

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, September 9, 1991 at 7:55 P.M.

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

Thomas Troy, Village Attorney
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 7:55 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on August 26, 1991 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels apologized for the Board being so late. We were involved in a rather lengthy discussion regarding the October 5th referendum vote on the fire service awards. Two representatives from companies we're considering were present to explain their proposed plans to the Board.

ON MOTION By Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$55,291.27 covering 8/22/91 - 9/5/91 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 8/28/91	\$25,927.53
General fund	24,908.61
Water fund	486.17
Sewer fund	306.69
Trust & Agency fund	3,662.27
Grand Total	55,291.27

Large Vouchers:

Christopher Construction	\$7,492.50
Niagara Mohawk	6,389.70

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Patrick Kelly, the following resolution was hereby adopted:

RESOLVED THAT David Laubisch and Paul McMenamin are hereby authorized to attend the 1991 Public Works Training School in Ithaca, New York from October 21 - 24 and the cost, not to exceed \$450.00 each, to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Patrick Kelly, the following resolution was hereby adopted:

RESOLVED THAT Donald Dehn, Water Maintenance Man is hereby authorized to attend the Hydrant and Main Maintenance Seminar in Alexandria Bay, New York on September 30, 1991 and the cost, not to exceed \$250.00, to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated his 4th resolution pertains to the announcement by Erie County Water Authority approximately 1 week ago that there will be a rate increase effective September 15th. Our village code requires that any change in the water rate has to go to a public hearing before it can be enacted. Unfortunately, this puts us in the awkward situation of having to pay Erie County Water for the water that we use through wholesale purchase agreement before we can actually raise our rates to respond to that increase. A letter has been sent to chairman, Joseph Crangle of the Water Authority, expressing our concern that this places the water fund for the Village of Williamsville in a situation of not being able to promptly recoup that 11¢ increase. This is the 2nd increase by Erie County Water Authority in about a year. Last September 1st there was an 8¢ per thousand gallon increase and now just a year and 2 weeks later there's an 11¢ increase. They maintain that these rate increases are necessary. Mayor Daniels is not disputing that but would have liked for them to give the Village more than 2 weeks notice so we can address the rate increase for the Village residents. In the letter, he has requested at least a 6 week notification period so we could enact our rate increase.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Patrick Kelly, the following resolution was hereby adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held on September 23, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed resolution which would increase water rates.

Trustee Hayes commented that this is an important issue and he wholeheartedly agrees with the Mayor. Mayor Daniel's letter to Mr. Crangle, the chairman of the Water Authority, did get some attention in the media. He is concerned about the Water Authority passing on these kinds of fees to users without giving proper notification to the users. We, as a Village Board, are accountable to the public anytime that we raise taxes or fees and we always seek to have input from the public before we make those kinds of decisions. Trustee Hayes thinks it is an outrage that the Erie County Water Authority would raise the rates without granting proper notification to its water wholesalers and users. Trustee Hayes is also dismayed that we, as Trustees, received, today, an extremely costly, high gloss 1990 annual report from the chairman of the Authority, which speaks what we have heard recently about high salaries by commissioners at the Water Authority. These kind of publications are actually very wasteful. Trustee Hayes thinks the Village Board would do well in serving the public and residents of this community by continuing to express to the members of the Water Authority our concern in this regard and ask them that in the future they display a little bit more accountability to the users.

Mayor Daniels stated that not only puts the Village of Williamsville in an awkward position but all of the other wholesale purchasers throughout Erie County. There are several other, probably about 10 other municipalities, who do wholesale purchase of water from Erie County. Mayor Daniels hopes that they submit objections to this increase.

Trustee Hayes asked Mayor Daniels if there was any other advance notice that the commissioners had given to him or to other Village officials.

