

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, October 28, 1991 at 7:38 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Yvonne Kaye

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

Mayor Daniels stated that Trustee Kaye is out of town on business and should return for the following meeting.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hayes, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 15, 1991 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels welcomed all the students in the audience. He commented that it's great to see students here because through this program you obviously learn things about government and become more interested in it. This leads to a prospect of voting at voting time and having an input into your government. The New York Conference of Mayors has put out some very instructive course work for schools whereby village officials can go into a school government class and present a mini course. We've sent for that course and through Trustee Hayes, who is a liaison to our government study program, will be implementing that in the school system possibly as early as January or February. We look forward to getting into the schools if all goes well and the teachers are interested in having us there. Mayor Daniels knows Trustee Hayes is looking forward to having that kind of input. Village government, as a whole, is very basic. Everything that happens here, however, can be transposed onto the larger levels all the way up to the federal government. It's sort of a microcosm of what happens in higher levels of government. Understanding this is basic and very good. Also, as residents of the village you can affect change very quickly and positively in a village situation since there are so few layers of beaurocracy to go through to get something changed, which is refreshing and which is why we all have such a great interest in it.

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Mayor Daniels reported on correspondence from the Town Councilwoman Jane Woodward. She has formed an ad hoc committee, which is specific to one task, to study the traffic problems and any negative impacts on the Wehrle Drive area near Youngs and southeast quadrant of Amherst. She was able to have the Industrial Development Agency of Amherst and Micro D, which is a company that will be locating in that quadrant, to contribute to a traffic study project of that area. In forming the committee, she tried to select people from several different groups in the area. One was Maryanne Avery. Mayor Daniels understands she is on that committee. Jane Woodward wrote to Mayor Daniels as Mayor asking if Trustee Hayes could also be appointed to that committee since they have had previous discussions about these problems. Since it's a town committee, Mayor Daniels doesn't make any appointments to that committee. He certainly thinks Trustee Hayes will do a good job and Mayor Daniels knows Trustee Hayes has an interest in that area. Trustee Hayes will be representing and bringing back the information and working very hard on that study of the Wehrle Drive area. As we all know, the traffic has been increasing throughout the village. Any traffic that goes down Wehrle and Youngs also creates problems for traffic binds on Cayuga, on Union, on all of the north/south routes in the village. So we feel that it is certainly something that we want to have input into and we're glad to cooperate with the town in that way.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$145,549.96 covering 10/11/91-10/24/91 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 10/19/91	\$22,998.96
General fund	74,588.78
Water fund	30,896.76
Glen Park fund	866.04
Trust & Agency fund	7,128.14
Capital fund	<u>9,071.28</u>
Grand Total	\$145,549.96

Large Vouchers:

Lancaster Stone Products	\$ 32,494.35
Erie County Water	30,567.24

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Daniels stated his second resolution involves a bond which was budgeted for in our 1991-92 village budget to purchase 3 major pieces of equipment for the DPW. A stump cutting machine for \$11,000. We also needed a new snowplow truck which is \$76,000 for the winter and a pickup truck which we have already taken delivery on which was \$9,000 for a sum total of \$96,000.

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

RESOLVED that Bond Resolution in the amount of \$96,000 covering the following Department of Public Works equipment:

Stump Cutting Machine	\$11,000
Plow Truck	76,000
Pickup Truck	<u>9,000</u>
	96,000

Trustee Hayes stated he just wants to reiterate that it is his understanding that this is an appropriation of a previously authorized bond resolution that this village board passed back in April, that this is not new bonding.

