

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, January 27, 1992 at 7:37 P.M.

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

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 7:37 P.M. P.M.

Mayor Daniels stated since our last meeting we have had two unfortunate deaths in the village community of very well known and popular residents, Joseph Kuzon and Tony Messina. Mayor Daniels asked the audience for a moment's silence to reflect.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hayes, the minutes of the regular meeting held by the Board of Trustees on January 13, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hayes, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees regarding a proposed local law to create a position of Village Administrator held January 13, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels reported we now have a 16 foot bulletin board in the main corridor across from the Building Department window where he hopes to put notices of interest to the community. It has always impressed Mayor Daniels that this Hall was somewhat sterile so the bulletin board will contain all the committee meeting minutes as well as anything of interest for the village as well as for village residents on the town level. It would also be nice to have some pictures on the walls so when children come through from the schools and visit the facility they can get an idea of the history of the Village of Williamsville, the past people who have been prominent in the area, the old structures, some old maps perhaps. One village resident, Bob Nickels, who is a photographer, was kind enough to donate several pictures of the old Village Hall which was also located on Main Street.

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This picture happens to show the building just before the wrecking ball hit it for the second time. It's quite a fascinating picture, quite a fascinating building and in some respects it's a shame that it was torn down. It's also a slice of the history of the community and we will frame it and put it in the corridors along with a lot of other pictures that the Historic Preservation Committee will be collecting and framing to put in the Hall.

Mayor Daniels reported on the water system and water tower. We've initiated, approved and have now completed a water tank study by a firm from Pennsylvania. The results of that will be coming from the company to determine what the future of the tower is, whether it needs refurbishing or rebuilding. It hasn't been looked at since it was built, about 25 years ago. The preliminary results make it appear to be in fairly good shape but we'll know more once we get the report. We did a videotaping of that tower. Mayor Daniels thought it would be interesting for the residents to see what the inside of a million gallon water tank looks like.

Superintendent David Laubisch commented on the video tape presentation. He stated the inspection was done by Tank Inspection Services from Pennsylvania. There was approximately 3 1/2 -4" of ice on the water surface in the tank. It had to be physically removed by hand so that not only the walls could be inspected but the floor surface of the tank also.

Trey Measer asked if the tank is usually full.

Superintendent David Laubisch stated not always full to capacity, just during the summer months when the water supply becomes more critical.

Trustee Kelly stated just before we drained the tank there was 833,000 gallons in it.

Mr. Laubisch stated a 25' - 30' extension ladder was placed in the tank. The tank was inspected from the top right to the bottom. There's a sill around the top of the tank where the roof of the tank actually attaches to the sidewalls. What they call a roof plate, is an area where there can be a problem inside the tank. The roof plate inside our tank was actually in very good shape. The Engineer measured the depths of corrosion on different points inside the tank along the weld seams and at the different fixtures that feed the tank.

Trustee Lowther asked if the feed pipe is always covered with water and if there is a minimum of 9' of water in the tank at all times?

Mr. Laubisch stated that is correct.

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Trustee Kaye stated in terms of the feed pipe, when we were talking earlier and in Don Dehn's memo to the village about the drain down, that's the area where we have a 9' water cut off level that we had almost 300,000 gallons of water. In terms of that drain down portion, what happened because there seems to be some question regarding today's news article about that 9' of water that had been manually pumped out?

Mr. Laubisch stated, as designed, there is a minimum level which the tank can be drawn down to and that is 9'. At that point, the pumps automatically shut off, electrical override comes in and the entire system is shut down. That is done so that in the event that there is additional demand that the tank is not drawn down to an area that they consider dangerous where air or no water can be drawn into the pumps causing cavitation and damage to the pump system in the pump house. One example, during the dry spell last summer, in a 3 hour period we pumped 433,000 gallons of water into the village water system. You can see that a 9' safety level is not much at all. 433,000 gallons equates to approximately 14' of water in the tank so a 9' safety level is not much at all. It's a million gallon tank so 433,000 gallons is almost half of the capacity of the tank. That is not a daily occurrence but again last summer we had some very extremely dry conditions. Peak usage would occur in the morning between 7-9:30 A.M. and then again in the evening peak consumption starts around 4:30 P.M. and will go 'till about 8:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. There are particular times of the day we know our water usage is going to go up. The pumps come on a 33lbs per sq. inch pressure in the water main system. The charts we have show that it was on many occasions last year when the pumps were in activation during peak usage time.

Trustee Kaye asked Mr. Laubisch what would have happened to our village water lines if in fact you wouldn't have dumped this 5' out of the water tank.

David Laubisch stated this time of the year we do not generate the usage that we do during the summer months. It has to be regulated very carefully. The pumps trip on at 38 lbs per square inch and trip out at 52 lbs per square inch. If we manually override the pump safety shutoff at 52 lbs per square inch, we can develop water pressure as high as 85 lbs per square inch down below the escarpment in the low areas of the village. There's a natural tendency for the water pressure down there to be higher so you may have 55 lbs per square inch up here on Main Street. At Stanton and Mill a fire hydrant will have water pressures anywhere from 65-70 lbs per square inch. In fact, if you leave the pumps running, when you get pressures up to 65 or 75 lbs on Main Street, you can generate water pressures down at that end of the village in the area of 75-85 lbs per square inch. That can create problems with some of the older water lines that are in the ground, not only the water mains but some of the older water lines that feed the homes.