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Mayor Daniels stated he has not heard any advance notice. He does know that Senator Sheffer's office has been heavily bombarded with phone calls from concerned residents, especially in the southtown's area where they've had some problems with water deliveries. We are in an awkward position because we want to work along with Erie County. One of the possibilities is that the Village of Williamsville will be entering into a lease agreement with the Erie County Water Authority sometime in the future. The idea is to provide the Village residents with the least costly delivery of water and also to increase the pressure in the Village system. We are working with Nussbaumer & Clarke Engineering firm and looking into the possibility of approximately 10 interconnections with Amherst lines in order to boost the pressure. This should be of interest to the fire company, since it will boost the water pressure on all hydrants throughout the Village. The fire fighting capacity of our water system will be greatly increased and enhanced. This type of situation whereby we are calling the Water Authority on an increase, that really had no advance warning, and chastising them on one hand and then trying to work very closely with them on a lease agreement that will work well for the Village, is an awkward situation. Hopefully one does not have a bearing on another in these proceedings.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther reported that the parking lot off of Glen Avenue at Glen Park has been paved now. The town has been working in conjunction with our DPW in upgrading that lot.

Trustee Lowther commented that the craft fair this weekend was very well attended and nicely run. The Parks Department and the Business Association did a terrific job for a 1st year event. The whole group really deserves our congratulations. This type of event brings people into the area, lets them see what we have to offer.

Trustee Lowther also reported she attended the fireman's inspection on Saturday evening. It was the 1st one she had ever attended and it was very nice. She enjoyed having as her escort, Tony Schueckler, who took her around and showed her the trucks and told her how old they were and explained alot of things she didn't know about the fire department. She appreciates Tony Schueckler's input which was really very informative. The dinner was lovely. It was a really nice evening and she looks forward to attending again.

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Trustee Lowther reported that the Performing Arts group and is now meeting on a regular basis. For the next several weeks we're meeting on Saturday morning at 8 A.M. here in Village Hall. There is a tentative schedule for the 1st portion of the year through January 1st. We are firming up the schedule which will include some new things, one of which is going to be a dinner theatre with the theatre at the place where the dinner is held. We're working with the Little White House to try and bring this about. It should be alot of fun and it should be very interesting to see how this develops. Any members of the public who are interested in attending our meetings, for the next 3 or 4 weeks, we will be meeting Saturday mornings at 8 A.M.

Trustee Kaye stated she wanted to share a special Happy Birthday to our fellow Board member and Trustee, Mary Lowther. It's her birthday today.

Trustee Kaye reported there will be an important meeting of NOREC tomorrow at 4 P.M. in the Village of Depew municipal building. We'll be talking about the transition of NOREC basically from NOREC 1 to NOREC 2 as it's been dubbed by those municipalities who have chosen to participate in the Materials Recovery Facility in Depew and those who did not. The Village of Williamsville did choose to be part of that materials recovery facility and tomorrow we'll be talking about those transitions and how that actually happens. Some upcoming items which we will be talking about also is there will be a deadline for communities to remake their commitment to NOREC by October 17th. We will have that on our next agenda. As Dave Laubisch had spoken at our last meeting about the changes that are happening, the plan has been downscaled. Right now, the projection that we have at this point from NOREC is based on a population of 233 plus thousand people. It's based on approximately 16 communities that have expressed their interest in remaining members. Because of the downsizing in size, there've been some decreases in the net cost per ton. They're now looking at a net cost of approximately \$11.00 per ton versus \$25.00 before. We'll have all those final figures and details after tomorrows NOREC meeting.

Trustee Kaye reported that she has also spoken to the controller of BFI and they will be working on getting notices into all the recycling boxes for those residents who may have had goods left in the recycling box. That is part of our contract with BFI. If you have materials left in your box, BFI is to leave a note telling you why the material was left there. If you have any questions about it or if you don't get a note in the box, please

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let us know here at Village Hall so we can continue to follow up with BFI and help you in your level of participation. Also, BFI will be supplying, for our next meeting, a quarterly statement telling how much material we have recovered and whether or not we will be seeing a rebate.

Trustee Kaye reported she also attended the craft fair. She said a special thank you to the Parks Committee and Carolyn Schlifke, as chairman, and to Matt Bierl, who is not here, but she knows that as being part of the two year planning process, this was really Matt's baby. He really wanted deeply and believed very affirmatively in the craft fair. So it was really very thrilling to see that work out so well for so many people.