Mayor Daniels stated that's correct. This was all anticipated replacements of DPW machinery that was figured into the budget and has been already worked into the tax rate. Mayor Daniels also commented that he has asked Superintendent Laubisch to create a list of all the major equipment that the DPW has, it's age and estimated time that it will need replacing and the estimated cost of that replacement. In this way we can anticipate those purchases ahead of time and put monies aside in advance. For instance, if we anticipate that the snowplow and the sidewalk plow will need replacing in 1998, that gives us 7 years in order to put money aside so that we can pay cash instead of on a bond. That's one of the things that we do have now thanks to the Superintendent's inventory. We now have an excellent idea of every piece of major equipment in the DPW and when it will need to be replaced. This will help greatly at budget time.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated we are holding his third resolution which was to hold a special board meeting on Monday, November 11th, which is Veterans Day. As it's been the case, recently we seem to need the two meetings a month and each time we have been limited to just one meeting we found the need to hold a special meeting just to carry on the business that accumulates during the month. We do anticipate another meeting but we're not sure when. We're also going to look at the agenda to see how much material we have. An announcement will appear in the newspaper within next week.

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

RESOLVED that Baer & Associates, construction consultants, are hereby authorized to design an effective emergency electrical system for the DPW Building at a cost of \$525.00.

Mayor Daniels stated that the DPW building is undergoing a major reconstruction and renovation which should be completed within the next 3 or 4 weeks. We have a generator, originally used by Hutchinson Hose Fire Department, that was given to the DPW a year or two ago. Since we are redoing the electrical system on that building, it was deemed prudent to engineer a way to use that generator in that new electrical system. In case of a power failure due to a storm or whatever circumstance, the DPW would have power to run the lights and equipment. This \$525.00 represents the engineering costs only to see what it would cost to install that system.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated this resolution involves designation of Saints Peter and Paul Church as a historic site. It already and obviously is a historic site in most people's minds. There's a plaque on the church from the Town of Amherst and Erie County has designated it also as a historic site. We as a village want to do the same. In order to become a historic site, a form has to be filled out with all the specifics on when it was built and any renovations or additions, who the architects were, what type of construction it is. We then are required to hold a public hearing before it can be designated. The resolution calls for that public hearing.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held on November 25, 1991 at 7:40 P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing designation of S.S. Peter & Paul Church as a historic site in the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated Trustee Kaye is out of town. She did fax us some information that she would like read into the record.

Clerk Cummins read the correspondence. "I am sorry that my out of town absence prevents me from personally reporting to you. However, I want to keep you apprised of items of interest and importance. First, NOREC. The Northern Recycling Council, unfortunately fell below the necessary population figures to move forward as constituted with the joint materials recovery facility as scheduled. This was due to the Town of Amherst's unexpected last minute pullout of the reconstituted NOREC. The Murph would be jointly owned by the municipalities and would allow for 100% distribution of profits back to the municipalities from the sale of recyclables. Clerk Cummins and myself attended a special meeting on this past Tuesday to discuss the various options which exist. I have asked Mrs. Cummins to brief the Board and answer questions on my behalf. Also, speaking on recycling, we have received our second report from BFI which details the amount of recyclables they presently pick up for the village. During the months of June, July, August and September a total of 128.22 tons were collected. 4.4% were cans, 12.69% was glass, 79.90% was combined paper and corrugated cardboard and 2.7% was plastic. The village has also received a check in the amount of \$415.77 from BFI for the sale of newspaper, corrugated, glass and cans. This represents 25% of the profit from sale of these recyclables.

Regarding Traffic and Safety, I have 3 items on tonight's agenda on the area. Trustee Lowther will be handling those. At Thursday night's Traffic and Safety meeting we discussed the need for a four-way stop sign at South Ellicott and Park Drive. Amherst police chief Askey's reply to my correspondence requesting his suggestions on curtailing the truck problems on Evans Street also. His suggestions focused on improved signage on Evans Street. I have written a memo to Superintendent Laubisch for the signage that falls within the jurisdiction of the village and have also written and copied Chief Askey's correspondence to the Traffic and Safety committee of the Town of Amherst. The letter requests their committee to review and recommend the signage which would help eliminate this problem for village and town residents. Councilman Collier, the town's Traffic and Safety liaison, has also been apprised. Chief Askey also stated the police department will monitor Evans Street for overweight trucks for special enforcement purposes.