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Trustee Kaye asked what kind of problems do those create?

David Laubisch stated it can cause rupturing of some of the older galvanized water lines that feed some of the older homes in the village. It has to be monitored manually when those pumps are running if you're going to bypass the automatic systems that are built in to safeguard the system.

Trustee Kaye stated what Mr. Laubisch is saying is if we hadn't done that we would have had the possibility of rupturing those lines.

Mr. Laubisch stated you can never leave the pumps on in a manual position locked on. That would cause a problem.

Mayor Daniels stated that regarding the pitting of the metal, they measured the depth of those pits and then they'll tell us how much is left.

Mr. Laubisch stated yes, some of the pits in the metal were almost 3/8' in depth. In the rehabilitation process those would be welded, filled and then smoothed and then would have to be recoated with paint.

Mayor Daniels asked if this was originally all painted interior?

Mr. Laubisch stated right. It was all painted with an epoxy based paint.

Mayor Daniels stated that report should be forth coming from the Tank Inspection Service fairly soon.

Trustee Hayes stated he wants to reiterate some of his concerns brought forth during the pre-board work session. He can appreciate the complexities that are involved with an inspection of this scope and he thinks the board is to be commended for taking some kind of action after 25 years, as part of the water infrastructure. One of his concerns was the method and the operation in which much of the information we have here tonight was communicated to the board. He was deeply concerned to read in a memo from our Water Maintenance Department, a few days ago, that 466,000 gallons of water were dumped from the tank into the ground. He thinks he's not misstating the understanding of the members of the Board of Trustees, although we did understand that there would be some minimal spillage, 466,000 is certainly not in anybody's definition of minimal. He can also understand the complexities and the need for minute by minute decision making in the field when faced with those things and understanding it's the first time it's ever happened.

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But certainly as he asked the Superintendent in the pre-board session, he would like to make sure that in the future this board is kept informed, or at the very least, the liaison for the water, be kept informed of those decision so that when these matters come before the public, we have an understanding of what actually took place. Trustee Hayes did not understand that 466,000 gallons of water and \$600.00, which is the ultimate cost to the village, were going to be a part of this tank inspection program and he'd be interested to know if any of the other trustees knew that was the case. Again, he understands that there were complexities and problems and certainly no one is suggesting that the water pipes at the lower end of the village should be placed in jeopardy. His objection is to the form of communication that took place between the DPW and the members of this board. In the future, he hopes that that communication be repaired to the extent that we know before, not after, when a circumstance like this occurs.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$113,191.36 covering 1/11/92-1/22/92 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 1/11/92	\$17,750.76
General fund	84,220.89
Water fund	1,908.01
Sewer fund	349.39
Trust & Agency fund	4,644.85
Glen Park Joint Activities fund	214.46
Capital fund	1,283.00
Risk Retention fund	2,820.00
Grand Total	<u>113,191.36</u>

Large Vouchers:

Paine & Weber Inc.	\$54,117.00
BFI	8,745.00
Occidental Chemical	5,655.81

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

RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the following surplus DFW equipment:

One (1) 1978 Auto Car
Engine - 6-71 Detroit, 245 H.P.
Transmission - 9 Speed Road Ranger
Dump Box - 10 ft. Galion
Plow equipment - complete Frink Snowplow - including front plow and wing.

Bids to be opened in the Village Clerk's Office at 2:00 P.M. on February 18, 1992.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated his third resolution applies to the Cadman Street lighting project, which is now underway. The original design was done by Frandina Engineering. We contracted out with American Paving to have the work done. We are interested in having Frandina Engineering continue to oversee that project and provide us with "as built" drawings at the end of the project. This approves having them as our inspection firm during the construction phase.

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

RESOLVED THAT Frandina Engineering is hereby appointed to perform inspection of the Cadman Drive lighting project and prepare "as built" drawings at a cost, not to exceed \$1,870.00, per letter and their acceptance of January 15, 1992.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS the next general Village election for officers will be held on March 17, 1992, and

WHEREAS no person shall be entitled to vote at any Village election whose name does not appear on the register of the Election District in which he claims to be entitled to vote, and,

WHEREAS it the duty of inspectors of election to prepare such register of qualified voters for the district for which they are appointed, and

WHEREAS Section 15-118 (3a, b, and c) of the Election Law of the State of New York requires that every Village hold a registration day for each general Village election.

First: The inspectors of election shall meet on the 7th day of March 1992 at the Village Clerk's Office beginning at 12:00 noon and ending at 9:00 P.M. to commence the preparation of the register for the forthcoming Village election.

Second: Registration day for the Village shall be held on Saturday, the 7th day of March, 1992.

Third: Such registration shall be held at the Village Clerk's Office in the Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M.