Trustee Kaye reported she had a meeting with Judge Townsend this past week to discuss the Scofflaw and implementation of it by the Village. The Traffic and Safety Committee has been looking to pursue this and it has been one of our primary items on their agenda. Trustee Kaye was able to meet with Judge Townsend and the court staff and we are proceeding to join the state Scofflaw system regarding parking violations. Presently, we already use the Central Police Services Computer to process our parking tags which are logged into their computer system. As part of the Scofflaw system, the Central Police Services will be notifying us and the state of New York of anyone who has 3 or more unanswered summons for parking, standing or stopping violations within the Village of Williamsville within an 18 month period of time on 1 vehicle. These individuals will not be able to renew their vehicle registration until they answer those summons here in court in front of the judge. Recently, North Tonawanda instituted this program which, by the way, costs nothing to the Village. The only cost involved is we must send a certified letter which costs us \$2.29 to say that the person's registration will be held until they appear. The revenue on that is a minimum of \$60.00 because those tickets will have doubled at that time. So we're talking about a minimum return of \$60.00 - an investment of \$2.29. North Tonawanda recently, this summer, instituted the Scofflaw law and they realized \$35,000 by picking up those back parking tags for people who had more than 3 outstanding within an 18 month period. As a Board we're also looking at the possibility of increasing the hours of our Parking Enforcement Official as well.

Trustee Kaye thanked all the firemen in the audience for the inspection dinner. It's wonderful to see the vehicles and have the tour and be part of such a fine organization and to serve as

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a fire commissioner. It's very close to her heart, having come from a fire family. Her father served in Buffalo Fire for 37 years. She certainly enjoys being part of the fire department here as a fire commissioner and thanked the firemen for involving her.

Trustee Kaye reported there was some confusion about a resolution that she previously had on the agenda regarding the appointment of a committee for Community Development. She did not put it on this evening's agenda because unfortunately we did not have time to discuss it at our work session. However, she does plan to have it on the agenda again in the future. She wholeheartedly believes that it is an important committee and would like the Board to affirmatively respond to her request to form a Community Development Committee which will look at the various ways of spending the C.D. funds that we receive, which amount to approximately \$36,000 yearly. We've done it in a variety of ways in the past for infrastructure, for help in low cost loans to the elderly or people who have low income. We've looked at a variety of projects that we traditionally can spend this on. We have a public hearing every year in February. Unfortunately, there has been little or no participation in the past. She thinks it's a matter that many people are unaware that we really have these funds in the Village to work with. There was concern by some of the Board members that this may be the role of the Local Government Review Committee. Trustee Kaye met with Trustee Hayes, the liaison to that committee and Marina Woolcock, the chairman of the committee, this past week to talk about the two committees. The Government Review Committee was recently formed and has very broad legislative ability in terms of being a citizen or advisory council. She really sees that Government Review really compliments all our other committees. In terms of the possibility of overlap, there really is a possibility of overlap with Government Review Committee all the departments of the Village and in all the committees because they give recommendations regarding all the codes and laws of the Village. So anytime we may change a law which involves Traffic and Safety, have a public hearing on changing the water rates or if the Parks Committee wants to change something that was in the code, the Government Review would have an overlapping ability to look at all those codes and give a recommendation. Coming out of that meeting, she believes more than ever, that this is a very worthwhile committee. She would like to see as much citizen input as possible. She believes strongly in the ability of our residents to look at a very small part of a large picture here in the Village. Our residents are bright and intelligent enough to

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be able to see the whole picture and to give very good recommendations. They would only serve as an advisory board just as any other committee. The Village Board would then take all the information it gathers from the Community Development Committee from the public hearing and any other committee that might submit an opinion and weigh the information to see how to best use the funds. She will be resubmitting that resolution for the next meeting. Hopefully, she will have the opportunity to discuss it and if not, give a memo outlining all of those items to her fellow board members. She did want to clarify it for those, particularly in the audience, who had some questions from last time about exactly what was happening since the motion was tabled and she wasn't allowed to continue it at that time.