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In regards to a request by Joseph Gillings, the Town of Amherst Planning Director, for the village to initiate proceeding necessary to prohibit parking or standing within the turning lane of Evans Street and Essjay Drive, I have requested Attorney Troy's legal opinion as to jurisdiction over this area since it was a matter of a lawsuit and stipulation. Attorney Troy's reply, which also addresses questions regarding other aspects, reads as follows." (Copy attached). "I have a resolution on this evening's agenda which calls for a public hearing to amend the code to comply with Joseph Gilling's request. Once again, I apologize for personally not being with you. I'm dedicated to providing the quality service you require and I am sure no other member of the board will try to misconstrue my absence."

Trustee Lowther reported on the Performing Arts group. Although they are no longer a village committee, she is still the liaison to that group. They had their grand opening 2 evenings a week ago Friday and Saturday at the Meeting House. They had a wonderful professional performance from Summerfare starring Mary Kate O'Connell. Trustee Lowther was lucky enough to be able to attend Saturday night and it was a really wonderful show. We're just hoping to build up a little enthusiasm in the community and a little more participation from our residents. She will be keeping everyone apprised of the situation and what's going to be happening on their programs in the future. We do have a couple evenings where we are going to have dinner theatre between now and Christmas time. She will let everyone know when those evenings will be.

Trustee Lowther reported on the Glen Park, which she is liaison to under the joint board system between the Town of Amherst and the Village of Williamsville. We're lucky enough to have the Women's group from the Amherst Symphony Orchestra participate in helping to maintain the park. They worked many years on the front action of the park and they just last week had a final fall cleanup and pruning. They have now wrapped things up for the year. They've been a real asset to our community as far as the work they've done. The work our volunteer groups like this do for us is a large tax saving. Trustee Lowther said she is just delighted to work with these people and to let other residents know that we are saving tax dollars by having our volunteers do some of these items for us.

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

RESOLVED that Clifford Horey is hereby appointed as the liaison from the Village of Williamsville Traffic & Safety Committee to the Town of Amherst Traffic & Safety Committee to replace the late Henry Smith.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther stated the second resolution is a call for a public hearing to restrict parking and standing on Evans. This will be from the general area of the Blocher Home down past the first entrance to the Drexel Hill. This will most likely be spelled out in feet rather than as a driveway type of a point. This is basically being done at the request of the town because there have been numerous people who have been parking in the road that leads to Essjay. She has also asked Village Clerk Cummins to be sure to notify, by mail, every resident who is going to be affected in this two block long area so that they can be sure to have some input on our public hearing.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held at 7:30 P.M. on November 25, 1991 in the Village Hall for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would amend Section 103-16 of the Vehicle & Traffic Code and provide for no parking on the east side of Evans Street from the Blocher Home driveway to a point 50 feet north of the south Drexel Hill driveway.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther stated the third resolution is a call for a public hearing to install a four-way traffic stop sign at the South Ellicott intersection with Park Drive. This is right at the corner of Garrison Park. This has been a matter of concern for many years for the residents there because it's all residential and all the children going to the park do not have the luxury of a four-way stop sign. It was really just a matter of time before someone was injured or there was a bad accident at that corner.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held at 7:35 P.M. on November 25, 1991 in the Village Hall for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussion a proposed local law which would amend Section 10-15 of the Vehicle & Traffic Code and provide for a four-way stop sign at South Ellicott Street and Park Drive.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Hayes commented that Mayor Daniels began the meeting by announcing his appointment to the ad hoc group that is working on the traffic study in the southeast corridor. He wants to reiterate how important he thinks that study is, how influential he thinks it is and how pleased he is that village interests are going to be represented on that committee. For years we have had a situation of animosity between the town and the village in a number of different areas, especially it seems in regards to traffic. When he learned of the ad hoc committee being formed by Councilwoman Woodward, he was in contact with her immediately because he was interested to know if she had provided for some kind of representation from the village. She had informed him that she had representatives from the State Department of Transportation, from the county, also from the Southeast Amherst Williamsville Homeowners Association, all good representatives but had not provided for a representative from the elected officials of the Williamsville village board. Because of the complaints that he has heard since being a member of this board, he decided that it would be something that he would be interested in doing. He, therefore, asked her if he could be part of the study and she readily agreed. One of the things he has done since his discussing with her was to notify both Trustee Yvonne Kaye, who is liaison for the village to our own Traffic and Safety Committee and Mr. Douglas Sandburg, who is the chairman of that Traffic and Safety Committee, that Trustee Hayes has been appointed to this ad hoc group and he has asked for their participation and their assistance in bringing concerns of the residents to this group. He also asked if there are any residents here tonight who have concerns about what's happening in that area of our village to please be in contact with him so that he can represent their interest effectively at that group's meetings.