Fourth: At least ten (10) days prior to registration day set in this resolution, a copy shall be posted in at least one conspicuous public place in each election district.

Fifth: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville determines that more than one-half of the voters qualified to vote at the forthcoming election for the Village officers were registered at the last preceding general election; that taking registration for the forthcoming election will be accomplished more efficiently and economically at a single place and by a single board of inspectors of registration; and it hereby appoints ETHEL HENNING, RITA ANDREWS, AND CHARLOTTE JUREK as a single Board of Inspections to conduct registration for such forthcoming election for each of the three Village election districts.

The compensation of inspectors shall be \$5.00 per hour and ETHEL HENNING shall be Chairman of Registration. Registration for the forthcoming election shall be conducted on March 7, 1992 from noon until nine o'clock in the evening at the office of the Village Clerk, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the following be and they hereby are appointed inspectors of election and alternates for the General Election of the Village of Williamsville to be held on March 17, 1992 to be paid at a fee of \$45.00 each:

District #1 Inspectors - Kay Kiebala, Chair.,
Norma Flynn, Mary Ann Piazza
Mary Wetzel

District #2 Inspectors - Ethel Henning, Chair.,
Rita Andrews, Peggy
Andrews Coutlakis, Sally
Schueckler

District #3 Inspectors Charlotte Jurek, Chair.,
Marion Blocker, Leonard
Schallmo, Richard
Dombrowski

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following are appointed alternate inspectors:

Lois Beckman
June Cucinotta

Harry Lacey
Chester Yauchzy

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Ethel Henning is Chairman of the Election Inspectors, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event of absence or inability of any of the above to serve, the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a substitute.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated his seventh resolution involves the Tree Warden. We had a Tree Warden for one planting now and it worked very well. She is leaving the village and we like to have people involved in the village who are residents of the same. We thank Ginny Collier very much for her interest and expertise and physical labor in doing such a good job as our Tree Warden. We planted 23 trees this past Fall thanks to her organization. We regret her departure and wish her well in her new home outside the village limits.

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

RESOLVED THAT Jennifer Lorenzini, 29 Reist Street is hereby designated Village Tree Warden, effective immediately.

Trustee Lowther commented that she hopes in the future when we have an opening like this that the board at least is notified to propose people. She is sure that Jennifer, knowing her personally, will do a wonderful job. She believes this did come up when the board appointed Ms. Collier initially to the position when it was created and she would like to see that other people are aware that there is an opening.

Trustee Kaye stated she wasn't aware either.

Mayor Daniels stated that was an oversight on his part and he apologizes.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Lowther stated the next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council will be on February 27 at 7:30 P.M. here in Village Hall. She is going to have a resolution later this evening to do with Glen Park. We, at our last meeting, had discussed the possibility of taking the parking circle on Glen Avenue and changing it all to handicapped parking because there has been a need since there are more handicapped people using the park. We very often have vans of children coming from United Cerebral Palsy to use the park, and unfortunately since people abuse the handicapped parking areas, they don't have the parking they need to really utilize the park and it's facilities. That was unanimously carried by the Glen Park Joint Board, that we do establish handicapped parking and she had requested that the Traffic and Safety Committee also look into that possibility and they also unanimously recommended turning the circle to all handicapped parking.

Trustee Lowther reported the Glen Park Committee is also working on erosion problems at the pond at Glen Park. We're back to the old business of the ponds being eroded after many different types of patches and different types of companies coming in and saying that they have finally solved the problem with the ponds. The ponds are still having distinct problems. So we're working on trying to find a final resolution to get the ponds where they should be and to keep them from eroding away. Our next meeting for the Glen Park Board will be February 4th.

Trustee Lowther also reported the Performing Arts Group met twice in January. Trustee Lowther is happy to report that the first half of the season was successful. We broke even financially, which is always a plus. We're beginning to plan our second season and as things are added to our program she will keep the public advised.

Trustee Lowther stated her first resolution involves calling for bids for the Glen Park Security. At the suggestion of our Clerk/Treasurer, Mrs. Cummins, we are going to bid this earlier than normally, so we will have a firm figure to go into budget preparation with and to make certain that we budget exactly what we need. We didn't use as much of the funding that we had set aside for security last year and we want to make sure we have it nailed down to the exact dollar so we know what to budget and how to utilize our funds as best we may.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk advertise for sealed bids for 1992 Glen Park Security. Bids to be opened in the Village Clerk's office, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York at 2:00 P.M. on February 26, 1992.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther stated her second resolution has to do with the handicapped parking area in Glen Park as she discussed previously. Again, that was an unanimous decision by the Glen Park Joint Board and Village Traffic and Safety Committee.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held by the Board of Trustees in Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on February 10, 1992 for the purpose of hearing all persons discuss a proposed local law which would amend Section 103-19 of the Vehicle and Traffic Code and designate all parking spaces in the off-street parking area on the south side of Glen Avenue, east of Ellicott Creek as spaces reserved for handicapped parking.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye reported this past Tuesday, January 21, the Town of Amherst held a public hearing regarding truck traffic on Evans Street. Trustee Kaye said a special thanks to all of her fellow board members. All 5 board members did speak in favor of removing truck traffic the best we can on Evans Street and she was pleased to see all 5 of the board members here show up at the Town of Amherst public hearing for Evans Street, which was 10th on the agenda. It's not often that all 5 board members agree exactly on the same thing. It's wonderful to see that level of unification. The Town of Amherst will be making a decision on that public hearing, to basically sign 3/10 of a mile on Evans Street which falls in the Town of Amherst to ban truck traffic, on the 3rd of February. So if anyone was unable to attend that public hearing and has any additional comments for the Town of Amherst, they can be submitted in writing and she is sure the town will gladly take them into consideration.