Trustee Hayes congratulated the firemen with regard to their inspection. It was a job well done and as he has said to a number of them since Saturday, it was such a wonderful occasion that he thinks they really made the Village proud.

Trustee Hayes reported the craft fair held by the Parks Committee was indeed a tremendous success. He thanked Trustee Lowther and Trustee Kaye for their kind comments. It was due to the hard work and dedication of this year's Parks Committee that this 1st, hopefully annual, event came off in such a spectacular manner. He personally thanked Matt Bierl, the chairman of the fair, Carolyn Schlifke, our Parks Committee chairman and Parks Committee members, Maureen Gioia, Jonathan Guillaume, and Joyce Brewer. Many people have a limited knowledge and understanding of what it takes to put on an event such as the craft fair, the kind of people that go as unsung heroes in setting up, cleaning up and in running and conducting the fair which was held from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. and he wants to make sure that a special thanks is said to the members of the Parks Committee. Our preliminary estimate is that about \$3,000 was raised for the benefit of the Village Parks. That is absolutely tremendous when you consider that in combination with the approximately \$5,000 that was raised for Village parks in the Savor the Flavor event, he thinks it all points to a very active, hard working and successful committee effort for this summer season.

There is currently a vacancy on the Parks Committee and he planned to bring forth the name of a Village resident for membership on that committee tonight; however, because Trustee Hayes was not able to talk to that person until this weekend, he was not able to get the name on the official agenda. Normally, we would suspend rules to add the person's name to the agenda but

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Trustee Kaye and Trustee Lowther expressed some disappointment in going along with that procedure here tonight so in deference to them he will hold the appointment of the Parks Committee member until next month's meeting.

Trustee Hayes reported with regard to the Local Advisory Committee they are continuing meeting and discussing the move to Village Administrator form of government from the Village Clerk form of government we currently have. He must say it's a rather interesting discussion that's taking place. He would like to invite any Village resident who is free on September 26th at 8:30 A.M. to attend our next meeting where we will hear from the Chief Staff Aid to State Senator Cooke, the ranking member of the NY State Senate Rural Resources Committee. Senator Cooke and his committee are working with villages and localities in New York State trying to deal with the severe cutbacks that have resulted at the state level, mostly from the executive branch of government but certainly also in the legislature going along with some of the revenue sharing cuts in this past budget. The committee is taking a very pro-active, pro-village, pro-municipality stand in trying to come up with ways for villages and municipalities to share services and save money. This is as opposed to what Governor Cuomo has been doing in recent months and years and that is encouraging villages and municipalities to dissolve. He is trying to accomplish that, Trustee Hayes believes, through this continued series of cutbacks in aid to local municipal governments. So we're taking a different attitude here in the Village of Williamsville. We're going to show them how effective and efficient our Village government is and what plans we have for future efficiencies. The Local Government Advisory Committee also discussed the issue that came up at the last Village board meeting with regard to the Community Development Block Grant funds. There is a fundamental disagreement on this Board of Trustees as to which committee should address the use of these funds. The Local Government Advisory Committee was unanimous in that they felt that it was one of their charges when they were originally established on June 10th. Trustee Hayes met informally with Trustee Kaye, as she mentioned this past week, to see if we could hammer out the disagreement that exists. His opinion tends to be towards the area of not creating an additional committee. We have a committee that's up and running that Trustee Kaye supported when we introduced the legislation on June 10th and the committee feels it's an appropriate vehicle for discussion of these matters. He would like to continue to keep it that way. However, he would like to also add that there is currently a

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vacancy on the committee and some of the individuals that Trustee Kaye has proposed for membership on the proposed community Block Grant Development Committee are certainly invited to apply for membership on Local Government Advisory Board to help fill that vacancy. He would look forward to continuing discussion at the next meeting when Trustee Kaye brings up that resolution again.

Trustee Hayes also reported the seniors met here in Village Hall last week and after a summer hiatus, had a very productive meeting. They have set up a wonderful plan of activities for the coming year. They also had a luncheon today over at St. Paul's Lutheran Church where there were about 50 senior citizens in attendance.

