

Minutes of the Public Hearing 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 23, 1991 at 7:36 P.M.

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

Thomas Troy, Village Attorney  
David Laubisch, Supt. of Public Works  
Theresa L. Cummins, Village Clerk/  
Treasurer

The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing being held for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed water rate increase.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kaye, the public hearing was opened at 7:36 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated the E.C. Water Authority has raised the rates to the Village by 11 cents effective September 15, 1991. This public hearing is being held in order for the Village to pass this rate increase on to its water consumers. This is the second rate increase within a little more than a years time. Last year they raised more than a years time. Last year they raised the rates by 8 cents per thousand on September 1st and this year by 11 cents. Prior to that they had not raised them since 1983. The reasons given for the increase are infrastructure improvements, work in the Southtown area and the Zebra mussel problems, especially cleaning the intakes and continued research.

John Elak, 27 Evans Street, asked if there was any advantage to having the Water Authority take over the Village system.

Mayor Daniels stated there has been an on going study going on for several years about just that scenario. It's a very complicated issue. We have contracted with Nussbaumer & Clarke who have done a modeling of the entire water system to see its weaknesses. They came up with a list of improvements which have to be made before Erie County would take over our system. At this time we are weighing the advantages and disadvantages of moving our system to Erie County standards which would cost about \$1.5 million dollars. This cost would have to be bonded

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and when it is added to our current water debt which would have to be retired, the question becomes whether it is more cost effective to keep the system itself or turn it over to Erie County. There are still costs which we would have to pay after Erie County took us over such as capital construction and hydrant costs. There are a lot of questions still involved. It might be best to keep the system and just continue to improve the system within the constraints of the budget.

Trustee Kelly stated that within the last three months the cost of Erie County takeover has risen from about \$300,000 to over \$1,000,000. They are continuing to ask for additional improvements. Almost every work agenda for the last two months have been devoted to the fire service award or the water issue. As the costs keep escalating, it doesn't seem to make much sense to turn the system over to Erie County.

Trustee Hayes stated he is very distressed to be put into a position to vote for a pass through of a rate increase for water users in the Village of Williamsville. He believes the Erie County Water Authority has mismanaged their relationship with municipalities including the Village of Williamsville. They have shown little regard in the past several years for their customers both residential and commercial. The Water Authority has come under fire many times in the public press and media because of excessive and wasteful spending in their operations. He feels very strongly that the Village of Williamsville should take a stand against this wasteful spending and mismanagement and not to allow these rate increases be passed on to the users in the Village of Williamsville. To illustrate the wasteful spending Trustee Hayes cited double dipping by E.C. employees who also are employed by the Lackawanna Fire Department; poor record keeping, excessive spending and lack of competitive bidding were disclosed in a State audit report; 21 employees authorized to use Water Authority vehicles on a 24 hour basis and no written policy on the use of these vehicles. Receipts of various employees were not presented to verify charges on credit cards. The Authority is ignoring audit recommendations on competitive bidding when buying new vehicles. They are issuing high cost annual reports claiming they are good sales tools to convince bond markets of its financial stability. Trustee Hayes presented a copy of their newest report stating that it was probably one of the most beautiful and expensive reports around, rivaling those of the fortune 500 companies. He believes this is an outrage and a complete waste of taxpayers money. Trustee Hayes also stated that the Authority contracted out work which should have been done by Authority employees. They hired an Administrative Director at a salary of \$69,000 even though he works less than 4 hours per day. A 14% water rate increase effective 9/1/90, the

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hiring of relatives and borrowing more money for operations driving the Authority into a position of debt because revenues are wasted on political mismanagement, were also listed. Over 20 cars are assigned to senior management personnel for private and personal use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Other problems listed were using water authority property and equipment to conduct political activities; allegations that staff attorneys earning \$45,000 only work part-time and that outside legal consultants have been hired to do the work that staff attorneys are to perform.