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Trustee Hayes commented on Trustee Kaye's resolutions. He is very pleased to see that there is some action being taken in a number of areas with regard to Traffic and Safety issues. Particularly, he is pleased to note that the Traffic and Safety Committee has reversed their policy of the past few years and has decided to recommend that a four-way stop sign be placed at the corner of South Ellicott and Park Street. This has been an ongoing concern of many residents who live in the area. It has also been a concern of the Village Parks Committee. It's obvious, because of the location and heavy usage of Garrison Park, that we need some Traffic and Safety measures over there to protect young people, children and families who are using that park. He is also very pleased to see that Trustee Kaye is bringing forward some action of the truck traffic situation on Evans Street. After sitting through the last village board meeting and listening to resident complaints, Trustee Hayes felt sure that the board had an opportunity to do something positive for those residents by cooperating with the Town of Amherst. It amazes him every time he looks at this issue why we can't have village officials approach town officials for the resolution of concerns of our citizens and why we instead have to go through these long drawn out processes of study and committee assignments. He notes that after his memo of the 22nd to Trustee Kaye asking her to cooperate with the town that a town councilman was copied in this matter. He is glad to see action is finally being taken.

Trustee Hayes reported regarding the Parks Committee, we had an excellent meeting on October 16, in which the entire agenda was set aside to have a brainstorming session on how to best utilize the monies that were raised by the Craft Fair and by the Savor the Flavor Festival. So many good ideas came forward that Trustee Hayes thinks they are going to continue the discussion at their next meeting in November and try to come up with a priority listing of how to spend those monies.

With regard to the Local Government Advisory Committee, Trustee Hayes reported they had an excellent meeting, actually 2 meetings during the month of October. He congratulates the committee for being so concerned and interested in the topic that we're discussing that they have two meetings instead of one. What we are talking about as a main agenda item on this committee involves the pros and the cons of moving the village from its present administration of a Village Clerk Treasurer to that of a Village Administrator. We have talked about a great number of the concerns that each member of the Local Government Advisory Board has and anticipate that at our next meeting we will have some kind of a study document to present to the village board and some recommendation on what to do. Things that were discussed included what should the professional credentials for the position of Village Administrator be?

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Should this be a position that has a specific relationship to the Mayor and to all the elected officials and if so what should that relationship be? It was brought out that a detailed description of the job duties and the appointment and the dismissal process needed to be developed. The accountability of department heads under the new management structure was discussed, also the differences between the function of the village board as policy maker and the ability of a Village Administrator to be a policy manager. Those 2 things needed to be more clearly defined. We have been looking at other villages in Erie County who have this system of government and some of the things that they are able to accomplish on behalf of their citizens that we see as very attractive. Those concerns were expressed to the Village Clerk, who had initially submitted the proposal or the suggestion for discussion to the board and she answered those in kind and again we will be coming together in November to make a final recommendation on this issue. The study that the committee has conducted is all in the form of advisory positions, advisory view points to the village board. The Local Government Advisory Board was created to assist the Board in doing the background work on some of these issues and they see their role very clearly as an advisory board to the village board. So when their resolution comes forward, it will contain alot of information for this board to dissect and then to get input from other citizens in the public before making a final decision.