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

RESOLVED THAT the following fireman are hereby authorized to attend the Auto Extrication Competition in Missisquoi, Ontario on September 15 - 19, 1991, at no cost to the Village of Williamsville.

Chris Petrie
Michael Meldrum
James Olivieri

Tony Schueckler
Richard Meldrum
Richard Maddigan
Peter Strobel

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the following fireman are hereby authorized to attend the International Chiefs convention in Toronto, Canada on September 21-24, 1991, and the cost not to exceed \$700.00 to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Peter Strobel
James Schiferle
Albert Weisser
James Olivieri

Tony Schueckler
Tom Meldrum
Michael Meldrum

Trustee Kelly asked if that was \$700.00 total or \$700.00 each. Trustee Hayes stated this is the total cost.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Kelly reported he had previously discussed, legislation which would ban the sale of cigarettes from vending machines to the Village. He has prepared some resolutions for the Village Attorney. We've had some discussions about one of the major problems we would have as a Village and that's enforcement. Most of the other municipalities that have such a law, license video games and vending machines and they enforce it through their licensing department. So we're attempting to find some way to properly enforce the law if instituted. Also there will shortly be a public hearing on this topic at the county level about passing a very similar law banning the sale of cigarettes. We can just wait to see what happens there. If the county passes it for the entire county, obviously it doesn't make sense to pass it for just the Village. Michael Ranzenhoffer has proposed that legislation, as he has, with a number of other cigarette related matters.

Trustee Kelly reported that on the Darling situation, we've reached a tentative agreement with Mr. Darling concerning the sale of an approximately 3' strip to Mr. Darling to straighten out the boundary lines. The proposed contracts should be drawn up shortly. Part of the cost of selling the property will be the installation of a nice wooden fence to hide all the equipment and everything that Mr. Darling stores on his property.

Trustee Kelly reported that the Youth Committee has had a number of activities this summer. Still has a few events that are upcoming, especially the Halloween holiday parade.

Trustee Kelly stated his resolution deals with Volunteer Fireman's Service Award. It is required to list the items for the referendum. What we put in there are estimated maximum costs that we're going to have involved in paying for this program. Of all the plans that we've looked into so far, this is the highest cost and we should see a savings over what will be read.

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

Subject always to the outcome of the mandatory referendum on the Volunteer Firefighters Service Awards Program, earlier scheduled for October 5, 1991, and to conform with the requirements of General Municipal Law §216(3) which sets out particulars required to be expressly stated in the formulation of the terms of the referendum, it is hereby

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RESOLVED, the Service Awards Program earlier, approved by the Village Board as a defined benefit plan, shall be structured in such manner that the following particulars represent an estimated maximum statement of costs and expenditures of the plan and will be set out as part of the scheduled referendum.

(1) The estimated annual cost of the program is calculated at \$115,000 for the first five years, \$45,000 thereafter which cost shall include therein an estimated annual administration fee of \$1100.

(2) The estimated annual cost for each covered participant is calculated at \$1800 for the first five years and \$700 for each year thereafter.

(3) The projected monthly award to be paid to eligible volunteer firefighters is to be \$20.00 per month for each qualified year of active fire-fighting service not to exceed forty years, payments to commence at age 60.

The referendum proposal shall include information as to items 1, 2, and 3 above in addition to other relevant conditions of the program included in the resolution of this board of July 22, 1991, so that the terms of the referendum comply in all particulars with the requirements of General Municipal Law, Section 216.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Hayes	Abstain on advise of Village Attorney
Trustee Lowther	Yes
Trustee Kaye	Yes
Trustee Kelly	Yes
Mayor Daniels	Yes

Motion carried.

Trustee Kelly stated during public participation if anyone has any questions about what the proposed plan is going to cost each homeowner, we have some estimated figures prepared by the Clerk. In addition, during the first five years of the plan, contrary to anyother fire fighting service that he is aware of, Hutchinson Hose has offered to pay an average of 20% of the first five years of the plan.

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Superintendent of DPW, Dave Laubisch reported we have completed the major portion of our paving program for this year. We have received some inquiries as far as the pavement markings on Glen Avenue and Reist Street. These streets will be lined and the cross walks marked within the next 2 weeks depending on the contractor's schedule.

