

Minutes of the Public Hearing held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville at Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, July 27, 1987 at 7:35 P.M.

Roll Call	Present	Lawrence R. Brenton, Mayor
		Robert V. Bindert
		Michael W. Kibby Trustees
		Carolyn M. Schlifke
		Richard P. Sweeney
		Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk
		Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney
		David Laubisch, Supt. of Public Works

ON MOTION by Trustee Schlifke, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the public hearing was opened at 7:35 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing being held for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the proposed designation of the Williamsville Classical Site as a historic site in the Village of Williamsville.

Trustee Schlifke stated the purpose of this public hearing is to designate one of our more historic sites in the Village of Williamsville. The Historic Preservation of the Village researches property in the Village and designates buildings or sites which they consider worthy of this designation. To date, the Village Meeting House, the Williamsville Water Mills, Dream Island Castle and the Roneker Building on Main Street have been designated. This proposed designation, which would be the fifth one, is a little different from the others because it would designate a site, not a building.

The Williamsville Classical Institute was the original name for the Academy Street School and now is known as the Christian Central Academy. The site is located at 39 Academy Street. It is more a site of a tradition. The original brick building has been transformed beyond recognition, its effect on the Williamsville educational history is timeless. The building known as Williamsville Classical Institute was built in 1853 by the local leaders of the Christian Church. Sixty-five years later the building was condemned as antiquated and a new two story fireproof building was erected around the original foundation. In 1931, increased enrollment prompted the additional of another three story wing. The school served generations of Village children for over 125 years as a primary and secondary school. It was the Town of Amherst's first high school. It is now a private church school since being closed by the school district due to declining student population. It is still a source of community pride and continuity.

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The Historic Preservation Committee has met with the principal of the Christian Central Academy who now occupies the building and a representative of the Metropolitan Chapel regarding designation of this site as a historical site, and they would be honored to have the site designated. If approved, a plaque would be placed on the site because the building itself has been so changed over the years that it would not qualify.

No one from the audience spoke for or against the designation.

Trustee Kibby stated he thinks the designation is a terrific idea.

Mayor Brenton stated as one who went to Academy School and being provided his education there, this is one of the finest ideas of designation of historic areas and he applauds this proposed designation.

ON MOTION by Trustee Schlifke, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the public hearing was closed at 7:45 P.M.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Large vouchers were for Niagara Mohawk, Site Contractors Inc., Sunshine Construction and Professional Security Service.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Kibby, vouchers in the amount of \$120,024.59 covering July 13, 1987 thru July 27, 1987 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 7/24/87		\$ 21,010.86
General Fund	# 636	39,470.55
Sewer & Water Fund	# 216	38,631.84
Trust & Agency Fund	# 253	5,558.99
Glen Park Jt. Activities	# 153	327.05
Capital Fund	# 181	15,025.30
	* Grand Total *	\$120,024.59

Large vouchers were for Erie County Water and Niagara Mohawk Power.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Joseph Frese and Kent C. Swarts are hereby authorized to attend the Training Officer Workshop in Montour Falls from August 15-16, 1987 and the cost, not to exceed \$125.00 each, to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville has advertised for sealed bids for the sale of surplus Department of Public Works equipment, and

WHEREAS, the sealed bids were opened on July 20, 1987 at 3:00 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the surplus Department of Public Works equipment is sold "As is" as follows:

- 1) 1979 Impala Wagon to B.W.C. Corporation for their high bid of \$965.50, and
- 2) Sewer Rodder Machine to B.W.C. Corporation for their bid of \$86.52.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Schlifke reported on the following:

1) The work at the Village Meeting House has been started with the \$30,000 grant which we received. Hopefully this will finish the repair work on the building so it can be used. The roof area of the main chamber has been insulated and vents have been installed which will help with the heating bills. The carpentry and painting necessary to finish the inside will be started before the end of August. The parking lot in the rear of the building will be paved before fall and there will be some landscape work done at the rear as well.

2) There is new landscaping in front of the Village Hall. She thanked the Department of Public Works for keeping the sod watered during the dry spell.

3) The "Village of Williamsville" sign on the Conrail property on the southwest corner of Main and Union has recently been painted and re-lettered. Mr. Richard Czechowicz, 29 Belmont, painted the sign and Mr. Pete Obenauer, 64 Academy, did the re-lettering. Trustee Schlifke thanked them for doing it gratis because of their pride in the Village of Williamsville.