Mayor Daniels commented that a great amount of the effort in keeping government effective in a village situation is the degree of volunteers and contributions by the regular citizens of the community. Every one of our boards, whether it's the Youth Board, the Traffic and Safety, the Government Study Committee, the Beautification Committee is entirely volunteer. Without any of these committees we would be hard pressed to be a cost effective arm of government. We owe our effectiveness to the volunteers. Mayor Daniels commended Trustee Hayes on his committee. He's putting in a tremendous number of hours not only on the issue of Village Administrator, but also on our water system and long range financial planning. One of our other committees, the Environmental Committee, was originally set up requiring a student to be on it. Right now there is none on it. This committee's interests lie in anything environmental. They have input into the recycling program, into the parks, into the erosion of our Island Park. One of the things that they do is look at all the commercial plans, commercial renovations over a certain dollar amount and make advisory comments on suitability on those types of projects for the village area. Since the students are the next generation, they can have the opportunity to have input. There really is no age limit on volunteers.

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Mayor Daniels mentioned one more volunteer position, which was Tree Warden, that was created about a month ago. In the Spring and in the Fall we have a municipal tree planting program in the village. Residents can request a tree to be planted in their front yard between the sidewalk and the curb or lacking a sidewalk approximately 8' from the curb in, if there is no tree there. Residents are welcome to come to the Village Hall and look through our catalog of suggested tree choices. There's about 40 different varieties. Then in the Spring and Fall we plant those. We have somewhere between 20 and 30 trees that we will be planting in the month of November. There again, there's an opportunity for people interested in digging holes and planting some of these trees if they want to do that. If you see people planting trees, you'll know that it's us and volunteers that are doing it which saves alot of money for the tax payer as well.

Trustee Kelly reported on the Halloween parade. It was an enormous success. His hat is off to Linda Pacer, who was the chairman of that event. We usually have somewhere around 350-400 kids all dressed up in their garb. This year there must have been 800-900 kids there. It was a tremendous success. The only bad part about the evening is that the church had promised us the gym in addition to the other rooms but they had another event on Sunday so we couldn't have the room. It made for a harried evening for alot of adults but the kids had a tremendous time. He'd like to thank in addition to Linda, who did a terrific job, Saints Peter and Paul Church, Trey Measer for all the work he did in doing the advertising in setting up the parade itself and Warren Miller who donated all the cider.

Trustee Kelly also wants to say a thank you to the DPW for all the leaf pickup they've done recently. In the report you'll hear that the DPW has been through every village street 4 times already. Unfortunately it's going to take a few more times to get all the leaves that have come down. They've done a tremendous job. For any of the students that still need additional time credits and want to sit on a different type of village meeting, on November 4th there's a meeting of the Planning Board. It's a committee that's been set up by the state of New York and we appoint those people. They hear applications for zoning changes or for signs on commercial buildings. Many of the things that you see up and down Main Street have to come before the Planning Board for approval. It starts at 7:30 P.M. and lasts 'till about 8:30 P.M. or 9:00 P.M. and you might find that a little bit different than this and it is kind of interesting to see what impact that type of committee has on the village itself.

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Trustee Kelly stated he has 3 resolutions tonight all pertaining to the DPW. They all relate to the construction that's going on at the building right now. Initially he'd like to say that we've saved approximately \$9,000 off the bonding costs that were originally anticipated through some changes on the overhead doors and through getting one of the local adjoining landowners to help with the fencing that's going to go around the DPW. The 3 resolutions that he has are for changes in work order for additional work that's needed or unanticipated at the time the contract was originally let. It's a sum total of just under \$5,000. For a job this size it's not unanticipated at all.

