps it would not cost as much as was thought and we do feel we would like to have the building sprinklered to protect our investment in excess of \$1,000,000.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for a Sprinkler System for the Village Offices and Truck Bays. Bids to be opened April 23, 1986 at 2:00 p.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.

ADVERTISE

SEALED BIDS  
Sprinkler  
System

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton said he has another resolution to present which is not on the agenda. The resolution deals with carpeting for new building. It was not included in the contract bids because we felt we could do better by going to bid and dealing with this item separately.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for Carpeting for the Village Offices. Bids to be opened April 23, 1986 at 2:30 p.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.

ADVERTISE

Carpeting for  
Village  
Offices

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Kibby said he had no report this evening. His first resolution deals with our new fence code which was recently passed by this Board. This resolution establishes the fee for that permit at \$15.00.

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

RESOLVED that the fee for fence permits is hereby established at \$15.00 per permit.

ESTABLISH  
FENCE PERMIT FEES

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Lancaster Stone Products, 5833 Main Street, is hereby granted a six month extension of their building permit for an addition to their office area.

BUILDING/  
Grant extension on  
building permit

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Laubišch advised that the dates for the annual trash pickup in the Village would be the week of May 5th. The D.P.W. will be picking up on the south side of Main Street on May 5, 6 and a half day on May 7th. The north side will be done for a half day on May 7th and full days on May 8th and 9th.

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

Unanimously carried.

Bill Pidgeon, Chairman of the Fire Department Building Committee spoke regarding the sprinkler system. It will be a benefit to both the Fire Department and the Village. It is a primary deterrant to the spread of fire in unoccupied spaces as well as its obvious benefit to life safety. The money will be well spent considering the investment we both will have in the new facility.

Richard Hill, 18 Brookside Drive, asked if Columbia from Wehrle to Brookside is on the paving list. Mayor Kuzon advised that it wasn't. The streets to be done are Cadman, Arend, Orchard, Eagle, Garden Parkway and Monroe. It was felt that these streets were in greater need at this point in time.

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

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Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Schlifke the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins,  
Village Clerk-Treasurer