Dave Laubisch also reported the Village DPW is undergoing renovation and reconstruction. We're sorry for any inconvenience. All of the rough plumbing is in place and the major portion of all the roof trusses and roofing materials are in place already.

Dave Laubisch also reported there's presently been alot of loose material placed at the curbside. By loose he means grass clippings, rakings, other types of materials that belong in cans or containers. We do not pick up loose material at curbside. It must be containerized. He's noticed that there are a few leaf piles around. We will be starting leaf pickup normally the 2nd or 3rd week in October. So if you do have leaves that you would like to dispose of, they must be containerized up until the time that we do start our formal leaf removal program.

Mayor Daniels stated the paving program is substantially completed. He would like to thank the Town for contributing equipment and men to this project. We found that it is very cost effective this way. The job seems to be a very superior quality.

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

Unanimously carried.

Wally Pacer, 87 Monroe, stated he's interested in Community Development Program proposed by Trustee Kaye. He's also quite interested in Government Advisory Committee and he's had an occasion to look over the resolution that was passed June 10th. While there may be some overlap and he's not sure that there necessarily is, he sees no reason why the Community Development Committee can't be allowed to exist. If Macro describes the functions of the Government Advisory Committee, perhaps micro describes the needs of the everyday citizen. How to develop grants to be used on a more personal level might be a worthwhile expenditure of time. Why not try the Community Development Committee? He offered to volunteer his services and he also

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would like to act as an Ad Hoc liaison between committees. He'd like to work on Community Development but he'd also like to work on Government Advisory. He believes both would be challenging positions and he'd welcome the opportunity. He would have liked to have gone to the Local Government Committee meeting but at 8:30 in the morning on a Wednesday it's very difficult. Citizen participation at 8:30 in the morning is very difficult since people work and that time is almost impossible. He understands there is another meeting set for September 26th, and if that is another workday, that's extremely inconvenient for residents. You're inhibiting your own goals, he would think, by inhibiting the amount of participation that can be had from citizens who have to go to work. He suggested that the meetings be moved to an evening for more participation.

Trustee Hayes stated with regard to the meeting schedule, it is inconvenient for many working people. However, that was the time that the committee themselves picked to meet. They are working people but their schedules permitted them the time to meet at 8:00 A.M. or 8:30 A.M. prior to going to work more so than meeting in the evening when most of them wanted to spend time with their families. Hopefully, there will be evening meetings in the future though and certainly no matter what time they're scheduled we always encourage people who are able to attend. With regard to the establishment of the Community Development Committee, he is so very proud of the committee that has come forward after June 10th as being representative of our community. We have representatives on that committee who represent different segments of our Village community. We have representatives of the churches, from the schools, from State Government and someone who is an Administrative Assistant/Executive Assistant to the president of ECC. He feels it is a very representative committee. They feel that when they volunteered to serve on such a committee they would have an opportunity to have direct impact and direct advisory capacity to this Board on all matters of state and federal grant funding and we have sort of given them that charge. That was the understanding. So now to come in and create another committee which would duplicate much of the work that this committee is already doing, seems to him to be across purposes. He does appreciate Mr. Pacer's comments and will take them into consideration.

Trustee Kaye stated there is a liaisonship for Community Development but there has not been a committee. All she has been requesting of the Board is that there to be an actual committee as there are with most of the other liaisonships.

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Mr. Pacer asked if there was some entity in existence that predates the Government Advisory Committee that formulated the committee's functions or did the committee decide after they were appointed that these are their functions.