The list goes on and the abuses are rampant at the Water Authority and Trustee Hayes feels he must vote his conscience and vote against this pass-thru increase for the water. He also realizes that if the increase is not passed on, it would leave a deficit in our Water Fund which would be fiscally irresponsible on the Board's part. He has therefore, proposed that we pursue a long term and short term solution for this situation. The short term would be to take approximately \$19,000 out of the \$44,000 received from State Aid and apply it to the water fund to forestall for one year the increase we would have to pass on to our consumers. In addressing the long term problem, he will be sending a letter to the Governor and our legislators asking them to address the E.C. Water Authority situation and the way they have been governed and to turn the management of that authority over to a representative group of users who can more accurately understand the frustrations and challenges that are presented by being water users in Erie County. (A copy of the letter is attached.)

Trustee Kaye stated that Mayor Daniels had received a letter from the E.C.W.A. chairman on September 9, 1991, mentioned the \$16 million dollar water pipeline which brings water to the Village of Williamsville indicating this is their largest capital project, so there are some benefits to our area as well as the southtowns.

Mayor Daniels thanked Trustee Hayes for taking the frontal attack to the Governor and stands behind him on this issue. He thinks a Board of Users is a good idea because then each one of the municipalities would be aware of the Authority's activities and we would not get a surprise rate increase. The Board of Users would also probably be non-paying positions so this would automatically save hundreds of thousands of dollars when the cost of the cars and salaries of the commissioners. He feels any group with "Authority" on it should be carefully scrutinized. He feels this is a good time to bring this to the floor since this is the second increase in a little more than one year.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the public hearing was closed at 7:52 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
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Mayor Daniels opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kaye, it was moved at 7:36 P.M. to open the public hearing being held for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposal water rate increase. (The public hearing was closed at 7:52 P.M.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated we are very proud of our Williamsville firemen for their performance in Canada this week. We are presently in the midst of the Service Award Program for our volunteer firemen which will be a pension of sorts for their service to our community and we have a very superior fire fighting unit based here in the Village of Williamsville.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$138,028.30 covering 9/6/91-9/19/91 were approved:

payroll fund w/e	\$	28,865.26
General Fund		38,488.89
Water Fund		35,378.98
Sewer Fund		-0-
Trust & Agency Fund		13,727.85
Glen Park Joint Activities Fund		1,496.94
Capital Fund		20,070.38
Community Development Fund		-0-
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*Grand Total*	\$	138,028.30

Large Vouchers:

Erie County Water Authority	\$32,263.08
Niagara Sanitation	6,614.75

Unanimously carried

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Mayor Daniels stated that Mary Harrigan, who served the Village well for 20 years has retired, and we have had a reorganization in the Village office which created an opening in Clerk/Typist, Part-Time. We have found a well qualified candidate for the position and hope she is happy for many years in that position.

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

RESOLVED THAT Joyce Brewer, 145 N. Long Street, is hereby appointed Clerk/Typist, Part-Time, in the Village Clerk's office, effective September 23, 1991 at a rate of \$5.25 per hour, with an increase to \$5.76 per hour after six months service.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville has advertised for sealed bids for one 1992 Single Axle Diesel Plow Truck, and

WHEREAS Buffalo WHITEGMC, Inc., of Buffalo, New York, submitted their bid meeting all specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the contract for one 1992 Single Axle Diesel Plow Truck is hereby awarded to Buffalo WHITEGMC, Inc., for their bid of \$75,555.00.

Trustee Kelly stated that this expense had been budgeted and the bid came in less than we anticipated. The last time we bought a snow plow truck was 1977. Plows last approximately 15 years so this one was badly needed.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville received notification from Erie County Water Authority that water rates would be increased by 11 cents per 1,000 gallons consumed effective September 15, 1991 and

WHEREAS the Village Board deems it necessary to increase the rates to Village customers in an equal amount in order to maintain the fiscal integrity of the Village Water Fund, and

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WHEREAS a public hearing has been held as required by Section 107-13 (B) of the Village Water Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Water Consumption rates are hereby adopted, effective immediately:

1. \$2.37 per 1,000 gallons; minimum 5,000 gallons (\$11.85) per quarter.
2. Temporary water supply for one or two family homes - \$10.00 per month. All others - meter loan and deposit of \$25.00 plus \$2.37 per 1,000 gallons consumed.
3. All consumers outside the incorporated limits of the Village shall be charged one and one-half times the above rates.