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

RESOLVED that Mayor Daniels is hereby authorized to sign Change Order #1 - General Construction- Interior DPW Reconstruction which will increase the Interior Construction Contract by \$2,683.00 as follows:

1. Install 1 access panel	\$200.00
2. Increase the width of one masonry wall at Locker Room	225.00
3. Stud and drywall in Women's Restroom	215.00
4. Increase hardware allowance	1,818.00
5. Demolish 105 SF of masonry wall	225.00
Total	\$2,683.00

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly stated his second resolution revolves around some anticipated plumbing changes. There were a number of old sewer lines that we found in the floor system when demolition was going on. A number of them didn't work and we felt it more prudent to cap some of them and create a couple new ones.

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

RESOLVED that Mayor Daniels is hereby authorized to sign Change Order #2 for DPW Reconstruction - Plumbing contract which provides for modification to the existing sewer system and increase the contract by \$1,355.00.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Kelly stated his third resolution revolves around potential heating of some of the bays down the road. We felt it more cost effective at this point in time to put 3 vents in there. In addition to doing it now and saving a little money later it also allows us to keep the 20 year guarantee that we have on the existing roof rather than cut holes in the roof at a later time.

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

RESOLVED that Mayor Daniels is hereby authorized to sign Change Order #3 for DPW Reconstruction - HVAC contract which provides for the installation of three (3) - 7" "B" vent double wall metal chimneys at an increased cost of \$908.00.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated that Halloween will be the trick or treat night in the village and that would be Thursday, the 31st. He doesn't know that we need to designate a night. He remembers years ago when he was going around in the village area they use to go 2 nights and get twice as much candy. That's frowned upon these days.

Superintendent Laubisch reported that since the village has a mandatory recycling program in place we have started using recycled paper supplies in the restrooms in Island Park and the Village DPW. The suppliers have also provided us with 2 stickers that will be prominently displayed in the parks when they open next year and in the DPW facility after the reconstruction process is finished. The stickers say "We care, the paper products offered here are 100% recycled contributing to a better environment for all of us. Thank you for your support." So the village is doing it's part in helping the recycling effort by using recycled products.

Superintendent Laubisch also reported that he and Foreman Paul McMenamin from the Village of Williamsville DPW attended the NYCOM Public Works Training School in Ithaca, New York last week. There were over 130 present. Some of the subjects that were discussed at the training school included development and implantation of safety programs in the work place, and the establishment of an emergency management program. This was brought about by the ice storm last year up in Rochester and more generally in Monroe County, the area surrounding Rochester. Some of the speakers were the superintendents immediately around the area of Rochester, New York. They spoke of problems that they never anticipated such as the fact that there was no communications at all throughout the entire county.

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This was a tremendous burden in just notifying the personnel, in this case, specifically public works personnel. Some of the streets were impassable. There was much to learn from that unfortunate situation last year

Another one of the programs this year dealt with equipment replacement strategies. Basically, this involved computerization of all aspects of equipment management, right down from the initial purchase tracing the piece of equipment through it's life span and keeping track of costs. The study shows a municipality can save tremendous amounts of money by having an effective capital equipment program replacement schedule in place. We are going to expand our program in the DPW and further that by actually breaking out costs for each piece of equipment and studying that in the near future. One of the other subjects covered was trees and urban planting conflicts. Some literature handed out deals with proper tree placement, soil compaction, etc. He would like to thank the village board for the opportunity to attend the public work school. Some of these subjects were very timely as to what is going on right now in the village. We have been through all the village streets 4 times and are in the 5th time through. This time and probably next time through the village it will take a week and 1/2 for each time to get through on those streets with the amount of leaves that are down right now.

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

Unanimously carried.

Maryanne Avery, 64 Garrison Road asked Trustee Hayes what he knows about Mrs. Woodward's ad hoc Committee. She has not been able to obtain any information from Mrs. Woodward or the Town Planning Department.

