

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, April 22, 1991 at 7:38 P.M.

Present: Ronald Daniels, Mayor
James Hayes Trustees
Yvonne Kaye
Patrick Kelly
Mary Lowther

Thomas V. Troy, Village Attorney
Mary E. Harrigan, Deputy Clerk

Absent: Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk/Treasurer
David Laubisch, Supt of Public Works

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:38 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kaye, the minutes of the reorganization meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 1, 1991 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 8, 1991 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kaye, vouchers in the amount of \$82,500.46 covering 4/6/91-4/20/91 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 4/6/91	\$ 16,237.96
General fund	20,801.42
Water fund	27,766.19
Sewer fund	1,462.54
Glen Park Joint Activities fund	191.00
Trust & Agency fund	8,272.10
Capital fund	3,558.25
Risk Retention	4,211.00
Grand Total	<u>82,500.00</u>

Large Vouchers:

Erie County Water	\$ 26,961.60
Occidental Cooperation	6,434.34

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Daniels stated the next resolution involves some very notable retirements from the Historic Preservation Commission. Carolyn Shrauger and Rosemary Sugg have served long and hard in the capacity of guardians of the treasures of Williamsville in the past. In order to bring that commission to full strength, Gartley Weller, who has a long past of service as a historian in the Village as well is being appointed to that commission.

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

RESOLVED THAT Gartley Weller, 129 Mill Street is hereby appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission until the end of the 1992-1993 official Village year, and

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Constance Schweitzer is appointed Chairperson of the Commission for the 1991-1992 official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated his third resolution involves the Village budget, which we normally would have approved by now. However, due to the state fiscal problems and because the state has not adopted their budget, we have no guarantee as to what the funding at our local level will be. Therefore, we are going to wait until the very last moment, April 29th, to adopt our budget in the hopes that the state will have it's budget in place. Depending on the amount of state aid that is restored, we are hoping to be able to reduce our tax rate significantly from what was projected in the tentative budget.

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

RESOLVED THAT a Special Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, April 29, 1991, in the Village Hall, 5565 Main Street for the purpose of adopting the 1991-1992 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Glen Park Fund and Debt Service Fund Budgets and to set the Sewer Rent Rates for the 1991-1992 fiscal year.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Kaye reported that she was honored and privileged yesterday to have been asked by Williamsville United Methodist Church to and speak regarding Williamsville recycling as part of their ecology events for the week. We had a wonderful group of Amherst and Village residents who were very pleased with the Village system of recycling. She was pleased to be able to come and talk about recycling with them.

Trustee Kaye also reported on Traffic and Safety. We did have our first meeting, with herself as the new liaison to that committee. The committee plans at their next meeting, which will be the 21st, to name a chairman from their group so we still remain at this point without a chairman.

Trustee Kaye stated one of the items discussed by the Traffic and Safety committee was unpaid parking tickets. This committee will be looking closely into the cost of putting Village unpaid parking tickets into the Amherst computer system for collection purposes. If we have someone who goes for an extended period of time without paying their parking tickets, we can turn them in not only to Amherst but the (State) of New York and hopefully receive our money at sometime in the future. Trustee Kaye will be reporting on the progress of that item.

We are also requesting that the Town of Amherst paint or stripe the barrier which recently has been installed in the municipal parking lot. We have had some concerns that people have not seen that barrier and that there could be an accident. That barrier will be striped very shortly or have reflectors placed on it.

Trustee Lowther reported that the Beautification Committee met for the first time this season on Saturday and we laid out all our plans to the plantings throughout the Village. She is sure many of the residents have seen them on the triangle at Evans and Main, at the Meeting House, in the Garrison Park Memory Garden, and in front of Village Hall. They do a wonderful job every year. The plantings on Main Street will be completed in time for the Memorial Day parade. The committee is always open to new members or any volunteers who would like to come out and help weed and feed and plant.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville has advertised for sealed bids for 1991 Glen Park Security, and Corporate Northeast Security, 461 Linwood Ave, Buffalo, New York 14209