Vote on Roll Call:

Trustee Lowther Y  
Trustee Kelly Y  
Trustee Kaye Y - Trustee Kaye commented that the last time a rate increase was delayed, the Village went \$100,000 into debt and it was 15 years before we got out of debt. She is not sure that using the revenue sharing funds is the best possible use of these funds. She is not happy about passing on this increase but does understand the ramifications to the Village if this rate increase is not passed on.

Trustee Hayes No - for the reasons indicated at the public hearing.

Mayor Daniels No - so he can reinforce his feeling regarding the way the Water Authority has handled this rate increase.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Daniels stated that two years ago, he formed the Performing Arts Committee in the Village of Williamsville and surrounding communities. The programs were based mainly at the Village Meeting House. Throughout this time, there have been programs for children, storytellers, a series for adults and a young artist series. All of it has been very successful and the series has been solidified. Now that it's on its own two feet, seemingly capable on its own, due to some reservations on the

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part of the Village Board regarding fiscal questions and whether it is a conflict for the Board to routinely be retaining performers because of a liability nature, it is decided that this Committee will sever relationships with the Village. We will retain a liaison and see how it works until next reorganization in April.

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

RESOLVED THAT, effective immediately, the Performing Arts Committee shall be dissolved as a Village committee.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye stated she was proud to attend the retirement party, this past weekend, for James Berger, who has been a DPW employee for the past 45 years, a lifetime of service to the Village.

Trustee Kaye reported on NOREC and recycling. Within the past several weeks, phone books have been delivered in the Village and we have had several calls regarding disposition of the old books. They cannot be placed in the recycling bins because BFI does not have a market for those books. Up until yesterday, they could be deposited at Tops Markets. Right now, we are working with several vendors to see how we could get our own drop off and we are waiting to see how this would work out. BFI has donated the containers in anticipation of our finding someone who can recycle them rather than sending them to Occidental at a cost of \$40.00 per ton.

Trustee Kaye said that the Traffic & Safety Committee met this past week. At their next meeting, they will be looking at truck traffic on Evans Street since they have received several complaints about this traffic which is consistently a problem.

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Trustee Kaye's first three resolutions deal with NOREC. This Village Board has already passed similar resolutions as NOREC was originally constituted but it did not achieve the required population limit so we are voting now on a scaled down model with a reconstituted population. The following municipalities are now included: Alden, Amherst, Collins, Eden, Elma, Evans, Lancaster, Pendleton, and the villages of Alden, Depew, East Aurora, Hamburg, Sloan, Springville and Williamsville. At this point, Cheektowaga has shown some interest in joining.

The Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) has been downsized. The cost has dropped from \$7 million to about \$3.5 million with 1/2 of the funds coming from EQBA grants. There are some changes in the amounts the Village will be paying. The costs per ton will fall from \$25.43 per ton to \$10.93 per ton. The cost per capita will decrease to \$17.50 from \$24.07 per person. This is much cheaper than the \$40.00 per ton which we pay for garbage disposal. The MRF should be up and running by September 1, 1992, the State recycling deadline. Up until that time, we will continue our recycling as we are now having the material picked up by BFI.

