

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, July 26, 1989 at 7:45 P.M.

Present: Lawrence R. Brenton, Mayor
Robert V. Bindert Trustees
Ronald Daniels
Yvonne Kaye
Richard P. Sweeney

Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney
Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: David Laubisch, Supt. of Public Works

Mayor Brenton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:45 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Bindert, the minutes of the public hearing on the proposed local law to amend Section 7.03 of the Building Code pertaining to Code Enforcement Office held on June 26, 1989 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, the minutes of the Public Hearing on the proposed local law to add Section 60.42 (7) to the Traffic Code held on June 26, 1989 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 26, 1989 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Brenton reported that the Williamsville Business and Professional Association has given the Village three trash baskets from their Cash for Trash program. The Board appreciates them as more were needed and thanks the Williamsville Business and Professional Association for their contribution. Mayor Brenton also reported on Old Home Days which was held this past week. The festivities were much more orderly than in the past with most, if not all, of the concerns of the present and past Village Board answered. Perhaps something more could have been done to control the size of the crowd on Friday night. People were held off the Island, but apparently there were too many on the Island to begin with. The Old Home Days Committee, a month or more ago, gave the Village \$7,000.00 for the Pavilion which is almost completed now. The Board is very grateful and Mayor Brenton feels it is more appropriate to announce this now after a successful Old Home Days. In addition, \$5,000.00 has been received from the Jolly Boys toward Island Park. Mayor Brenton also reported that during the Spring there was a sewer water line replaced on Reist Street. During the course of this construction, the contractor damaged a sewer line of one of the Reist Street residents. The DPW and the contractor's representative were present when the line was excavated. This was a private sewer line and it was determined that the damage had been done during the construction process. The Board has, therefore, paid the repair bill of approximately \$1200.00 and is withholding that amount from the contractor who did the Reist Street waterline.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, vouchers in the amount of \$398,937.09 covering 6/27/89 through 7/9/89 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 7/5/89		\$ 16,806.22
General Fund #682		8,353.73
Trust & Agency Fund #300		4,275.68
Capital Fund #218		83,862.30
Water Trust Account Fund # 7		36.00
	Sub-Total *	\$ 113,333.93
Warrant Sheet		
General	\$ 29,705.16	
Water	100.00	
Sewer	255,798.00	
	Sub-Total	285,603.16
	Grand Total	398,937.09

Large Vouchers:

Town of Amherst (1988 Sewer)	\$ 255,798.00
Seneca Hawk, Inc. (Pavilion)	41,274.98
Masters Touch (Reist St. Waterline)	42,027.82

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Kaye, vouchers in the amount of \$117,017.83 covering 7/10/89 through 7/23/89 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 7/19/89	\$	21,822.79
sub-total		21,822.79
General Fund #683		1,795.00
Sewer and Water Fund #262		2,184.92
Trust and Agency Fund #301		10,834.30
Glen Park Joint Activities Fund #		-0-
Capital Fund #219		27,851.83
Community Development Fund #115		1,046.50
sub-total		65,538.34
Warrant Sheet		
General		16,911.67
Water		32,393.42
Sewer		454.90
Glen Park		1,719.50
Grand Total		117,017.83

Large Vouchers: Seneca Hawk \$15,886.48
Roy McCready \$ 6,451.40

Unanimously carried.

At the request of the Village Justice, the Board has decided to hire a part-time Clerk-Typist in the Justice's Department. This woman has worked for the Town of Amherst. Judge Townsend has interviewed her and found she is the person for the position. The Board received no applicants from the Village of Williamsville.

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

RESOLVED THAT Gail Jahreis, 3300 Tonawanda Creek Road, is hereby appointed Clerk-Typist, P.T. in the Village Court, effective July 25, 1989, at a rate of \$5.25 per hour.

Unanimously carried.