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If a copy is sent to Trustee Kaye, the board will make sure that those become part of the record or Trustee Kaye will make sure that the town is aware of them prior to their decision on February 3rd. She is looking forward to the cooperation of the Town of Amherst in helping to alleviate the truck problem which has existed. As you may be aware, the Village of Williamsville has had a truck ordinance on that street for many years now and our basic problem is enforcement of it due to the fact that trucks can turn on to Evans Street headed southbound without realizing that they are on a restricted route until they come into the village line. We do need to notify those truck drivers at the corner of Evans and Sheridan prior to turning onto the street and that's basically what the village has asked the Town of Amherst, to help us with that enforcement problem.

Trustee Kaye reported she received a very nice thank you note in the mail today from the University Food Pantry who through her efforts received food at Christmas time. It was very interesting to her, that within our community, we have a high level of people who use a food pantry. In fact, approximately 25% of their clients come from the 14221 zip code area. She was also told by the same Food Pantry that this is an increase from 3% or 4% in prior years. She thinks it shows the depth of the recession of some of the families within our own zip code area, whether they are actual residents of the Village of Williamsville or within the postal district of Williamsville that have been hard hit. So a special thanks from her personally to all the residents who helped contribute to those families in need. Trustee Kaye read the thank you note that she received. "Dear Friends, What a wonderful thing it is to have friends like you people. Members of the University Food Pantry want to thank the employees and villagers from the Village of Williamsville for their most gracious gift. The hams, bags of food and toys. We were able to keep 100 families and you did your great share. Thank you very much." Signed Leslie Granger from the Food Pantry. A special thanks for helping those 100 families, many whom are from our own community.

Trustee Kaye stated her resolution deals with adoption of a local law that was on our agenda a while back and deals with parking within the right of way on the east side of Evans. The request for the parking ban was originally made by Joseph Gillings from the Town of Amherst Planning Department.

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

RESOLVED THAT Local Law #1 -1992 which amends Section 103-16 regarding parking on the east side of Evans Street, and was the subject of a public hearing on November 25, 1991, is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Kaye stated originally the proposed local law listed the area from driveway to driveway. She had asked the DPW to remeasure that, listing it from feet south and north of Essjay Road since sometime in the future those driveways may possibly be moved. The new law is exactly the same as the public hearing but we've just changed where we measured from. (Copy attached)

Trustee Kelly requested that Trustee Kaye have our Parking Enforcement Officer not enforce it until the area is signed.

Trustee Hayes asked Trustee Kaye if she has had any up to the minute report about what the town is deciding to do about the Evans Street truck traffic. He thought he heard they were going to meet today in their Executive Session to follow up on the Supervisor's request. Councilmember Santillo seemed to indicate that there would be a decision today and invited the public to come.

Trustee Kaye stated she doesn't have any further information.

Trustee Hayes asked Trustee Kaye that with her continued negotiations with the town if she could allay the concerns that he has been hearing from some of the residents of Mill Street. It seems one of the ways that some of the town officials attempted to sidestep our united front at the public hearing the other day was to bring up some written communication from the Superintendent of Highways and the Chief of Police in which they seem to indicate that if the truck traffic was shut off on Evans Street it would then turn over to Mill Street. He spoke specifically to the issue that the town should open up the area of Youngs Road between Main Street and Sheridan Drive and prepare that for truck traffic. That was the favorable option that this board had asked them to look at. He's just concerned, after talking with some of the residents on Mill street, that after they read the article that appeared in the Buffalo News on Saturday that they believe our efforts to shut off the truck traffic on Evans will lead to an increase in truck traffic on Mill Street.

Trustee Kaye stated that Mill Street is covered by the same ordinance that we have on Evans Street. It's important to remind our villagers that there are actually only two established truck routes within the Village of Williamsville and those are Union Road and Main Street. We may want to look at the town to sign that appropriately as well to notify trucks that Mill Street already has the same status as Evans in terms of not allowing trucks 5 tons and over on them. She agrees that the news article was not clear on that. It is amazing that sometimes the media can cause some doubt or question in the minds of residents when they don't have all the facts.

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She thinks that's evident, not only in truck traffic on Evans, but also in the water situation. Some people reading the article that appeared got the impression that there was no authorization for the drain down but in fact we authorized the drain down of the tank. Maybe there was a miscommunication in terms of exactly how much water would go into the system but she has had a couple of people say to her how could there be no authorization if, in fact, a resolution was passed for Tank Services to drain the tank down. So she thinks it's important to make sure that when we deal with the media that we be as clear as possible. It would help correct any misinformation or fears that may arise in the community.