Trustee Sweeney requested that, as Trustee liaison to the Old Home Day Committee, he would like to receive any comments from Village residents regarding Old Home Days during suspension of rules. He also reported on the status of the Village insurance premiums. The tentative figures received indicate the Village will be within budget this year with a projected premium of \$132,000 whereas the budget provided \$160,000.

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

RESOLVED that Nancy Benzing, 38 Pasadena Place is hereby appointed to the Environmental Advisory Council until the end of the 1987-1988 official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Williamsville Environmental Advisory Council is hereby authorized to obtain professional consulting services in accordance with its approved 1987-1988 work plan, at a cost not to exceed \$1000.00, for comprehensive parking and landscape plans along East Spring Street.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, Councilman Williams Kindel has proposed the following intermunicipal resolution which has been adopted by the Amherst Town Board, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the quality of life of those residents who live in the Town of Amherst and those nearby residents who live in the Village of Williamsville that are nearby the Williamsville toll barrier also known as Station 50 have a right and are entitled to breathe clean air and their evenings and days be free from abnormal noise levels;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Village Board requests that the Erie County Department of Public Health and the New York State Department of Public Health conduct noise and air pollution surveys at those appropriate sites that are adjacent to New York State Station 50, Williamsville toll barrier;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we would request the State of New York to investigate the construction of barriers adjacent to Station 50 that would protect nearby residents as much as possible from noise pollution, as well as the potential from hazardous spills;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we request the State of New York to conduct a study to investigate the feasibility of moving Station 50, Williamsville toll barrier, eastward to Route 78, Depew exit.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Cliff Horey, 106 Highland Drive, is hereby appointed to the Traffic & Safety Committee until the end of the 1988-1989 official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Richard Hill is hereby authorized to attend the 1987 Annual Meeting of the New York State

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Association of Traffic Safety Boards in Lake George, New York from September 16-18, 1987 and the cost, not to exceed \$200.00, to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kibby reported that Wednesday at 7:00, the Planning Board, Village Attorney and other Village officials will be meeting in the Auditorium to review the proposed revision to the Village Sign Code.

Superintendent of Public Works reported on the Village streets to be paved this year starting this Wednesday, July 29th. They include Los Robles, Academy, Pine Acres, Pfohl, Creek Heights, East Spring Street, Glen Avenue Extension and North Cayuga.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mary Lindow, 22 Garden Parkway, presented the Village Board a petition from the residents of Garden Parkway which requests their area be rezoned from C-2 to R-3. There is only one commercial establishment on Garden Parkway at the moment, and those people exit onto S. Long Street. Every resident that owns their own home and lives on Garden Parkway signed this petition and there are no businesses in anyone of these homes and they would like to remain residential.

Trustee Kibby stated that when the Conrail Property was rezoned this was on the table for discussion and at that time the residents informed us they were happy with their zoning classification that they had since they thought their property would have a higher value being zoned commercially.

Mayor Brenton asked about the one lot that is commercial. Mrs. Lindow stated it was at the corner of S. Long St. and Garden Parkway, but that the commercial section exits through S. Long Street and the part on Garden Parkway is landscaped. Mayor Brenton asked if they were requesting this piece of property to remain commercial. Mrs. Lindow stated that it was her understanding that a number of years ago, the backs of these properties had been zoned commercial because the lots are so deep. Mayor Brenton said at this point the Board will accept the petition and discuss it in the frame of legal requirements imposed on the Board by the laws of the State of New York.

Harmon Whipple, 51 Garden Parkway, asked if the one lot could be covered under the Grandfather Clause as it now exists so that it could remain but no new commercial development would be acceptable. Attorney Troy stated he would have to review the proposal before rendering any opinion on the subject.

Elroy Avery, 75 Rinewalt Street, stated he is here tonight representing a large number of residents. He introduced Debbie Norton, a representative of C.O.A.C.H., Dr. Carolyn Shaffner, Preservation Coalition of Erie County and Rick Allmond representing the Native American Arts in Niagara Falls. He asked the Board if they had received any official proposal from the developer regarding opening up the streets. Mayor Brenton stated that the Board has received no official proposal. Mr. Avery questioned how does one get permission to cut a road onto Evans Street. Mayor Brenton stated that although the Board is aware this can occur, the more immediate item for discussion which has been proposed to the Town of Amherst Planning Board is the construction of 41 homes on the escarpment with a "U" connection to Academy and Rinewalt Streets. When the proposal for entrance into Evans Street

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comes before the Board, the Board will do everything in its power to stop it. There is no easement required of the developer since he owns the property right up to the County right of way on Evans Street. The developer has received a permit from the County of Erie to cut the pavement.