The following resolution deals with the ongoing replacement program for waterlines. The Gordon Street waterline is 4", and is outdated and is in need of replacement.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville has advertised for sealed bids for the Replacement of the Gordon Street Waterline, and,

WHEREAS Judnick Construction, Inc., West Seneca, New York, submitted their low bid meeting specifications of \$62,934.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for the Replacement of the Gordon Street Waterline is hereby awarded to Judnick Construction, Inc., for their low bid of \$62,934.00.

Unanimously carried.

The following resolution deals with the ongoing sidewalk repair program whereby almost the entire remaining portion of the Village will be completed. In regards to that project the Village is hiring a Sidewalk Inspector.

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

RESOLVED THAT Ed Koscielniak, Orchard Park, New York, is hereby appointed Sidewalk Inspector for the 1989 Sidewalk Project at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Bindert stated his first resolution deals with Glen Park and the appointment of a part-time Seasonal Laborer for less than 20 hours per week at \$4.50 per hour. Beth Fishburn and her mother have been taking care of the strip park up by Main Street in Glen Park for several years. With the death of Bill Elliott, there was a delay in getting someone appointed to fill his position and additional help was needed. This is only for 6 weeks.

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

RESOLVED THAT Beth Fishburn is hereby appointed Seasonal Laborer in the Glen Park from July 24, 1989 until August 31, 1989 at the rate of \$4.50 per hour. Salary to be paid from the Glen Park Joint Activities Fund.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Brenton is hereby authorized to sign Worksite Agreement with the Erie County Human Resource Corporation whereby the Village of Williamsville agrees to operate and function as a worksite in the operation of the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program under Title IIB of the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Daniels stated his first resolution deals with the beautification budget which originally had a line item for Seasonal Laborer. One half of the budget transferred to the Park's Department for the cleaning of the pool so that there would be someone to clean the pools for us permanently. Since the Beautification Committee has done much of the work, this item is no longer required. Trustee Daniels stated the transfer of \$1300.00 from 1.8510.1 to 1.8510.2 would allow the funds to be spent in another way whether it be for flags on Main Street or perhaps some lighting in the Village Garrison Park which could use several new fixtures.

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

RESOLVED THAT the following budget transfer is hereby made in the 1989-1990 General Fund Budget:

	FROM		TO
1.8510.1	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	1.8510.2	<u>\$1,300.00</u>

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Daniels stated his second resolution pertains to a Performing Arts Committee which he had previously brought up at a Board meeting. There were a number of unresolved questions as to how the Committee would function which led him to write a conceptual outline of it's functions. (Copy of which is attached). There are other proposals as far as fees, but those things need to be worked out by the Committee.

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

RESOLVED THAT a Performing Arts Committee is hereby created in the Village of Williamsville.

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Mayor Brenton commented that he feels there are reasons for concern but feels the Board has covered those audibly and Trustee Daniels will be monitoring the situation as it goes along.

Trustee Kaye commented that she likes the concept of one night a month for usage within the community for public musical performances and thinks it would be a great benefit to our community. As she mentioned in the work session, she has some concerns about the details of this committee in terms of how it actually functions, whether or not it will have a budget line item and whether it will be for additional areas of the Village and not only the Meeting House. Trustee Kaye's original question is whether this should be a subcommittee of the Meeting House Committee rather than an entirely separate committee. She has some questions regarding the details which also includes the transferring of money that the committee would be receiving and its disbursement. Trustee Kaye does appreciate the fact that many of those details could be worked out after the committee is formed but feels there are some major items, especially the money situation that needs to be resolved before she could be comfortable in voting "yes" on this proposal. The general concept of the Performing Arts Committee she does like. She has some questions about the details and would feel more comfortable if they were resolved first.

Trustee Sweeney commented that this is a case where he acknowledges there are a number of details to be worked out but he also feels that as with many committee situations, the Village Board will not be approving the people to function as a Performing Arts Committee for another month, so there will be at least one month to begin to iron out these details before the committee will be empowered to function at all. Trustee Sweeney sees possibilities for ironing out the reservations and hesitations in the very near future. The Performing Arts Committee will be an Advisory Committee rather than immediately being set up with any budget with any authority to commit the Village to spending money. Therefore, Trustee Sweeney does not have a real reservation at this time.