Trustee Hayes stated those are two separate issues that Trustee Kaye has brought together. His concern was originally put in a question about Mill Street. Regarding Trustee Kaye's comment about the water - he doesn't think any member of this board authorized 466,000 gallons of water to be dumped from the tank. If Trustee Kaye felt she authorized something different, that's her opinion.

Trustee Kaye stated she authorized draining the tank down and having the tank empty for Tank Services to come in. We were looking at the majority of the water that was already paid for going back into the system. That obviously was the cause of her memo, asking the question why the majority was unable and as we found out tonight and through the memo received, about half of the water went back into the system.

Trustee Hayes reported the Parks Committee has met and is providing valuable assistance in an advisory capacity as we begin our budget preparation for next year. The Parks Committee has taken a look at this current year's parks budget and looked at the monies that were budgeted and have been expended so far this year. They have been a valuable resource to him as he works to present a new budget for the upcoming year. He wants to thank them for their diligence and participation at the last meeting because, once again, the good ideas always seem to come from the citizens committees. Trustee Hayes stated a very good example of that is last year we budgeted more than \$14,000 for security and that was done without the benefit of a bid. He thinks, as Trustee Lowther indicated earlier in her report in her call for bids, when you have a bid in from a company before you budget money, you have a much better understanding of what that actual cost is going to be. For example, this year in Parks security alone \$14,000 was budgeted and the final bill came in at \$7,000 realizing a benefit to the budget of \$7,000. The budget was a bit high in that instance and hopefully by calling for bids early this year, we'll be able to prevent that.

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Trustee Hayes reported the Senior Citizens Committee met last Wednesday and they're proceeding on their village cookbook which they're hoping to have prepared for the "Savor the Flavor" festival. We are receiving recipes from people in the village and have asked not only individual citizens but perhaps even restaurants in the area to submit their recipes to us. The Senior Citizens Committee will put them together, have the books printed and will sell them at a modest cost in an attempt to raise some funds to supplement some of the Senior Citizen activities.

Trustee Kaye asked if the printing costs will need to be budgeted in the upcoming year or are there monies in the budget to do the printing now?

Trustee Hayes stated no. Probably by the time we get it all ready, that will be something that will be included in next year's budget beginning June 1st. It's an arduous process to go through the handwritten recipes, prepare those for typesetting and make sure that all the ingredients are in the appropriate area. He's not much of a cook but the members of the Senior Citizens Committee have told him that that's the majority of the work so it's still a ways off.

Trustee Hayes reported that the Local Government Advisory Committee will have it's next meeting this Thursday evening here in Village Hall. We will continue a discussion of the water system, which we had begun at the last meeting. We'll also continue to review comments that have come from the public and those that have come in writing since the public hearing on the Village Administrator's position. He encouraged any member in the public that has a view on that specific proposal to please send it to him at Village Hall. As you recall, the comment period has been extended for an additional 30 days to be able to incorporate any additional information in our planning process.

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

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Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Hayes stated his second resolution involves the governor's budget that was released last week. Once again, the government has decided to put a full court press assault on revenue sharing to towns and villages. Much of the public look at revenue sharing as welfare for villages and towns when, in fact, it is a return of state tax collections, money taken from our community and sent to Albany and somehow doesn't ever find it's way back. Also, he doesn't think very many people realize that it is by state law, by statute, that the state is to share an amount equal to 8% of the total state tax collection with it's municipalities, towns and villages. That was set up in recognition of the vital role that local municipalities play in delivering services to it's citizens in place of the state. That is a law on the books. That is a law that the state legislature year after year has tried to enforce over Governor Cuomo's insistence that the law just be ignored. Trustee Hayes thinks it would do the village well to again remind the Governor, again remind our state representatives of the importance of this revenue sharing and how important it is to our village budget and send them a very strong message that we're united in fighting to get our fair share of money back into the Village of Williamsville.

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

WHEREAS, Section 54 of the State Finance Law provides that an amount equal to 8% of the total state tax collection shall be distributed to cities, villages, counties and towns in the form of state revenue sharing, and

WHEREAS, this general purpose aid is intended to be a recognition of the crucial role local governments play in providing essential services - police, fire, water, sewer, garbage, recreation - that facilitate the individuals and companies that pay taxes to the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville will be faced with a \$6,924 or a 15.4% decrease from 1991-1992 State aid revenues under Governor Cuomo's budget projections for the 1992-1993 fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees supports the funding of revenue sharing aid at 1989-1990 levels and opposes any further use of revenue sharing funds as a budget balancing tool by the State, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to send copies of this resolution to the Governor and members of the State legislature.

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Trustee Hayes stated what we're doing basically in asking a return to the 1989-1990 levels would be prior to any cuts that were proposed by the governor. That's when he started this level of cutbacks.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Hayes commented that while it is important that we send these unanimous resolutions on to the governor and our state representatives, it would also be extremely helpful if the members of the board would take the time to personally contact our legislators and the governor's office either by telephone or by letter. Those seem to have an additional weight in addition to the resolutions that we pass.

