

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, November 10, 1986 at 7:35 P.M.

Roll Call

Present

Gordon J. Kuzon, Mayor

Lawrence R. Brenton

Richard C. Baer Trustees

Michael W. Kibby

Carolyn M. Schlifke

Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk

Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney

David Laubisch, Department of Public Works

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

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Baer, the following minutes were approved:

- A. Regular Meeting held October 27, 1986.
- B. Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law which would terminate the Village's Status as an assessing unit held October 27, 1986.
- C. Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law to amend Section 60.32(2) of Traffic Code held October 27, 1986.
- D. Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law to amend Section 60.32(13) of the Traffic Code held October 27, 1986.
- E. Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law to repeal Present Section 60.32(19B) of Traffic Code and replace it with new Section held October 27, 1986.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Kuzon stated the next items on the agenda were two (2) public hearings.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Brenton, it was moved at 7:38 P.M. to open the public hearing regarding a proposed local law which would add Section 60.32(5B) of the Traffic Code, which would eliminate parking on the east side of Creek Heights. (The hearing was closed at 7:53 P.M.)

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Baer, it was moved at 7:54 P.M. to open the public hearing regarding a proposed local law which would amend Section 60.40(9) of the Traffic Code by removing stop signs north and south on Evans Street at Eagle Street. (The hearing was closed at 8:37 P.M.)

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Kibby, vouchers in the amount of \$38,229.82 covering the period 10/28/86 thru 11/10/86 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 10/29/86		\$ 9,649.33
payroll fund w/e 11/05/86		2,677.54
	* subtotal *	12,326.87
General Fund	# 619	16,596.93
Sewer & Warer Fund	# 199	387.31
Trust & Agency Fund	# 236	5,192.96
Glen Park Jt. Activities	# 138	840.60
Capital Fund	# 165	872.00
Community Development	# 103	2,013.15
	* Grand Total *	\$ 38,229.82

Large vouchers were to Niagara Mohawk and Higgins Keiffer.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Key Trust Company, Albany, New York, is hereby appointed Fiscal Agent and Registrar for 1986 Bond Issue per their proposal of October 28, 1986.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Local Law #10-1986, Termination of the Village as an Assessing Unit, which was the subject of a public hearing on October 27, 1986 is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS the Village Clerk has returned her warrant and tax roll and has delivered to the Board of Trustees an account of taxes remaining due, amount to \$4,120.79 (see attached listing) containing description of the land upon which such taxes are unpaid as the same were placed upon the tax roll, together with the amount of the tax so assessed and interest thereon, and

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WHEREAS the said Village Clerk under oath has sworn that the taxes mentioned in such account remain unpaid, and that after diligent efforts she has been unable to collect same, and

WHEREAS upon receiving such account from the Village Clerk, the Board of Trustees compared the same with the original tax roll of the Village, and

WHEREAS said Board of Trustees find such account to be true transcript and has certified to the effect that they have compared it with the original tax roll and find it to be correct,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Village of Williamsville is hereby credited by this Board of Trustees with amount of said account in said return, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certificate executed by each member of the Village Board be attached to the account of unpaid taxes stating a total of unpaid taxes in the amount of \$4120.79 and reciting that the account has been compared and found to be correct; and that the Clerk transmit said account and certificate to the appropriate officer of the County of Erie within 15 days to enforce collection pursuant to Section 1442 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Brenton reminded the residents to pile leaves between the sidewalk and the street since raking them into the street could cause a serious traffic problem. He also reported that the bridge over Ellicott Creek on Wehrle Drive is subject to competitive bid on November 20th and that project will probably be started in early Spring and will take considerable time to complete. A meeting will be held by the County on November 13th concerning the subject.

Trustee Schlifke reported that as a member of the Williamsville Historical Preservation Committee she has presented a plaque to the owner of the Williamsville Water Mills, Mr. Warren Miller, designating the Water Mills as a historic site in the Village of Williamsville. The Mill has national and state recognition and has now been designated by the Village.

Trustee Schlifke commended the Youth Committee and Fire Department for the Halloween Party they conducted. It looked like everyone had a very good time.

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On October 31st, Trustee Schlifke attended the American Automobile Club luncheon at the Buffalo Club. The Village of Williamsville has now reached 13 years without a pedestrian death and Trustee Schlifke accepted a plaque on behalf of the Village.