Mr. Avery presented a petition to the Village Board which requests the Village Board and the Town Planning Board to take any action necessary to prevent ingress and egress from any Village streets by any development especially into the streets of Rinewalt and Academy. (This also includes Evans Street.) The petition requests that further archeological studies be conducted before its historical significance is lost forever. The petition contains 1,584 signatures, almost 1,200 of which are Village residents.

Peggy Santillo, 37 Rinewalt Street, stated the group had received a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and it has been reviewed by the group. Some of the concerns of the group revolve around the section of the report entitled "Adverse Impacts." Fifteen pages in this document deal with the negative impact of these 41 homes on the environment in the Village of Williamsville and only 1 1/2 pages deal with positive impacts. Negative impacts deal with blasting that would have to take place as a result of this project. There is less than two feet of soil on this 17 acre parcel of land situated on a bedrock quarry. Even if the homes do not have basements, which is one of the alternatives proposed by the developer, there would still be blasting for the utility lines and roads. When the group recently met with Mr. Ciminelli and asked if he would do a pre-blast survey of their homes, he said "No." The DEIS suggests that a pre-blast survey be done of all the homes in the area. Another concern of the group revolves around the archeological findings in the 17 acre area. It has been found to

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be a prehistoric chert quarry, which was a quarry used by the prehistoric ancestors of what would now be the Seneca Native American Indians. They went there and made their tools at that quarry. The escarpment itself is very important and that area has not yet been researched. One of the things to be done was that the developer would apply for some kind of historic status for the escarpment, but that has not yet been done. They also said they would not touch the escarpment but that has already been done. The escarpment has been damaged and dumped upon and that is not supposed to be taking place. These are some of the many adverse impacts listed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Mr. Lawrence, 40 Rinewalt Street, spoke regarding the utilities. According to the report, the sewage and water will be going North, which will involve the Town rather than the Village. However, the Village streets were probably originally dirt roads with oil placed on top of them. There is no way, that the Village streets they are trying to access, Academy and Rinewalt, will be able to handle the traffic from the construction vehicles. When the Ciminelli people were asked if they were going to do anything to support these streets, the group was told that this was the Village's responsibility. Mayor Brenton stated this has been a concern to the Village Board, that should these construction vehicles deteriorate the Village streets, this would place an unneeded financial burden upon the Village taxpayers and the Board is in opposition to this as well as the destruction of the Village environment.

Mary Jo Loescher, 67 Rinewalt Street, addressed the archeological significance of the land. The group has been very much in touch with the archeological work that is going on in that

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area. In the DEIS they do state ways of mitigating the effects of the great archeological significance of the area, but they have not come up with enough proof that this has been done, and the group is very concerned that more work should be done. A statement from the DEIS indicates that the chert quarry and archeological site covered over 80% of the area of proposed development or approximately 48 acres. Because of the size and because it is substantially intact and undisturbed, it appears to meet the criteria for eligibility for the Register of Historic Places under the N.Y. State Preservation Act. Enough data was provided in the investigation to indicate that the Centerpointe Park area is a significant cultural resource with potential to provide information relative to the history of Western New York. The escarpment face, itself, is said to have artifacts which date to paleo-Indian times, which is very rare in this area and in general. There are few sites which have been excavated professionally that date back to this era. Although the developer has stated he is not touching the escarpment face, the Board was urged to see what is happening down there. The group feels this area should be preserved as a park with markings as to who lived there and what has been found in this area.

Rick Allmond, a Native American from Niagara Falls, stated they are much concerned with the artifacts in this area. There may not be any Native Americans registered in the Village of Williamsville at this time, but they are concerned that the area where ancestors may have lived is being destroyed before it is fully investigated.

Yvonne Kaye, 76 Rinewalt Street, presented a slide presentation showing the homes in the area, many of which date back to the mid-1800's. The homes have large front porches, the streets are lined with large trees and wooded areas and the area is

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peaceful and tranquil. In contrast to these homes, the proposed homes to be built in the new development will be similar to those in the Dearborn Estates, this years Horizons Homes. The slides pointed out the contrast between the present area and the future development. Other slides included views of the escarpment, Ess-Jay Drive, and Main Street traffic.