WHEREAS, Corporate Northeast Security Services submitted (their low bid meeting specifications,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the contract for 1991 Glen Park Security is hereby awarded to Corporate Northeast Security at the rate of \$6.10 per man hour.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Hayes reported on last Wednesday's Village Parks Committee. It was a rather lengthy committee meeting, about 4 hours in duration. He thinks the reason for the length is the time of year. In spring time we're getting ready to get the parks all up and operating again for the coming warm weather season. He was very pleased at the time that was spent by the members of the committee discussing the comprehensive projects that currently are on the table for discussion. As a highlight, they talked about several different projects that are ongoing both in Island Park and Garrison Park, the current situation with the South Long Street ball diamonds and the reconstructions going on there as well as the Lehigh Memory Trail. One of the things he was particularly enthused about is the fact that the committee has decided to undertake a long range strategic plan review, taking a look at the plans from previous years that were put into effect by the Parks Committee, updating those plans and taking a broad base look at where our parks are going, what needs to be done in our parks for the future and charting out a responsible course of action for discussion of those matters. He thanked the committee members that were there and Carolyn Schlifke, the new chairman of the Parks Committee, for their valuable time and effort at that meeting.

Trustee Hayes reported on an unfortunate situation that has arisen with regard to the reconstruction of the South Long Street Ball Diamonds. After several telephone calls over the weekend from concerned citizens and residents and his own inspection of the project, he felt it necessary to contact the president of the landscaping company to receive an update on the situation. It appears at first glance to anyone who's been over there or taken a look at it that the project is, in fact, falling behind schedule.

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With the intent of the ball teams to begin their practices the week of May 7th, he felt it necessary to get some kind of an update from the landscaper. Trustee Hayes read a copy of the letter he received today as a result of that conversation. (Copy attached). Trustee Hayes brought this letter to the attention of the other members of the Board during the work session because there seems to be a discrepancy between what the landscaper is now telling us was the direction for reconstructing the ball diamond. As a result, some decisions have to be made in terms of people wanting to schedule their time on the ball diamond. Trustee Kaye, who was the former liaison to the Parks Committee, is under the impression and has a signed document, a description of the work that needed to be done. The entire area was not to be seeded but existing sod was to be stripped, saved and reused if in acceptable condition. During the work session he asked Trustee Kaye to check with the people at Birch Grove to determine the legal aspects of the contracts and she has agreed to do that. It's his hope that we will open the ball diamonds as soon as possible for use by the ball players in the Village. From a discussion earlier tonight, there may be a way to work this situation out and we certainly will be exploring every possible avenue to get those ball diamonds open as soon as possible.

Trustee Hayes also reported that the Parks Committee, sort of in the spirit of Earth Day, decided to continue a tradition of previous years and sponsor a volunteer clean up day for Garrison and Island Parks and Lehigh Memory Trail. It will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 11, 1991. We're encouraging Village of Williamsville residents to help spruce up the parks for the upcoming warm weather season by volunteering a few hours of their time on May 11. This project is an excellent way for residents to show their concern for the environment and at the same time provide a valuable service to their community. So any Village resident or volunteer from Scout troops, Youth groups or local service organizations, who are interested in helping out, are more than welcome to join us. We're asking volunteers to please bring leaf rakes, brooms, hand trowels and work gloves to the event and the Village DPW will provide some equipment and some leaf bags and lawn bags to help us remove the trash that's collected on that day. Those that are interested in volunteering should contact the Village Hall or one of the members of the Parks Committee.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the following resolution was hereby adopted:

RESOLVED THAT as Fire Commissioners for the Williamsville Fire Department, the Board of Trustees hereby makes the following firemen appointments to the Fire Department:

NAME	ADDRESS
Michael Lombardo	42 Highland Drive
Dennis Cucinotta (reinstatement)	164 Cayuga Road Cheektowaga

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Kelly, the following resolution was hereby adopted:

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville has advertised for sealed bids for 1991 Village Park Security, and

WHEREAS Corporate Northeast Security of 461 Linwood Ave, Buffalo, New York, 14209 has submitted their low bid meeting specifications,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the contract for 1991 Village Park Security is hereby awarded to Corporate Northeast Security at its rate of \$6.10 per man hour.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly reported that the Youth and Recreation Committee has 2 vacancies and anyone who would like to be appointed can drop him a note or contact anyone on the Youth and Recreation Committee.

Trustee Kelly stated with respect to matters that are coming up, the first item the Youth Committee has on their agenda is on June 9, there is a fishing derby for all of the children in the Village. It will be held at Island Park. There will be more details coming out on that shortly. With respect to safety and inspections, it's a committee that does not actually meet. He's primarily the liaison to the inspections department. A few of the resolutions he's bringing up are going to make some changes in the department with the hopes that there will be more inspections and that the properties of various Village residents and the Village businesses will be taken care of in a better fashion.