Trustee Schlifke stated her first resolution deals with a "no parking" area on Belmont which was the subject of a public hearing at our last meeting. The original proposal was for removal of parking beyond the first driveway. However, due to a request at the public hearing, it has been modified to 85 feet west of the west curb line of Evans Street.

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

RESOLVED that Local Law #9-1986, Amending Section 60.32(2) of the Traffic Code, regarding "No Parking" on Belmont Street, which was the subject of a public hearing on October 27, 1986 is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Schlifke stated the next resolution reinstates parking on South Long Street to where it had been prior to construction on Union Road.

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

RESOLVED that Local law #8-1986, Amending Section 60.32(19B) of the Traffic Code, regarding parking restrictions on South Long Street, which was the subject of a public hearing on October 27, 1986, is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the next election in the Village of Williamsville will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 1987, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following offices will be filled at that election:

A Mayor for a four (4) year term, two (2)
Trustees for four (4) year terms and one (1)
Village Justice for a term of four (4) years.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the map of the proposed Wellington Court Subdivision, located wholly within the Village of Williamsville, Erie County, New York, prepared by Tallamy, VanKuren, Gertis & Associates, under date of October 9, 1986, for filing with the Erie County Clerk in accordance with the requirement of Section 334 of the New York Real Property Law, is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Baer thanked the Williamsville Businessmen's Association for co-sponsoring the Halloween Party this year and announced that the annual Christmas Carol sing in Island Park will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Unanimously carried.

Dick Dorey, 151 Eagle Street thanked the Board for filling the hole in front of his house. He commented on leaf pick-up when someone parks in front of a pile of leaves and the difficulty of them being picked up.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
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The Clerk read the notice of public hearing regarding a proposed local law which would add Section 60.32 (5B) to the Traffic Code by eliminating parking on the east side of Creek Heights.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Brenton, the public hearing was opened at 7:38 P.M.

Trustee Schlifke stated the purpose of this public hearing was to discuss removing parking from the east side of Creek Heights, which is a very small street which runs off Creek Road. There are only nine (9) residences on this street, which is only 20' wide. (Trustee Schlifke drew a diagram of the street and driveways on the blackboard.)

Traffic & Safety Committee is recommending that traffic be removed from the east side of the street since there are fewer driveways on this side of the street. Eight (8) of the nine (9) residents on the street were surveyed. All eight (8) were in favor of removing the parking and four (4) were in favor of removing it from both sides of the street. This is usually not done because it can actually hurt the residents. At some time in the future, it can be a hardship if there is no on-street parking.

Mr. Anthony Galletta, 36 Creek Heights spoke in favor of removing parking from both sides of the street. Presently a resident with ten (10) vehicles parks a number of them in the street making maneuvering out of driveways very difficult. In the wintertime, with the snow, etc., the street is only about 15 feet wide making it almost impossible for a fire vehicle to service the last few houses. With all the vehicles parked there it is also very difficult for a snow plow to properly clean out the street.

Kathy Tobia, 25 Creek Heights Drive stated she agrees with the problem and would also like to see no parking on either side of the street. If it is restricted to one side of the street, the resident who is now creating the problem will take up all the parking on the one side of the street. Her greatest concern is getting the street cleaned during the winter so the residents can get out to work.

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Louise Brennan, 64 Creek Heights stated she had not been contacted during the survey. Her driveway is short and can accomodate only two (2) cars. Removal of parking from both sides of the street would prove a hardship on her family.

Mayor Kuzon stated that the Board would not vote on this issue at this meeting so if anyone had any additional input regarding this subject they can contact the Board before the next meeting.

ON MOTION by Trustee Schlifke, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the hearing was closed at 7:53 P.M.