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees, of the Village of Williamsville, New York ("the Municipality") has before it proposed resolutions authorizing the execution on behalf of the Municipality of a Transition Agreement and Reconstitution Agreement, each dated September 10, 1991, by which the Municipality agrees with other municipalities electing to participate, as a member of a Reconstituted Northern Recycling Council ("NOREC"), in the development and operation of a modified materials recovery project, and to provide for the financing of the Municipality's share of the capital and operating costs of the modified project; and

WHEREAS, such action is an unlisted action subject to uncoordinated environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and pursuant to SEQRA the Governing Body is the lead agency for conducting such review; and

WHEREAS, SEQRA proceedings were conducted by the Village of Depew as lead agency in connection with the designation of a warehouse at 3327 Walden Avenue in the Village of Depew as a site for the Facility and decisions to lease the warehouse premises and develop and operate the Facility pursuant to an unmodified project, resulting in a Negative Declaration dated February 21, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed and considered the Village of Depew Negative Declaration and the Full Environmental Assessment Form and its attachments on which that Negative Declaration was based; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body recognizes the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew as lead agency in that SEQRA review, and accepts that Board's findings and Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed and considered the Environmental Assessment Form submitted in connection with this SEQRA proceeding relating to the modified project, and made a part hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body, as lead agency in the present SEQRA review finds and declares that, for the reasons set forth in the Notice of Negative Declaration annexed hereto and made a part hereof, the above described action of the Governing Body will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the attached NOREC Bond Resolution in the amount of \$98,000 is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Mayor Daniels is hereby authorized to sign the Transition Agreement and the Reconstitution Agreement of the Northern Recycling Council for continued participation in the NOREC Materials Recovery Facility.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye stated her next two resolutions deal with the formation of a Community Development Committee which had previously been tabled. As liaison to Community Development she would like a citizen's committee formed to give input on C.D. issues including the Community Block Grant funds we receive on a yearly basis. This committee would be a way to encourage citizen input on this subject such as what needs are and the best ways to use these funds depending on the eligibility of the applicant. Right now, residents would go to the Town of Amherst to apply for the funds, fill out an application which would be reviewed by the Town. An inspector would inspect the premises who would then approve the premises for upgrading including storm windows and doors to insulation. The average rehabilitation is about \$10,000 per housing rehab. Since several people have applied in the past years with approx \$8,000 renovations the \$8,000 Village allocation has not covered all requests. These have been made up with Town of Amherst funds. Also funds are available to the municipality to do such things as streets and sidewalks in the target area. She would like to see additional citizen input into

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this program at the public hearings. Discussion has taken place that the new Local Government Studies Committee will look at this problem, but in looking at the legislation that formed that committee, the legislation does not specifically address Community Development. She hopes that the Village Board will support her in this and not tie her hands as liaison and allow her to do her job as she sees most effectively. She would appreciate input from all committees - Parks, Beautification as well as the Local Government Committee. She sees the C.D. committee as a means of checks and balances with the narrow focus of looking at Community Development.

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

RESOLVED THAT a Community Development Committee is hereby created for the purpose of reviewing community needs, reviewing possible Community Development programs and recommending the use of the Community Development Block Grant funds within the target area. The Committee shall be composed of eight Village residents who will be appointed for a one-year term.

Trustee Hayes stated he thinks that we now have a wonderful committee in the Local Government Advisory Board and it is clear from recent debate on the issue that they believe it is a part of their responsibility and that a majority of this Board feels it is their responsibility to look at Federal and State grants. In terms of the duties and responsibilities that have been outlined for the Community Development Committee these would overlap with an existing committee. Because of the duplication and overlap, he is opposed to the committee and welcomes Trustee Kaye to attend the meetings of the Local Government Advisory Committee and give her opinion at those meetings. He stated there is a vacancy on the Local Government Advisory Committee and he would appreciate a recommendation regarding members proposed to the Community Development Committee.

Vote on Roll Call:

Trustee Kelly - No  
Trustee Hayes - No  
Trustee Lowther - Yes  
Trustee Kaye - Yes  
Mayor Daniels - No

Motion defeated.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to suspend rules for the addition of another resolution not on the agenda:

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT David Laubisch, Superintendent of Public Works, is hereby authorized to attend the Cornell Waste Reduction Workshop in Rochester, New York, on November 14, 1991, and the cost of \$50 to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther reported that Environmental Advisory Council will be meeting in Village Hall on September 26th and the Glen Park Joint Board will be meeting October 1st. Regarding the Performing Arts & Special Events Society, that a liaison still be maintained by the Village Board. They are working very hard and have a number of fine events coming up and she will keep reporting their activities back to the Village Board.

