

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, March 28, 1988 at 7:30 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

Mayor Brenton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 1988 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, the minutes of a public hearing held on a proposed local law which would add Section 60.40(5)(C) to the Traffic Code held March 14, 1988 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Kibby, the minutes of the continuation of the public hearing on the proposed revision to the sign code, held March 14, 1988 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Brenton addressed the situation whereby the Town of Amherst has gone about reassessing all the properties in the Town of Amherst. Experience has indicated that in particular in the area of the Village of Williamsville assessments have been greatly increased over what they were two years ago. All properties in the Town of Amherst were assessed at full value two years ago under the County of Erie revaluation program. Now, the properties within the Village of Williamsville have increased dramatically. Many of our constituents have questioned why their property values have escalated so rapidly within the past two years. His only answer to them is that they have to talk to the Town of Amherst's assessors office, since assessments within the Town of Amherst are established at that level. Apparently the government of the Town of Amherst has seen the need to reassess the properties within its borders. He is extremely disturbed that the experience within the Village of Williamsville, even giving effect to the sale of similar properties, indicates that our

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values are much greater than they were two years ago. He questions the escalations that occurred in other parts of the Town of Amherst where properties are much newer than Williamsville, Snyder and Eggertsville. He questioned how the effects of the reassessments were established. He is deeply concerned that many of our Senior Citizens have been put in a position where they have to defend what they think is their property values and they have had to spend a great deal of time researching their values as compared to other values of a resale nature in their area. As indicated on the statement issued by the Town Assessor's office, the tax will be approximately "X" at last year's rate compared to this year. But, we all know that taxes will increase compared to last year so this is certainly not a fair assessment. What we want to compare it with is what will happen in the future. Mayor Brenton stated he simply is questioning the reassessment within the Town of Amherst and particularly as it effects Village residents. He also feels they were not given sufficient time to digest their reassessment and to prepare their arguments should they have a need to.

Mayor Brenton also reported that on March 31st at 7:30 P.M. the Town of Amherst Planning Board will be conducting a public hearing regarding to the Centerpointe development. This public hearing is specifically for Centerpointe and he encouraged all who are concerned to attend the public hearing and make their views known. The Village Board will be expressing their opinion during this public hearing and he would appreciate a good turn out for the public hearing for the sake of preserving the integrity of the Village of Williamsville.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Schlifke, vouchers in the amount of \$36,874.33 covering March 15, 1988 thru March 28, 1988 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 3/16/88		\$14,351.44
	* subtotal *	14,351.44
General Fund	# 652	19,034.24
Sewer & Water Fund	# 232	185.83
Trust & Agency Fund	# 269	3,193.00
Glen Park Jt. Activities	# 169	109.82
	* Grand Total *	\$36,874.33

Large vouchers were for Computer Resolutions, Lawyers Co-op Publishers and Niagara Mohawk.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held April 11, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. in the Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 1988-89 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Glen Park Joint Activities Fund Annual Budgets for the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held April 11, 1988 at 7:35 P.M. in the Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in expressing an opinion on the proposed sewer rent rates for the 1988-89 year per Section 41.20(D) of the Sewer Rent Code.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held April 11, 1988 at 7:40 P.M. in the Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in expressing an opinion on proposed amendment to the Water Code Section 65.40(A)(1) which deals with water rate charges.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the annual reorganization meeting of the Village Board be set for April 11, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. in the Village Auditorium.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Sweeney reported that the Environmental Committee has been continuing in its planning for parking and beautification of the East Spring Street area. The Committee has accepted and during the coming month will be presenting the proposed enhancement to the various Village committees and will be

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looking for their input. He invited the residents to take an interest in this plan to share their opinions with the Environmental Committee. Mayor Brenton asked Trustee Sweeney include the business community in his planning since many of the owners of businesses in the area have expressed their concern over the parking in the area.

Trustee Bindert reiterated the Village Board's concern regarding the assessment increases in the Village — that they are high in relation to the rest of the Town. He feels it is an unfair ratio increase.

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

RESOLVED that Local Law #6-1988, Adding Section 60.40(5)(C) to the Traffic Code which provides for a stop sign on Los Robles at California and which was the subject of a public hearing on March 14, 1988 is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kibby had no report and no resolutions.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute agreement with Professional Security Services of New York, Inc. for security services in Island Park and Garrison Park effective March 15, 1988 at a rate of \$8.25 per hour.

Unanimously carried.

Superintendent of Public Works Laubisch reported there would be no designated "Trash Pickup Week" this year. The Department of Public Works will start picking up trash on May 10th and continue on the second and fourth Tuesday throughout the summer. He also reminded the Village residents that the Village Code requires that if owners have contractors perform work on their property, the contractor is responsible for removing the debris they create. The Village will not pick up this material. It is the contractors responsibility.

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

Unanimously carried.

Harmon Whipple, 51 Garden Parkway, commented on his experience with the increase in assessment. Two years ago his home was

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assessed at \$53,900.00. After two meetings with the Assessors it was dropped to \$51,000.00. Now it was raised to \$62,000.00. He went to the assessment office. In his folder was his house and five others which they compared it to. He took the addresses and took notes on each house. Some were not even comparable to his. He took his information to the meeting and explained his objections. He does not have his answer as yet. He feels there is no logical reason for the way the program was done.

Richard Hill, 18 Brookside Drive, questioned what time the Planning Board meeting starts. Is it 7:00 or 7:30 P.M.? Trustee Kibby stated the official starting time is 7:30 P.M. However at 7:00 P.M. the Board comes in and looks at the projects that will be presented and reviewed that evening. They review the information with the Building Inspector. This meeting is of course open to the public as is the Village Board's work session at 6:30 P.M. However many people do not attend them even if the doors are open. Mayor Brenton stated if anyone feels they are being excluded for any reason from any meeting, he wants to be informed immediately because under the Sunshine Law this is not permitted.

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 8:02 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Clerk-Treasurer