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The Clerk read the notice of public hearing regarding a proposed local law which would amend Section 60.40 (9) of the Traffic Code by removing the stop signs on Evans Street, north and south at Eagle Street.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kuzon, seconded by Trustee Baer, the public hearing was opened at 7:54 P.M.,

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Schlifke stated the purpose of this public hearing was to hear all persons who wanted to speak on the proposal of removing the stop signs on Evans at the cross street of Eagle. This hearing was brought about at the request of the Traffic & Safety Committee, who is made up of qualified persons from the Community. They have a representative from the Police Department, State Department of Transportation, Fire Department, a retired traffic co-ordinator, a representative of the business community and three residents. Trustee Schlifke stated that in the past several years the Committee has received requests for the removal of these signs. Since Academy Street School is no longer active and these signs were originally placed there to aid in children crossing the street, and since the traffic has increased drastically since the stop signs were placed there, the Traffic & Safety Committee requested this public hearing to hear what the residents had to say about this proposal.

Mr. Hank Smith, Secretary of the Traffic & Safety Committee stated that the Committee considered the following facts before recommending the public hearing:

1. Under the V & T Law, to warrant a four way stop intersection, traffic on the intersecting highways should be approximately equal in volume. This is not the case at this intersection.
2. During peak traffic hours, cars back up Evans from the stop sign into Main Street. In the wintertime when the hill is slippery, traffic backs up toward Sheridan Drive.

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3. In order to avoid the signal at Main and Garrison, motorists use North Ellicott and cut over Eagle to Evans to by-pass traffic. Eliminating the signs on Evans at Eagle would tend to curb this practice.

Mrs. Charlotte Jurek, 81 Evans Street, stated the stop signs should not be removed. It is almost impossible now to get out of driveways on Evans Street during peak traffic hours. However, her main concern is for safety of pedestrians, cars, trucks and school buses. Evans Street is already a speed way and many cars barely stop at the intersection now. Instead of removing the signs, more effective enforcement should take place. If the signs were removed, school buses could not safely turn into Evans Street from Eagle. There are a number of children who walk to the Christian Academy as well as to Mill Middle School. Large number of South High School students use Eagle Street. Now that new sidewalks have been installed and repaired senior citizens as well as young mothers with babies are able to walk on smooth surfaces. Without the stop signs these people would not be able to negotiate the intersection.

Herman Erbacher, 141 Eagle Street, also stated that there are many students who walk to the Christian Academy. He stated it is difficult to cross any of the streets in the area at peak traffic time and doesn't feel the residents of Academy and Eagle should be penalized.

Norman Franke, 57 Evans Street, stated he is the first driveway from Eagle Street. Presently it can take him as long as 15 minutes to get out of his driveway. If the stop sign is removed, the cars coming from Main Street would have clear sailing down the street making it even more difficult to get out of the driveway.

Christine Loew, 73 Evans, feels strongly that there is a need not only for a stop sign but also for a blinking light. She agreed that people already speed down Evans now, but that is no reason to remove the stop signs. She stated that all children who go to Mill Middle School from this area are required to walk to school. They do not get bussing because they are too close. It is another reason to keep the stop sign. She stated there are a great many pedestrians both children and senior citizens on Evans Street and the only place they can now cross between Sheridan and Main Streets with relative safety is at Eagle Street.

Alan Ryan, 51 Evans Street, also spoke against removal of the signs. He lives right on the corner and agrees it is a very busy intersection. Pedestrians have a difficult time crossing the intersection now.

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Dominic Medica, Superintendent of Christian Central Academy, stated that his school has 400 students that attend it. There are 16 buses that arrive daily as well as 50-75 parent cars who drop the children off for school. Removal of the signs would disrupt the school system by delaying the buses especially in the evening. The school activities now are not just elementary activities as they were when Academy School was there. Now the activities include high school sports and parent activities. It is a school of many activities. He asked the stop signs not be removed.

Rosalie Brutman, 59 Evans Street, stated she is a walker who loves to walk through the Village especially to the Park. The Evans and Eagle intersection is the only place you can cross to get there.

Barbara Hughes, 156 Eagle Street, stated the volume of pedestrian traffic is very heavy on Eagle Street and the signs should remain. When the stop signs were put up in 1955 auto traffic on Evans Street was already heavy. It is heavier now and is no reason to remove the signs.

Trustee Brenton stated that the decision regarding these signs would be made at a subsequent meeting and would be made in a responsive way to benefit the members of the community.

Trustee Baer thanked the group that attended with 100% opposition to what he considers a poor idea. He doesn't consider it necessary for the Village to aid non residents to get from one point to another at the expense of Village residents.

ON MOTION by Trustee Schlifke, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the public hearing was closed at 8:37 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

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