Mayor Daniels stated he is sure the board will follow that lead since that's the most important part of the agenda for villages and towns in this coming fiscal year.

Trustee Kelly reported he was in Minneapolis over the weekend. He doesn't want to report over the disappointments but it was also a pleasurable trip. With respect to the Youth Board, we're having a Winterfest at Glen Park next week, February 2nd. Hopefully we'll have some snow this year for it. We have a number of things scheduled and he's looking forward to seeing a lot of people there.

Trustee Kelly stated he also notes that we have some people here today that he hasn't seen at the board meetings before and that's nice to see. He hopes it continues.

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 #5 for the DFW Reconstruction with Grand Island

Electric as follows for a total of	\$1317.00
Sign Shop Receptacle	\$170.00
Work Bench Receptacle	200.00
Telephone Circuit	125.00
Time Clock Circuit	125.00
Photocell	80.00
Toaster & Microwave Circuits	200.00
Hallway Light Fixture	145.00
Bay #4 Switch 7 Circuit	100.00
O/P	<u>172.00</u>
	<u>1317.00</u>

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Superintendent David Laubisch reminded village residents that there is no on-street parking after midnight during the winter months. We ran into quite a few parked cars recently throughout the village. It causes quite a problem. In one case it caused an accident with one of the plow vehicles. The car was illegally parked so besides the damage that happened, it was also ticketed because it wasn't supposed to be on the street in the first place. We just like to reinforce the fact that it will enable us to clear the streets much faster in a much more professional fashion.

Trustee Kelly asked when you know you have a large snowfall like that and the trucks are going to be out, do you call the Town Police Department and ask them to watch for illegally parked cars?

Mr. Laubisch stated yes. We get great cooperation from the Police Department. Truck drivers will call in and then the DPW will call the police and identify a street where a car is illegally parked. Within a very short period of time, depending on the workload, there is usually a car there. The vehicle is ticketed especially if there is a fairly substantial snowfall. If there is a very light snowfall sometimes warnings will be issued but when it becomes a matter of clearing streets, they ticket vehicles.

Mr. Laubisch also reminded residents there is no regularly scheduled trash pick up. He noticed through his travels throughout the village over the last couple of weeks people are putting debris out at curbside to be picked up. Again, when we do have snow, street plowing comes first, that is why there is no regularly scheduled trash pickup during the winter months. Just a simple phone call to the DPW and a trash pickup can be scheduled. If the weather stays as it's forecasted for the rest of this week, the DPW will be returning to the tree stump removal list. This is performed during the winter months, weather permitting, and it looks like this week is going to permit us to return to that schedule of tree stump removal.

Mayor Daniels reported again that we do have a new employee at the DPW, a part-time Secretary/File Clerk from 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. every day. Her duties include answering the phone for residents with their concerns as well as doing a lot of the office tasks that have been in sore need of someone which allows our workers to put more time on the road. It seems to be working quite well. There is also a taped message for after hours that gives information on who to call or where to go for problems that might occur on a weekend or after 3:00 P.M. One of the things that might cause confusion would be if your sewer was backing up on a weekend for instance. The proper procedure, according to the tape, is to call the Police Department, which might not be the first thought of a resident with a backed up sewer. That is something that would be on that taped message.

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Residents should avail themselves of that new person there if they have any request and try and call between 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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

Unanimously carried.

Walter Pacer, 87 Monroe stated he has a couple of questions he wants to address to Trustee Hayes. They're only prompted as a result of today's press release. Relative to that water tower 1) Did Trustee Hayes know that there was a drain down of the tank going on about January 9th of this year? 2) Did he go to the scene at all? 3) Is there a liaison to the Water Department?

Trustee Hayes stated he knew there would be a drain down of the tower. He did not go to the scene and the Mayor is the liaison to the water.

Mr. Pacer stated a one time event in 23 years, you become inordinately fascinated by this event now. On November 12th there was an extensive discussion about the drain down and what would occur. He didn't hear any comments by Trustee Hayes at that time. He understands in the work session that Trustee Hayes admitted that some of the water was going to be drained down out and not into the water system. Mr. Pacer also understands there was a vote November 25, which was unanimous regarding the resolution for the testing which required the drain down. During any of the work sessions or any conversations outside this forum, did you ever ask how much water would be drained out, say out to the ground versus into the water system itself?

Trustee Hayes stated not out onto the ground. He asked the question about what kind of water loss would be experienced and was informed it would be minimal.

Mayor Daniels stated this is a public participation where resident concerns are to be expressed. It's not a cross examination of the people on this board. He thinks to cross examine someone in such a specific manner is counter productive. The board is willing to listen to Mr. Pacer's concerns and any statements that he makes and any opinions that would involve the way in which these things, that Mr. Pacer has concerns over, took place. To sit here and badger back and forth between a Mayor, a Trustee or anybody else, the DPW, on a subject is counter productive and not to the point and not germane for public participation. This is not a cross examination in a court room. This is merely a forum for residents to express their opinions. These questions are not of a nature that are productive of any solution.