Gail Lawrence, 40 Rinewalt Street, discussed the open-porch culture which presently exists on their streets. This is why many of the residents moved into the Village and these streets in particular. They do not want this area changed. She wondered if there was any way of protecting this area by designating it as a historical site. Trustee Schlifke stated that the Historical Preservation Committee has not become involved in the designation of homes. The historical designation would preserve the area designated itself but would have no control over the surrounding area. It restricts the area designated from doing certain things to the property but has no effect on the area surrounding it.

Mayor Brenton pointed out that the end of Academy Street and the end of Rinewalt Street is the end of the Village limits. The Village Board has no control over anything north of these areas. The Board can voice its opinion. The only impact we have is over what goes over our streets. We have done sufficient research to indicate to us that we can prevent them from using our streets. The Board is determined to preserve the quality of life of the Village residents.

Elroy Avery stated the group would like to see the Board come out with a public statement that they are against this proposed development. Mayor Brenton stated that a number of months ago while he was still trustee, he made a resolution which indicated that Academy and Rinewalt Streets were designed for

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minimal traffic only and that any influx of traffic from developments North of the Village was opposed. Although the Board had several other trustees at the time, he was sure that the new trustees are equally opposed to the additional traffic.

Dorothy Zeeb, 124 Evans Street, questioned what effect did the fact that Evans Street was a County road have on the chances of the Village Board blocking access into Evans Street from

EssJay? Mayor Brenton stated he is not sure we have the answer to this question at this time. The Village Board has explored this situation many months ago. Again the Board feels that Evans Street, as well as Belmont and Eagle, are not designed for that kind of traffic. Mayor Brenton stated we have a right to request certain permits from anyone who wants to do something within the Village of Williamsville. Attorney Troy stated the Village is in a difficult situation. The County has acquired all the right-of-way up to the Ciminelli Property. He feels the Village must take a firm, strong position in opposition to this road.

Trustee Kibby stated he feels the people in opposition to Ess-Jay connecting into Evans Street are in the wrong room. He feels they should be going to the Town Board meetings to express their dissatisfaction because there are a number of members of that Board who do not care about the number of cars on the streets, the number of houses going up and the areas of green space that are coming down. The only way this will change is if you turn out those members of that Board and bring in new members. It will have to be public pressure brought on the Town Board members if you want something done.

Charlotte Jurek, 81 Evans Street, read a statement in opposition to Ess-Jay cutting into Evans Street. (Copy of statement is attached to the minutes.)

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Dick Czechowicz, 29 Belmont Street, spoke for the people who live on Belmont, Evans, Mill, Glen and Reist Streets. This is the short cut that everyone uses now who come from the north end of the Town. They come down Evans, over to Belmont, to Mill, to Glen, and Reist and then over Main Street. He invited someone to hold a traffic survey on Belmont during the heavy traffic hours. The traffic is excessive. Mayor Brenton agreed that the traffic on Belmont is very heavy. He wondered if there is a possibility of making Belmont one-way. This might benefit the Village. He requested Trustee Bindert and the Traffic and Safety Committee to investigate this issue and report back to the Village Board.

A lady from 122 Chalmers, at the corner of Evans Street, felt that the people on Evans Street are being left up in the air. She felt that the Village Board should determine legally what they can do to stop this road from coming through. Attorney Troy reiterated Trustee Kibby's advice that the people attend the Town Board meetings also because that is where these decisions will be made. The Village Board has only peripheral control of this situation. We do not have any intervening ownership so we can block them as we do on the other two streets. So the concerns must be brought to the Town Board.

Trustee Schlifke, who lives on Evans Street, stated she lives in the house right across from where the road would come out. She has been fighting this for the last twelve years. The residents of Evans Street have been dumped on for many years because of the lack of north-south routes to feed the development of the

Town of Amherst "North Country." The Town of Amherst is very well aware of the Village concern about this proposed road because they have heard about it for the last ten years. The Town has accepted a Master Plan which shows the roadway abutting up to the Village line. That road is in. To go now to the Town and say we don't want it to come across our land, is like putting the cart before the horse. It is already there. She hopes the rest of the Village Board supports the idea of putting every legal obstacle in the way of keeping any more traffic that we possibly can from coming into Williamsville, whether it be from Rinewalt and Academy or whether it be leading out onto Evans Street.