Trustee Kaye stated she would not have a problem in voting "yes" for this proposal if the Board were assured that the money details would be worked out as well as that the Village would not be contractually bound for losses that might occur.

Trustee Daniels stated that what he has proposed is only a conceptual plan. He would feel much better if there were a committee to work on the agreement. There are many ways to present this so that the Village is not involved financially even with planned paying of the performers. It can be on a gate basis, where the performers would get a percentage of the gate. There is no liability in that type of contract. It's this type of thing that has to be worked on by a committee.

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Trustee Kaye stated that as a concept of the Performing Arts Committee she could vote "yes" if the Board were sure it could have those details resolved prior to the empowerment of the committee.

Vote on Roll Call:

Trustee Bindert	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes
Trustee Kaye	Yes
Trustee Daniels	Yes
Mayor Brenton	Yes

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for one Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus for the Williamsville Fire Department. Bids to be opened at 3:30 P.M. on Friday, August 18, 1989, in the Village Clerk's office, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, under the terms of the standard bidding resolution.

Mayor Brenton stated that this resolution deals with our existing aerial ladder which the Fire Chief and his department have determined to be inadequate for our needs. They are putting together specifications for a truck that they expect by 1991. The Village of Albion has requested to purchase our present aerial ladder and by entering into this agreement, we will reserve that truck for the Village of Albion.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kaye, the following resolution was hereby adopted:

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Brenton is hereby authorized to sign an Option Agreement for the sale of a 75 foot telescopic aerial platform fire apparatus now owned by Williamsville to the Village of Albion for \$75,000.00.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Kaye reported that residents may have seen signs up for "Savor the Flavor of Williamsville" which is a joint venture between the Williamsville Business and Professional Association and the Parks Committee. It will serve as a dedication for the new pavilion on Wednesday, August 2, 1989. It will begin at 5:00 P.M. There will be a variety of food booths so that people will come and enjoy the "Savor the Flavors of Williamsville" restaurants. The perimeters utilized were those of the Williamsville Business and Professional Association so there are some restaurants just outside the Village boundaries but are within the boundaries of the Williamsville Business and Professional Association. The Board is excited that this will be a wonderful family event where you can come and have a variety of foods to sample by purchasing tickets. The booths will be providing sample size portions to go along with the pricing of the food. There will also be entertainment. The Youth Committee will be having face painting for children along with balloon making and clowns and a variety of picture taking events.

There will also be pony rides offered for children and strolling musicians such as banjo players and barber shop quartets who will perform. At 7:30 P.M. there will be the dedication of the new pavilion and at 8:00 a musical performance by the Williamsville Summer Band. Trustee Kaye stated that her first resolution deals with continuing the work on what is many times called the Conrail Park. The Board is looking for advertising for landscaping work on the Exercise Trail between South Cayuga and South Long Street.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the Landscaping of the Village of Williamsville Exercise Trail between South Cayuga Road and South Long Street. Bids to be opened in the Village Clerk's office, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, on August 22, 1989 at 2:00 P.M. under the terms of the standard bidding resolution.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Brenton is hereby authorized to sign the following Change Orders covering construction of the Island Park Pavilion:

Change Order #2 in the amount of \$205.70, providing for the installation of two (2) 4" x 6" x 6'x8" treated posts to support end reactions of microlam beam in the store room.

Change Order #3 in the amount of \$937.00 which provides for the installation of a backer rod and sealant in shrinkage joints in the pavilion slab.

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The new contract sum for this project, including the two change orders above, is increased to \$112,392.70.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Sweeney stated that his first resolution concerns an administrative matter of how liaisons are appointed. At the past reorganizational meeting, there was some discrepancy or dispute among Board members as to how the appointments were to be made. His hope is to foster more advanced discussion among the Board members, so that rather than pleasing one or two, that the Board members as a group feel that there is an equitable and reasonable assignment of responsibilities.