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Trustee Kelly reported he went to a Village officials meeting in Hamburg this week. There was a lot of discussion concerning the budgets and what the state has done. Apparently out of all the Villages in Erie County, only one has adopted a budget to date. A number of the Villages are adjourning their adoption procedures till the last week of April like we have done. A number of officials presently have gone to Albany on a couple of occasions. It appears that the state may adopt a slow phase out of State aid to Villages as opposed to just point blank elimination of the aid. The one resolution that seems to be the closest to being adopted is that whatever aid we've received so far in the 1991 budget would be cut in half for the 1991-1992 year and then cut in half again for 1992-1993 and thereafter there would be no state aid to municipalities. If that happens we'll probably get in the neighborhood of \$60,000 - \$65,000 as opposed to the \$120,000 - \$130,000 that we have received so far this year. We were scheduled to receive somewhere around \$180,000. A number of mayors spoke at length concerning what the loss of state aid has done to the cost of Village operations. The ones that are burdened the most are the Villages that have police departments because of the need to have police protection year round. We will be keeping you up to date on what's happening with the state budget and state aid.

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

RESOLVED THAT Richard Delo, 55 Monroe Drive, is hereby appointed Building Inspector, P/T at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective April 23, 1991.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kelly, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the following resolution was hereby adopted:

RESOLVED THAT for Village Administrative purposes, the position of Building Inspector shall hereafter be designated as Building Commissioner.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly stated his third resolution deals with the appointment of a new Village Prosecutor. Joseph Stoeckl has been our Village Prosecutor for 17 years now and has done a fantastic job. However, Joe lives in the Village of East Aurora. Trustee Kelly, as a Board member and he knows a number of the other Board members that he has spoken to, feel that it's important to appoint Village residents wherever possible. For that reason, we have decided to appoint a Village resident as our new Prosecutor.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Kelly, seconded by Trustee Hayes, the following resolution was hereby adopted:

RESOLVED THAT Victoria D'Angelo, 116 Lake Ledge Drive, is hereby appointed Village Prosecutor effective April 23, 1991 at a salary of \$5,000.00 per year.

Trustee Kaye commented that she hopes in the future that when we have this kind of position becomes available that we give it a little more advertisement because she's sure we have a variety of people in the community who may have an interest in this type of position.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT Michael Kibby is hereby named Chairman of Board of Appeals for the 1991-1992 official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT Mayor Ronald Daniels is hereby authorized to sign amended agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, covering Island Park Pavilion Contract #CO01123 extending the period of the contract in order to complete the requirements for the final payment of this project.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kelly, seconded by Trustee Kaye, it was moved to suspend the rules for a resolution not on the agenda.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly stated at our reorganizational meeting he appointed Carol Lanphear as the acting chairman of the Youth and Recreation committee. She has graciously consented to being the chairman for 1991-1992.

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RESOLVED THAT Carol Lanphear is appointed Chairperson of the Youth and Recreation Committee for the 1991-1992 official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated Superintendent Laubisch is not here this evening. He has other commitments at this point in time. As far as the excessive rainfall goes, David Laubisch is on top of the situation and expects no serious problems in the future.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kaye, it was moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of public participation.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly stated that David Laubisch advised him that wood chips are available to any Village resident who would like them. It's cheaper for the DPW to have them hauled away by Village residents or they will give them to local nurseries. Anyone who wants them should avail themselves of the free chips. If you went to a nursery and bought them you'd be paying a decent amount of money for something you can have for free.

Mayor Daniels stated those are available in the DPW lot for residents to pick up. There are other services that some residents do not realize are available such as tree stump grinding. If you have a tree stump that's accessible in the front or rear yard, the DPW will accept a request and put you on a list. When they have enough stumps to provide a day's work, they usually will go out and grind those stumps. That's another service that the Village provides that makes it a nice place to live.

Mayor Daniels stated the next meeting will be April 29, 1991, which is a week from today at 6:00 P.M. The purpose of that meeting will be to approve the budgets for the Village fiscal year. If anyone has any interest in these budgets, we hope they will attend.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M..

Mary E. Harrigan
Deputy Clerk