Trustee Hayes stated he would clarify his statement. In the enabling legislation passed by this Board creating the committee, they were given the specific charge to act in an advisory role to the Village Board on matters of federal and state grant funding. He certainly considers C.B.G.D. Funding federal grant monies. When the disagreement occurred over who should oversee the C.D. funding he went back to the committee and asked the committee members their opinion. They reiterated that their understanding was to make recommendations with regard to federal and state grant funding. That's what he meant to say by their discussion or their role of whose responsibility or whose agenda item C.B.G.D. Fund should be. What has happened in the past, as he understands, is that the Board has traditionally allowed decisions to be made on C.B.G.D. monies without much input from the public. In the past, as Trustee Kaye has indicated, very few residents have attended the public hearing and very little was done to go out and to solicit people's opinions. There was no attempt to solicit written comments from people in the public and there was no attempt to hold a forum other than what was provided for at the public hearings. There wasn't even an attempt to resurrect the committee for the past several years by previous Village Board's, so he has to question the timing of trying to resurrect something like a C.B.G.D. committee especially after we have recreated the L.G.A.B.

Mr. Pacer stated in the final analysis, the Village Board passes the legislation and he doesn't understand why the Board went to a committee opinion as to what their powers are to be?

Trustee Hayes stated what his position has always been that it is the role of the L.G.A.B. to comment on all matters of state and federal grant monies. However, as Trustee/liaison to the L.G.A.B. he relies on their advice on many matters that come before this Board. He expressed his opinion as he felt necessary and then went back to them and asked them to comment.

Trustee Kelly stated there are a number of liaisons that don't have committees. For instance, he is in charge of insurance, and there's no insurance committee. DPW doesn't have a committee; OHD doesn't have a committee; NOREC doesn't have a committee. He talked with other Villages to see what they do.

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He believes that when you have grants coming in, you want to look at the whole picture. If you're focusing on just one small aspect of government grants coming in, you lose sight of the whole picture. Perhaps, money can be used from one grant system instead of another. He's had the opportunity to speak to Trustees of 3 different villages. They keep all their grants, advisory Boards together in one Board. No one that he has spoken to has a separate board for one type of grant and a separate board for other types of grants. That's what his real problem is - with the committee. He is going to continue to study it since it hasn't been brought up this week. He is going to continue to talk to other villages that he hasn't had discussion with to see how they handle grants. If they have a better system, we'll look into it.

Trustee Hayes stated earlier he spoke about state cutbacks and revenue sharing. Those of us that deal with grants to municipalities and localities on a regular basis understand that the name of the game for the future is securing those types of grants that are made available by the federal and state government. These are becoming more and more competitive everyday. People who review grants at the federal and state level have told us on a number occasions that a Citizens Advisory Committee, that is very representative of the community as a whole, who write recommendations that go along with the grants, have a great impact upon the decisions to award the grants. That's why this committee will be involved in the very important work of obtaining our share of the grant monies.

Trustee Kaye stated that she wants to make it very clear that in regarding the resolution that formed the Government Advisory Board, the only thing that she can read is #3, "The Board shall suggest areas where cooperative efforts with town, county, state, federal agencies would result in significant cost savings to Village taxpayers". The closest thing in that enabling legislation that she can find that gives them the overseeing power of spending the grant or advising us how to spend our grant. When Trustee Hayes discussed it with the Board, her understanding was very clearly that this Government Studies Advisory Board would look at how do you actually write the grants, where do you secure them, where do you find them. Not necessarily would it be a direct overlap of an existing liaisonhip. That's really what she is looking at as she doesn't see where it necessarily charges the G.A.B. with Community Development. She can appreciate Trustee Hayes's comments but she thinks that the more citizen input we have, the better decisions that we are able to make as a Village Board. Trustee Kaye feels

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very strongly that we have very bright, intelligent and articulate residents that care a great deal and that all their input is welcome. She appreciates Trustee Kelly for sharing that there are other liaisons that do not have committees but that does not mean that necessarily they can't have committees. Those are always possibilities to have them. One of the things that she did offer Trustee Hayes is that we go ahead and put it into place, we test it, and we try it. Then next year at reorganization time, we address it. If the Board chooses at that time that it is better served someplace else, then we can talk about it at reorganization.

Trustee Hayes stated recognizing the late hour of the meeting and that this is in fact public participation he looks forward to debating the issue at the next meeting when there is a resolution on the table.