Trustee Kelly reported that the Halloween parade will be held Saturday, October 26th down Main Street and ending up at Saints Peter and Paul church.

Trustee Kelly stated he is liaison to Safety and Inspection, which is charged with the responsibility of attempting to enforce violations of the Village Code. Sometimes, we don't know of the violations that exist so if a neighbor is doing something that is bothering you, please contact us. We are here to enforce the regulations. Right now we have two problems. One is the parking of commercial vehicles, overnight, in residential areas. We have authorized our enforcement official to work some evening hours and to ticket those vehicles. The second problem is that some people are attempting to operate businesses out of their homes. There is a home-occupation law that is on the books which allows for very limited use of your residence for a business, but it seems that a number of businesses are attempting to move into residential areas and use it primarily for their businesses. He has sat down with the Compliance Committee and Attorney Troy to discuss ways to investigate these residences and start to

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prosecute them. In one particular situation, the neighbors have been investigating the area and they have finally given us enough information to prosecute it and, by all means, we will. If any resident has a similar problem, they can contact us and we will look into it.

Trustee Hayes reported that Congratulations goes out to the members of the Williamsville Fire Co. Extrication Team who placed first in an International Competition this past weekend. It continues to make our Village proud to see members of our Fire Dept. "Rough & Ready" as their motto depicts them.

Trustee Hayes reported the Local Government Advisory Committee has been working very diligently the past few months on four issues. The first is the change in job description of the Village Clerk to Village Administrator. The members are also studying the long range plans for the Village in regard to the Water Department, the complexity of the budget in this time of tight budgeting, and looking for new avenues of State and Federal funding, and being pro-active in looking for funding streams that have historically come to the Village from the State and Federal government but much of which is being cut back. We are probably in the vanguard of local governments throughout the state who are taking a pro-active look at how we can be self-sufficient and maintain the integrity of the Village.

In regards to the Parks Committee, Trustee Hayes stated that this committee has had a lengthy discussion about the use of Island Park. As anyone knows, the grass and green area has been terribly disrupted by years of use by major festivals such as "Old Home Days, etc.". The Parks Committee has brought forth a plan for cooperation with the Village Board to get the grass growing again. Basically, they proposed a three point plan. The first is that the Village recommends the expenditure of \$3000 from the proceeds of Savor the Flavor and the Craft Fair to purchase a Turf Aerator which will prepare the soil for seeding. The second is to rent a commercial slicer/seeder and power seed the Island so it can take advantage of the prime fall growing season. The third involves purchasing some new lawn mowing equipment, it is very old and really doesn't cut but rips the soil and that contributes to part of the problem. This current committee has become very maintenance conscious because it is very important to have proper maintenance so our parks will continue to be there for our residents to enjoy.

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

RESOLVED THAT Kathy Measer, 90 S. Ellicott Street, is hereby appointed to the Parks Committee until the end of the 1991-1992 official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Department of Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized to purchase an aerator machine for the Village parks at a cost, not to exceed \$3,000, with funding to come from the proceeds of the 1991 Savor the Flavor and Craft Fair funds.

Unanimously carried.

Superintendent of Public Works Laubisch reported the DPW reconstruction is progressing ahead of schedule and should be completed by the end of October. He also reported that leaf pickup will be started next week because of the leaves falling earlier this week.

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

Unanimously carried.

Donald Whipple, Garden Parkway, questioned why Trustee Kaye cannot have eight volunteers on a Committee to help her when Trustee Hayes has volunteers to help him. He doesn't see any overlap between the committees and feels her committee should be allowed so they can determine what to do with the C.D. Block Grants. He also asked what the connection is between the Village of Williamsville and Hutchinson Hose.