Trustee Hayes stated he knows it has been drawn from representatives, the things he stated in his report, that he knows that Maryanne is a member of the committee, he knows it is drawn from representative of the state and the county. He knows that it was pulled together by Councilwoman Woodward as a response to the situation that has occurred with the expansion of Ingram Micro D.

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Trustee Hayes stated he hopes as Ms. Avery continues her membership on the committee that she will learn more of what it's about but he thinks it's in response to much of the residents' concerns about traffic in that area of our town and our village as a result of Ingram Micro D and it's expansion. It was his understanding that it was formed in response to concerns of the neighbors. He is looking forward very much to be a part of that committee and to see what can be done to alleviate some of the pressures and problems the residents have brought to his attention because of expansion.

Ms. Avery discussed a number of traffic problems in the area and read a letter which she mailed to the Town of Amherst Board regarding traffic studies previously requested. The residents want to know what impact the already approved zonings in our area will have on existing neighborhoods. Mr. Charlie Brown, the Planning Director, estimated that if all the plans approved for southeast Amherst are built that the area will experience an additional 6,900 daily vehicular trips generated by the developments. At any rate she thinks we're going to have a serious problem here if the county doesn't decide to do something about Wehrle Drive. She does think Mayor Daniels' idea of moving the traffic to Aero Drive is the best. Ms. Avery asked Mayor Daniels if that is a Cheektowaga owned road over there.

Mayor Daniels stated Aero Drive is a Town of Cheektowaga road. The problem of course is you write a letter to Supervisor Swiatek and ask him to make improvements to Aero Drive and he's going to say why? It doesn't do my town one bit of good. It's something that is good for you but it's an expense to me and we don't have a traffic problem. That's the real problem with it. It's unfortunate that's a Town of Cheektowaga road.

Ms. Avery stated the only other thing they could do is to route all the traffic through the industrial park and down south to get it out of our neighborhood.

Mayor Daniels stated there are solutions in spite of Cheektowaga's redistance to do anything there. Aero Drive is really a faster route to get into the industrial complex there because they go down there and then they can make a left before the runway onto Youngs and then access that industrial area off of Wilson. The incentive might be to make travel down Wehrle from the thruway bridge to Youngs Road such a slow process that trucks will just get there quicker by going down Youngs. The way to do that is to impede their progress. He wants a 30 mph limit instead of 35 mph. The town's speed limit apparently is 35 mph but the village is 30 mph. For some reason it's 35 mph on Wehrle. We should try to get that back down to 30 mph, maybe possibly a few more stop signs on Wehrle between the bridge and Youngs.

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It would slow it down and impede it to a point where trucks that have done it once will say "forget this, I'm going to go Aero, it's a straight shot for me". Mayor Daniels thinks maybe if we make it so restrictive that may very well help.

Chris Grant, 205 Sherbrooke, asked for acknowledgement of the Williamsville South band for participation in the past Halloween parade and various other parades.

Trustee Kelly stated he was sorry that he didn't acknowledge them before. You guys were terrific. Every year you've been involved in it and he knows the band has done a great job.

Mayor Daniels stated it's always great. Without the band there it certainly would be lacking quite a bit. It's great that the people in the band choose to support the community, not only then but in alot of functions that we have in the village. When Mayor Daniels was at South High, he purposely joined the football team so he wouldn't have to march in the band playing saxophone.

Henry Strohman, 116 Eagle Street stated his home is distinguished by the nice van, which is frequently parked in front of his house. Occasionally it's in front of one of the neighbor's houses. This truck is easily distinguished by the fact that it only has one license plate on it. When he registers his vehicle he has to get 2 license plates. He wonders why this is permitted as the Town police are aware of it. Furthermore, the Board granted him a variance to the individual for a curb cut.