Trustee Bindert stated he is opposed to any of these developments coming through the Village. He is in opposition to the Evans/Ess-Jay and Academy/Rinewalt proposals. The Board recently undertook a study, the results of which did not really help our position, to show the increased traffic impact upon the surrounding neighborhood in the Evans/Ess-Jay area. We did not agree with their recommendations, which were to make Evans a four-lane highway, putting a stop light at Evans and Ess-Jay, and making Belmont one way, but these were not satisfactory.

A gentleman from 180 Evans Street asked how that parcel of land on Evans Street is zoned now. The members of the Board stated it is zoned Residential, and could have apartments built on it. The gentleman asked about the developer obtaining a curb cut. Mayor Brenton stated that being a County road, the County has already issued the road cut. It is not a Village curb but a County curb and so the County controls the curb cut. However, the Board will do everything possible to block the actual construction of the street and its entrance into Evans Street.

The gentleman asked where else can young people who live on Evans Street go for help. Mayor Brenton suggested they contact their County Legislator to see if she is aware of the road cut that was issued and to let her know of the residents displeasure. Trustee Kibby said they should be aware that the Town Planning Board are very much in favor of the road coming out into Evans Street and feel there will only be minimal harm done by it.

Doug Sandburg, 81 Mill Street, asked whether the Village Board had officially notified our County Legislator had we opposed the cut onto Evans Street. If not, he would request the Board to do so, by an official resolution. Mayor Brenton stated that the curb cut has been issued, and to do this after the fact, is usually not productive. He asked if the issuance of a road cut is reversible. Trustee Schlifke stated it is her understanding that once a curb cut is issued, they don't have to use it but it's there if they want to. It was originally issued about ten years ago to the previous owner, Mr. Chalmers, but was never used. However, the curb cut was still registered with the County of Erie.

Sharon Rich, County Legislator's Administrative Aide, stated that the project itself is not within Legislator Rath's district but is in Rick Anderson's district. However, Legislator Rath is very concerned about the residents. The County, when issuing these road cuts, does not judge them. This one, for example, had been issued ten years ago before any of these problems developed. Their office has recently requested a traffic count on Evans Street and well as information whether the road cut could be stopped. In the meantime, they are offering aid such as access to office equipment to the homeowners group. She also stated the people should attend the Town Board meeting to voice their opposition to the road. Mayor Brenton stated that since the project area is in Mr. Anderson's district, he should also be contated regarding the resident opposition.

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Joe Harding, 130 Farber Lane, discussed the possibility of a road cutting into Farber Lane. There is a possible entranceway at the foot of Ledge Lane, so the Village will be faced with that accessway to the Farber development also. Mayor Brenton stated that is a supposition at this point and when it is presented, it will be dealt with.

J. Burnside, from Chalmers and Edward, spoke about the traffic on Evans and Main Street. She requested someone contact the people in the area about any meetings. Mary J. Loescher stated she has been taking people's names and addresses and they will be contacted by their group.

A lady from 100 Orchard Place asked why the Board does not have a plan of action regarding this situation. Mayor Brenton stated the Board knows what they can do on Academy and Rinewalt Streets. On Evans Street, we are in a grey area. He can't publicly let the developer know what the Village Board is considering in this area.

Ms. Urbacker, 141 Eagle Street, questioned the historical significance of the land. If it is found to have archeological significance, can the developer be stopped from building on it, and if so, for how long. Would this then stop the road from coming out on Evans Street. Mayor Brenton stated since the development is outside the Village, he would not be able to comment on the possibility of stopping the developer. However, in regards to coming out on Evans Street, there is no part of the property on Evans Street which is being considered for archeological designation. Ms. Urbacker stated if the developer could not build part of his development, then perhaps he would no longer need the access into Evans Street, and if that were the case, then maybe that is where the group's thrust

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should be. Mayor Brenton stated that he thinks that is the direction the homeowner's group is heading.

Mary J. Loescher stated that as part of the sketch plan approval for the project made by the Amherst Planning Board, the problems the developer has with the Village residents would have to be ironed out. She questioned whether the Village is waiting for the developer to formally approach them. When he does, how will this come before the Village Board? Mayor Brenton stated that the Board has established a policy that all issues of any magnitude will be discussed formally at the official Board meetings. When the developer approaches the Board, we will tell him our meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of the month and it could be brought up during suspension of rules at the end of the meeting. If a formal resolution is required, it will be made at an official meeting.