M. Avery, 64 Garrison, gave a very brief sketch of the problem in S. East Amherst as far as the traffic is concerned. She supposes the Ingram Building, in particular, is what the Mayor was concerned about. She talked to John Lane, Deputy Town Attorney, this afternoon and Mrs. Ziebart who's the senior planner at the Planning Dept. about the proposed traffic from the Ingram Building which has either 500 or 800 employees who will come out 3 driveways at Wehrle and Youngs road over an 1½ hour period of time. It has been stated we could be mitigated by site plan and she asked them both how it was possible to mitigate by site plan. They both said it really can't be. It's a question as to which driveway the employees use, but there isn't anyway to actually influence the use of the traffic. Mrs. Ziebart understands ECC is going to be running 11 buses. NFTA is being contacted and being asked to increase bus use, add more bus lines, and add more routes at different times for the Wehrle Industrial park. It would help if the Village Board would do something of the same nature because apparently there's nothing we can do about it now that the Town Board has approved this. The only thing we can do is try to mitigate it. There were 20 acres in that area that are not developed. This building takes up only either 7.8 or 14, depending on which of the plans you read, so that means that more office buildings can be developed on that particular corner. There are other office buildings which will be developed across the street in College Park eventually and there obviously is more building to go on in the Wehrle Industrial Park. There are some people who say they may increase the number of students in the college. So far nothing has been developed as far as residential in the College Park. We don't know how much longer that will last either. We're definitely going to have a problem there.

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The County which has a long list of road priorities doesn't feel that Wehrle is a problem except that it will get jammed up with traffic in the afternoon and probably in the morning. Mr. Tobe has stated that the road is in perfectly good condition, it's just that it will be overloaded from time to time. The only way you could mitigate that really is probably with buses or carpooling or something of the sort. So if there's anything that the Village can do as far as contacting the appropriate authorities it would be appreciated. Ms. Avery also asked if all the communications for S. East Amherst, on the fringe of the Village, that go through the town planning could be copied Village Boards so that everybody knows exactly what's going on all the time. Otherwise Village boards are operating more or less in the dark because you can't make traffic estimates if you don't know what the Town is going to approve just on the fringes of your border.

Mayor Daniels thanked Ms. Avery for coming. He feels sometimes that the Village is affected by projects that are totally in the Town and it's a question of whether we will be able to affect the outcome of a town board decision or not. One of the things we need to know is specific information that Ms. Avery can provide as president of the Williamsville S. East Amherst Homeowners Association so that we can form policy through a discussion on our Board. We not only have to represent people on the fringes of Wehrle Drive but the Village as a whole. We have to make sure that the opinions that we express as a Board reflect the views of the Board that we feel the Village residents would like us to reflect. Mayor Daniels thinks this is a valuable form of communication that we need to distill through the Board and so he would appreciate a great amount of contact with Ms. Avery. We will, as per Ms. Avery's suggestion, request the Town Planning Board to notify us of any plans on our borders, whichever they may be.

Trustee Kelly stated there already is a program in place. Any planning that goes on, which touches the Village, is presently given to our Planning Board. There's been an informal agreement on that for a number of years. The problem is that many issues that affect the Village traffic-wise are $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or more away from the Village line and they haven't taken that step to send us those. As liaison to the Planning Board he will request that they send us anything within 4 or 5 miles, any developments so that we can have comment on it. Our Planning Board's hands are tied for any planning that goes on in the Town but at least it will make us aware of what's going on and that is certainly a benefit to us.

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Mr. Pacer asked what Hutchinson Hose is offering to give in terms of inputting monies into the award program.

Trustee Hayes stated that when the fire company first came to the Board to ask them to consider this program, they came out with a very unprecedented offer to the Village Board and that is to enter into a partnership in funding this service award program. They agreed to pay for the first 2 years of what's known as the buy back and that's the most expensive part of this program. What they also did was they told the Village Board that they would like to negotiate with us and find out what our option was, whether it was to take what the value of that would be and spread it over the first 5 years of the program. That's what we're looking at right now to see what's the best way to keep the tax rate stable. The contribution amounts to about \$100,000 but we're not exactly sure what it will be at this point because we still are discussing the program with 2 bidders.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hayes, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Clerk/Treasurer