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Mr. Pacer stated nor is the press release. It's government by press release. At the work session tonight, Mr. Laubisch said 9' or approximately 300,000 gallons would have had to have been dumped out no matter what and that it couldn't get into the system because of the pumps. That's a fact that had to be there no matter what. 300,000 gallons had to go out and not into the system. That's readily apparent from just a simple asking. That 300,000 gallons could not have gone into the system, it had to be wasted and if you knew it, you said you wouldn't have voted for this resolution.

Trustee Hayes stated he thinks what Mr. Pacer is failing to understand is there is a difference between a drain down and a dumping of water. He doesn't think any member on the board knew or expected that close to 1/2 million gallons of water were going to be dumped by the water tank. That was information provided to us after, not before. The question that was asked before of the DPW was what would the spillage be and the board was told minimal. Trustee Kaye reiterated that in her memorandum requesting information on exactly how much was dumped. Her impression as she states in her memo is that it would be minimal. That was all of the board's impression. His primary concern is that when information is provided to this board, he has a public responsibility to the people of the Village of Williamsville to act as their eyes and their ears. That's all that was happening here, was an investigation of what happened. Those of us who sit on this board have a responsibility to the public to make sure that the people that we delegate certain responsibilities to on a day to day basis, such as the Superintendent and such as people in the Water Authority, that they do what they are telling us they are doing. When that deviates from what they tell us they are doing, we have a right to know in advance and not after.

Mr. Pacer stated he doesn't have any problems with that. His problem is, apparently, there was a dumping of 300,000 gallons of water that could in no way have been remedied. So it was incumbent upon Trustee Hayes and perhaps the rest of the board to ask the questions as to how much actual dumping of water occurred. He doesn't have any problems with Trustee Hayes going in a work session and asking the questions now that should have been asked back on November 12 or November 25. One of the real problems he has is what ends up happening when you go to the papers before you find out what actually occurred in it's entirety, before Trustee Hayes becomes satisfied as he did tonight in the work session with the answer that Superintendent Laubisch gave him, the reasoning that occurred. The final concern he has is Trustee Hayes mentioned a number of times that this is an extremely complex situation that occurred on January 9th. Given everything he knows or doesn't know about the water drain down, the water pump out, that it's a situation that a full-time Administrator could have handled and could have made a decision in lieu of the decision made by David Laubisch or Don Dehn.

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Trustee Hayes stated that the people who serve on this Board of Trustees have a responsibility to the public and that is to insure that the policies that we set are followed. If the members of this board are understanding that the water loss is to be "minimal", he doesn't think anybody on this board believes that 466,000 gallons equals a minimal water loss. He has received tonight, when he had the discussion both over the telephone last with the Superintendent of Public Works and again this evening, assurances that in the future when a decision of this sort is made out in the field, that a member of this board will receive information about those changed circumstances. Trustee Hayes believes it is incumbent upon the people to whom the board delegates the responsibility for these operations to communicate with the members of this board and he has gotten assurances from the Superintendent that, in the future, will happen. Trustee Hayes thinks the public has a right to that, he thinks the board, as elected officials, have a right to know that the policies that the board is implementing are fulfilled.

Mr. Pacer stated he doesn't have any problems with the public's right to know. He has problems with it when Trustee Hayes goes to the press before he knows the entire situation.

Trustee Hayes stated Mr. Pacer is not aware of what he knows. Mr. Pacer is assuming what he knows and what he didn't know. Trustee Hayes has had extensive conversations with the Superintendent of Public Works. He's had privileged information long before Mr. Pacer read it in the paper this morning about the situation over there. He has talked to residents on the street who surround that area. He took the time to investigate that. Mr. Pacer has no idea what Trustee Hayes understands or he doesn't understand. Suffice it to say that it's his responsibility to make sure that the policies get carried out.

Maryanne Avery, 64 Garrison stated it occurs to her too that it would be a smart thing for Mr. Laubisch to contact somebody on the board. What it said in the paper and she understands sometimes Mr. Dawson doesn't get things straight because she has had that happen with her too but Trustee Hayes seems to say if there was a Village Administrator that wouldn't have happened. If you have a Village Administrator does the board become irrelevant? Does the Village Administrator take the position that you would think the Mayor or Deputy Mayor would? Who you would contact in that situation?

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Trustee Hayes stated his statement is simply that if the village had the position of a Village Administrator that the coordination and the communication functions that often slip through the cracks, and here's a perfect example of how that did not happen, could happen more effectively. In other words, the board sets a policy and says we think that this tank should be inspected. This is something that hasn't been looked at for more than 20 years. It's an important part of our water infrastructure and we understand that in order to do it, the following things are going to happen. The tank is going to be drained down. The difference between drained down and drain dumping are large. Those are 2 different things. When the water system was going to be drained down and the water spillage was minimal, this board operated under that assumption and approved that inspection. We all voted for it. We all moved it ahead. However, when the change happened, he thinks it's incumbent upon someone to be the guardian of the policies that are set by the Village Board. Under the current system, it should have been the water liaison. If there were a Village Administrator, that person would be responsible for enforcing the policies or supervising others who are in the departments that need to make sure that the policies of the Village Board are carried out. It's really being made more complicated than it really is. It's very simple. When the Village Board sets a policy, it needs to be carried out.