As requested by the Mayor earlier in the meeting, Trustee Kibby reported he counted 103 residents in attendance at this meeting, but there may be even more because he could not see some in the hallways. Mayor Brenton stated he believed this was a record for the Village in recent years. Mayor Brenton also stated that he has received 19 letters in opposition to this project and has received no letters in favor of it.

Rita Andrews, 128 S. Union Road, thanked Dave Laubisch and the Department of Public Works for putting up the park equipment on S. Long Street, which had been purchased by the Parks Committee.

Sharon Rich reported that the Buffalo Philharmonic and the Amherst Jazz Ensemble will be presenting a concert in Island Park on Friday, July 31st.

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Trustee Sweeney commented on the Village's action plan for this development, and the necessity for the Village to state its opposition to this development. The residents and the Village have received a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement. He stated he has a lot of confidence in that EIS process, only if the people that have a mandate to participate in that process, do in fact participate in it. The Village government must respond with a formal letter of its comments and concerns stating some of the obvious things, that we do feel we have the right to block off certain roads, with the comment that we do have problems with Erie County's issuance of the road out, and using that document to demand that the advocate of this project and others who want this development, document in this environmental report what the traffic and other problems are now and how this proposal will affect them. The Village paid for an evaluation of the traffic situation on Evans Street, but we quickly realized we don't have the resources to pay for these studies. Mr. Ciminelli, on the other hand, has an obligation to answer any valid questions which are raised regarding his proposal, in establishing that preponderance of evidence in favor of his development. If the residents and the Village stand back and let the document be compiled and finalized, without challenging it, we will get an inferior product based on very poor information. He would be very concerned if the Village did not take a formal position on the impact statement prior to the August 20th public hearing. Mayor Brenton requested that Trustee Sweeney work with Attorney Troy in drafting a letter for submittal by the Mayor to the Town Planning Board prior to their scheduled August 20th meeting.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Schlifke, it

was moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Clerk-Treasurer

The residents of Evans St. are already unfairly burdened with an unequal share of Williamsville and Amherst traffic. An article in last weeks Bee indicated Evans St. to be the heaviest ~~traff~~ traveled road in Williamsville. It is not the only connecting road between Sheridan Dr. & Main St. Youngs Rd., Mill St., & Union/Forest share but a small percentage of this load. How much more do you think anyone should have to tolerate?

We view the proposed connection of Esplanade as only adding to our heavy burden.

At a Village Board meeting two weeks ago, the Mayor and Board members generally

agreed Enam does not need this problem.
Again at a Town ^{of Amherst} Board meeting last week -
the Supervisor and his board members
concurred saying this traffic belonged on
Amherst roads. We certainly all know that
the residents and taxpayers agree the
situation is intolerable. Why then if ~~say~~
everyone is in agreement, do we even
have a question? Is Mr. Cimicelli and his
developers the only ones who count? What
about the majority? Do we voters and
taxpayers have no voice in this?

Recently we voted whether or not
to sell a school, whether or not to replace

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school buses, and who our public officials should be. Now an issue so large could be allowed to pass without a majority say-so. We have signed petitions, written letters, voiced our opinions at meetings such as this and even passed resolutions. - To what avail?

Please consider the residents and property owners on this issue.

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We are opposed to any connection or opening up of additional outlets onto Evans St. Current traffic on Evans St. is such that leaving our driveway is hazardous at best and next to impossible during early ^(peak) A.M. & P.M. high traffic hours. In fact those hours are continuing to grow closer and closer together.

Opening additional outlets onto Evans will only add to this problem. While we realize expansion and growth in Amherst is a fact of life, we the residents of Evans St. already bear an ~~unpleasant~~ burden in regards to traffic problems.

We view the proposed connection of Esplanade as adding to this great burden. We are certain that alternate routes can be made available - for example, Youngs Rd. could be considered or directing traffic toward Sheridan Dr. which is already a four (4) lane road.

Several years ago, Evans St. was widened to a three (3) lane road. Yards were eaten up, beautiful trees sacrificed and some homes left barely a few feet from the sidewalks. We did recover - new trees have been established, yards re-sewn, sidewalks repaired and replaced.

If a new outlet were allowed to be opened onto Evans it would only be inevitable Evans again would need to be considered, resulting in further property devaluation and even some homes being swallowed up.

Please consider residents and property owners in your decisions and not just commercial businesses.

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