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

WHEREAS, volunteer advisory committees are an invaluable source of manpower, knowledge, and creativity, as well as promoting consensual democracy within the Village of Williamsville, and,

WHEREAS, Village Board members serving as liaisons to committees and Village Departments effect a practical division of labor as well as providing essential communications, and,

WHEREAS, these functions are enhanced by matching the interests and talents of Village Board members with their liaison assignments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that liaisonship appointments of Village Board members to committees, boards, and Village Departments, be continued and be subject to majority approval of the Village Board.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Sweeney stated his second resolution concerns the change in the Village law which will enable the Village Building Code to be enforced by an additional person in the Village Building Department. This was the subject of a Public Hearing held on June 26, 1989. Since the time of the Public Hearing there have been some minor revisions to the code. (Copy of which is attached).

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

RESOLVED THAT Local Law #2-1989, Amending Section 7.03 of the Building Code, which was the subject of a public hearing on June 26, 1989, is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street, stated she would like to commend Trustee Daniels for his persistence. He did not give up the first time the Board turned him down. She doesn't know if she is any happier with the second resolution than she was with the first one. Ms. Schlifke questioned whether the Performing Arts Committee will be the same type of committee as the rest of the committees in the Village of Williamsville except for the Glen Park Committee. Are they to be an advisory committee whereby they will do the investigating and the leg work for the Board and then through the liaison bring those answers to the Board so that they can be approved or disapproved? Ms. Schlifke wondered whether this particular committee will be making their own decisions on the uses of the building and what will be happening in the building, and whether the elected officials really will be out of it and not having a chance to voice any objections.

Trustee Daniels stated that was a large concern of his and one of the reasons that he wanted this to be a totally structured committee within the Village as opposed to Attorney Troy's suggestion of getting a group of friends together to approach the Meeting House Committee and suggest performances. Trustee Daniels felt it was more prudent for it to be a function of the Village as long as we didn't suffer any liabilities financially.

Carolyn Schlifke stated that there has not been any membership in the Meeting House Committee for many years. Because the building was going through the renovation process, there was certainly no reason for a group of people to give of their time when the building was unusable. The Historical Society has been acting as overseers of the building during the renovation process. All the things happening in that particular building were under the state grant, therefore, there was no need for the Meeting House Committee. If the Meeting House Committee is re-established, you establish the Performing Arts Committee also, then you have two committees which at present do not exist. Ms. Schlifke would like to see the Board of Trustees not be left out of the process. She feels it is happening more and more where the Village committees seem to be speaking with a voice of their own and it is not the way this Village government was ever set up. Our committees were always advisory except for the Glen Park Committee. The Planning Board and the Board of Appeals would act on their own except under certain circumstances.

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She believes that the Trustees should keep close watch on their committees so that they are not acting on their own because the Trustees are responsible for the actions of their committees. She thinks it could be a problem as to whether or not the Village can rent out the facility and make money on it when state funds were used to renovate the facility. It might be a point the Board will have to clarify. She questioned whether a private individual can make money by using the Meeting House even though they have a certain percentage to the Village of Williamsville. She feels it is a question the Board should consider and move slowly on this particular committee because there are many ramifications.

Ms. Schlifke questioned Trustee Sweeney regarding his resolution about appointing a Trustee, Liaison. She knows the purpose of it. She was there when the discussion occurred at the reorganization meeting. Actually a Trustee Liaison does not really have to have the qualifications for the committees that he serves with. The committee is comprised of people who are supposedly qualified to make the decision on the committee. The Trustee Liaison just acts as a Liaison between the committee and the rest of the Board reporting to the Board whatever information the committee wishes to relate to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Sweeney thanked Ms. Schlifke for her opinion but does not agree totally. The basic function of a liaison is served whether or not the person understands the functions, the history and the ramifications of that committee's actions. On the other hand, Trustee Sweeney feels that the intent of the group is best served when there is a matching both of the liaisons interest, experience and willingness to do something. In many cases, the Trustee himself will serve as a working member spending many more hours researching items on behalf of the committee than if he had no interest on his own in that activity.