Mayor Daniels stated that Hutchinson Hose represents about \$1.00 per thousand dollars on a residents tax rate. Hutchinson Hose is a volunteer fire department as opposed to the City of Buffalo who has a paid fire department. In order to maintain a volunteer department, an incentive was proposed that at the end of a certain number of years of service, the volunteer would receive what amounts to a pension which is far below the cost of a paid fire department. This plan is currently being proposed for many fire companies throughout the state and many have already adopted it. The plan also encourages active participation of the firemen

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because there is a set of points which must be achieved to remain eligible for this service award. This makes the fire department extremely competent to serve the community because of their continued training.

Trustee Hayes explained there is no legal association between Hutchinson Hose Company and the Village of Williamsville. Hutchinson Hose is an association of the members of the fire department. The Village Board has a dual role. In addition to being Village Trustee, Board members are also commissioners of the Williamsville Fire Department. That is a very specific legal role as set out by State law. That is why we appoint members to the fire department and include that department in our budget and expenditures. There is a distinction and welcomes the opportunity to explain it.

Regarding the C.D.B.G. funds, Trustee Hayes feels that in the past some of these funds were buried in the General Fund. Very little participation by the public occurred. When he came on the Board in April his aim was to increase resident participation and also look for more federal and state grant moneys. That is why the Local Government Advisory Committee was formed. His objection to the C.D. Committee is that it duplicates the responsibilities set out for the Local Government Committee. He believes the Local Government Committee will increase participation in the future. He continues to believe this is the most appropriate vehicle for the C.D.B.G. funds.

Trustee Kaye thanked Mr. Whipple for his comments on the Community Development Committee. Regarding the fire referendum, it is up to the voters to decide on the Service award. Anyone who is eligible to vote in a regular Village election is eligible to vote on the service award. No special registration is necessary.

Cliff Horey, a member of the Williamsville Fire Dept. since 1947 stated there is a Fire Chief who runs the fire portion of the fire department. They have a President who runs the social portion. They have fund raisers. That money is theirs and what they do with that money is contribute some for operations. Recently they contributed \$135,000 towards the new 100 ft. truck. As for the fire award, the firemen work very hard. They go to fires all times of the day and night and put a lot of training in. 50 points are a lot of points to accumulate each year. They have to do a lot of hard work to get these points. After 40 years, they will get \$800 a month. This is not a lot for so many years of work.

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Harmon Whipple, 51 Garden Parkway, asked about the \$1.00 per thousand dollars on the tax rate. Does that mean it is 20% of our budget? Mayor Daniels stated that is correct.

Trustee Lowther stated she is disappointed the Committee suggested by Trustee Kaye was not approved tonight. She has been on Village Committees for many years. Many committees now overlap. They are advisory only and this non approval disturbs her greatly.

Matt Bierl, 146 Los Robles is puzzled as to who came first. Trustee Kaye as liaison to Community Development or the Government Advisory Committee. Also if Trustee Kaye has to make a report on C.D. funds at these meetings, why is it so objectionable if other people have some input into her report.

Trustee Hayes stated there currently is no C.D.B.G. committee, there is just a liaisonship. The liaison conducts C.D.B.G. public hearing and encourages the public to speak at this hearing. Her proposal to create a committee was introduced after the Local Government Advisory Board was created unanimously by the Village Board.

Trustee Kaye stated it was never her understanding that the Local Government Committee would limit any committees to be formed due to the all encompassing committee.

Trustee Kelly stated about 1/2 of the liaisonships do not have committees. Presently Old Home Days, NOREC, Safety & Inspections and Insurance do not have committees and he does not feel there is a need for a committee for Community Development.

Mayor Daniels reported that samplings were taken from Ellicott Creek this weekend. This will complete Senator Sheffer's forward approach on the waterways in NY State.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hayes, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Clerk/Treasurer