Trustee Kelly stated the Board didn't have to grant any type of variance. They were given a stop work order immediately upon finding out that they were doing that. Our Village Attorney reviewed the law and there was absolutely nothing to prevent him from putting a driveway in, same as there is nothing to prevent Mr. Strohman from putting a driveway in. To go a little bit further on that he is being issued tickets on a regular basis. That's all we can do. The court system's involved then. The parking enforcement officer has been advised to ticket them as much as possible. He knows that Traffic and Safety has been advised also. We're increasing our hours specifically for him. The other matter with his fence is presently in court also. It's been removed to the Clarence town court because of a conflict here and it is being prosecuted vigorously. The man has got alot of fines that he's not paying and once they get high enough the new Scofflaw law that we're involved in on the county level will take care of denying him the opportunity of re-registering his vehicle until they're paid. That's all we can do as a village is to continue issuing tickets and continuing to fine him.

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Mr. Strohman stated he's sorry he wasn't around for the meeting when people complained about trucks. He commented that he heard the Mayor mention he'd like to reduce the speed limit from 35-30 mph on Wehrle. In the village the speed limit on Evans Street is 30 mph. This past summer he was in a lane of traffic coming up Evans Street and he was about the 8th car in line, the 6th car was a police car and he was doing between 40 and 45 mph as he approached Eagle. It doesn't seem to bother the police department. He doesn't know what good it does to post speed limit signs unless you want to keep it under 55 mph.

Mayor Daniels stated there's a truck 5,000 lb limit on Wehrle. We have to continually call the police to have them monitor that situation and he thinks what we have to do is ask for radar on Evans on a continual basis. The people that use Evans are the same people on a week to week basis and so if you've enforced it for a certain period of time, he thinks people get very leery. There are certain areas of the Youngman, if you're going 60 mph, you're going to get pulled over. It's the same people that use that road everyday to go to and from work or to get to Wegmans or the post office and back. When they get ticketed, they see the cop pulling people over and they're going to get leery of speeding. He thinks what we have to do is, as a village, request that that be monitored with radar for a certain period of time. Mayor Daniels knows it for a fact that Mr. Strohman is right. It's not just the amount of vehicles, it's the speed that scary.

Trustee Lowther stated she does see radar almost every weekend. Unfortunately, they're parked in the parking lot of Drexel Hill and they're clearly visible from the top of the hill. She knows better than to go over 30 mph down there because she lived on the corner of Chalmers and Evans. You can spot them all the way down there and they catch very few people, unless it's after dark. So maybe what we need is, now that it's dark at 5:00 P.M., to request a 5:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M. patrol or something like that. They do alot of radar checking.

Mayor Daniels stated going north on Evans you really have to ride your brakes not to go over 30 mph down the hill towards Sheridan. That's something that most people, even if you take your foot off the accelerator, somehow your already doing 40 mph. It's something we really need to ask the Amherst police to increase during the week.

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Trustee Kelly commented on the parking problems. Because he has been getting so many complaints he has asked the board to take up the possibility of extending increased hours for a parking enforcement officer and also getting additional other people that can be on call to take care of problems like that. He knows that Traffic and Safety discussed it at their last meeting. Trustee Kaye hasn't advised him what came out of that. He is very much in favor of increased enforcement of that because we have laws on the book that commercial vehicles can't park outside overnight.

Mr. Strohman stated occasionally there are extenuating circumstances of course, there can always be a few exceptions. It's unfortunate that the village has to go out and hire somebody else for one particular problem.

Trustee Kelly stated he's not the only one. There's about 2 or 3 trouble areas in the village. One of the points that Traffic and Safety was bringing up is that as of November 15th their winter schedule goes into effect, there won't be any overnight parking outside and hopefully we're going to ask for the cooperation of the Amherst Police to really step up the tickets on that matter.

Mayor Daniels stated that on November 1st parking is not allowed on village streets from November to May. If someone parks on the street overnight they will be liable for a ticket. That should help too.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hayes, 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