Carolyn Schlifke stated you would find more mismatched than matched Trustees to committees. Ms. Schlifke feels the wording of Trustee Sweeney's resolution was not clear.

Trustee Kaye commented that she had an interest in how other municipalities similar to ours function in this particular area. She asked the Village Clerk, Theresa Cummins, to research those Villages.

Theresa Cummins stated that of the 10 municipalities she called, 50% were made by Mayor and the other 50% were the Mayor with the approval of the Board. It was about half each way.

Trustee Kaye stated that the general consensus was there was not a definite reason one way or another pro or con for doing it the way it was done. It is a function of how it had always been done in the past.

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John Roetzer, 43 Rinewalt St., commented on the work of the Centerpointe subdivision. He questioned what the Village is doing presently to prohibit the use of normal access or emergency access as it is coming into Academy and Rinewalt Streets.

Mayor Brenton stated that the intention there is that emergency access will be allowed although Board has no control over what takes place outside the Village limits. He feels certain that some kind of accommodation is going to have to be made, regarding emergency access. He doesn't feel the Board could prevent it and is not sure the Board would want to prevent it.

John questioned if there was any way the Village could insure that it will remain an emergency access and prohibit the developer or the town in the future from saying "we changed our mind, we'll want that to be full access".

Mayor Brenton stated that the Board has thought of that many times and feels there is no answer. If there was an answer, he feels it would be negative. The Board has no control over what the Town of Amherst Planning Board allowed the developers to do.

John questioned if it is basically left up to what the Town and developer want to do at this point.

Mayor Brenton stated as the project is in the Town of Amherst we have not been able to input the Planning Board of the Town of Amherst regarding our concerns. The Board has input them but it has remained unheard.

John questioned whether the developer has to have a permit from the Village to connect to Rinewalt.

Mayor Brenton stated that under our local law, which should be tested in court, the Village requires a permit under our street and sidewalk law, before the road can be connected.

Attorney Troy stated he doesn't think it is prudent for him to be making any statement at this point, being that the matter is before the court.

John stated he would like to be on record that he personally insists the Village Board do whatever possible to prohibit any use of Academy and Rinewalt Streets as access roads to Centerpointe, even as an emergency entrance/exit. He wants the Village to do whatever is possible to prevent the street to be used as access. In his mind, it would almost certainly give them full access. He strongly urges the Board not to leave any possibility for them to make any future moves. As you have all seen in the past, the Village of Williamsville will end up on the short end of the stick regarding Centerpointe.

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Eileen Washburn, 70 Academy Street, stated she agrees with everything John stated. She has seen the trucks go down her street to Centerpointe. She does hope that the Village Board will do everything possible to prevent the access from Academy and Rinewalt Streets for Ciminelli travel.

Maryanne Avery, 64 Garrison, stated that she was told Sunday morning that the bulldozer and dynamite truck were observed going up and down Academy Street up in the field. She went down there herself and she did find tracks. She wondered if the final plat refers as to when they are going to install this break away gate on Rinewalt. Is there some reason why it can't be installed now? When she was on Academy this afternoon, a car went barreling past her, probably to speak to the foreman on the job. It seems to her that these people ought to be protected from this street, which is suppose to be a dead end, turned into a thoroughfare. It seems to her quite fair for the Village to ask Mr. Ciminelli to put the break away gate in before he gets through with his building.

Trustee Kaye stated she too has a great concern about what the configuration at the end of Rinewalt Street looks like; if it looks like a road, appears if it will act like a road, does not appear to be configured as an emergency access. It appears to have the kind of configuration of a smooth connecting type street and that continues to be a great concern of hers. Trustee Kaye had her very first opportunity today to be in her kitchen while the dishes and the house beneath her shook as a series of blasting charges were set off. She has also witnessed very large vehicles that appear to be construction vehicles utilizing the street. She has not been close enough to identify them. Trustee Kaye did speak to Tom Ketchum, the Amherst Building Commissioner who states he would personally call the Ciminelli Corporation and remind them of that restriction.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Trustee Bindert, it was moved to close the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Clerk-Treasurer