Ms. Avery stated we know you had the tank examined and it cost "x" amount of dollars to have it examined and you didn't know how much rust was going to be in the tank or what else might be in the tank, some kind of glop. Was the water filtered that went out of the tank?

Superintendent David Laubisch stated the water that was injected back into the water system was water that was taken from Erie County and stored in the tank under normal conditions. The water tank, after the water was drained out, was sterilized as per the American Water Works Association standards.

Ms. Avery said we didn't know what shape the tank was going to be in. It could have been full of rust and it could have gone up so high in which case she thinks the only thing to do would have been to dump it if there was any "glop" in it.

Trustee Kaye stated the board was aware ahead of time that there is a fill pipe where you would know that technically you can't go down below that because there may have been silt, as Ms. Avery calls "glop", up to that point.

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Ms. Avery stated as president of the Williamsville Southeast Homeowners Association, she has to object that the Village Board seems to feel that it's okay to take the truck traffic down Youngs Road. She's very critical of Mr. Lucey's comments. She would like to reinforce Ms. Schlifke's position, which is basically the heavy trucks ought to use the State roads. It seems very logical to her that they would use Transit and Sheridan. Youngs is really too steep and we know perfectly well the town isn't going to rebuild that road and widen it and reduce the grade. We've been complaining about the gravel trucks which we know come from Lancaster. There's no reason why they couldn't use Transit to Sheridan. It doesn't make any sense to say they can't use Essjay, they can't use International because they're town roads. If they have to develop in there, if they're going to continue building in there, of course they're going to use heavy trucks in there. That wasn't the idea and it wasn't the agreement and she finds that Mr. Lucey's letter didn't make any sense.

Robert Bindert, 39 Garden Parkway stated he was under the impression the Mayor is in charge of the Water Department. Is that true?

Mayor Daniels stated yes, that is one of his liaisons.

Mr. Bindert asked why would Mr. Hayes get involved in another department if he is not liaison to it? It is true that all trustees have a right to look into each department and that type of thing, isn't that kind of like Trustee Lowther inspecting the Building Department to see what rabble she could discombobulate there? Isn't that kind of along that line?

Trustee Hayes stated he doesn't think so. He takes his responsibility as a member of this board very seriously and he knows that the liaisons that are set up are meant to facilitate the responsibilities of various board members. Trustee Hayes spoke to the Mayor about the situation in his capacity as liaison and he made a statement in public based on what he believes was the public's right to know about a circumstance. The Mayor and Trustee Hayes happen to disagree on this particular issue. He thinks he has every right to voice his opinion.

Mr. Bindert stated he's not saying Trustee Hayes doesn't have a right to voice his opinion but to go to press before Trustee Hayes gets the facts and to go into a department that you don't have any expertise in or background knowledge is a little bit immature.

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Trustee Hayes stated he wants to reiterate again, he has had all the facts that were necessary. He had the facts in black and white, just the same as any of the other Trustees did before he made the statements. All the facts were in. It wasn't a matter of immaturity. The board all got the same memo from the Water Department about the same facts. The facts are facts. 466,000 gallons of water were dumped without the prior authorization of the Village Board. He thinks if there's any member of the Village Board who wants to say publicly or refute that they knew that 366,000 gallons of water were going to be dumped, they should speak up now because it's his assumption that none of them knew that was going to take place.

Trustee Lowther stated she doesn't agree that none of the board knew. She knew we were going to lose some water. She had no conception how much we were going to lose. She thinks Trustee Hayes knew we were going to lose some water. Trustee Hayes' idea of minimal may be very different than her idea of minimal as may be very different from our Superintendent of Public Works definition of minimal. If anything, she feels this Board of Trustees is at fault for not finding out what minimal was. To publicly go after an employee of a department and try and make him look like a goat in this situation, she feels is not the way the board should be conducting ourselves. She does feel that we should go to department heads and she does feel that we should be going to the liaison to that department. She doesn't think going after individual employees, although not naming them in the paper but knowing that there is only one water and sewer person working for the Village of Williamsville, everyone who read the Buffalo News article knew that we were going after Don Dehn on this one. She is not very comfortable with that fact when, in fact, she feels the board neglected it's duty to find out what minimum was.

Trustee Kelly stated 60% is not minimum.

Trustee Lowther stated we should have known it was 60%. We didn't know that.

Trustee Kelly stated there was 833,000 gallons beforehand. 460,000 gallons of it was dumped on the ground.

Trustee Lowther stated we were content as a board to approve that unanimously with the idea it would be minimal usage.

Trustee Kelly stated that was the exact point. 60% is not minimal to him. When someone tells him minimal, he thinks 5-10%. He doesn't think 60%. He doesn't think anyone realizes that 60% is minimal. There was 833,000 gallons in there and he dumped 466,000 of it on the ground.

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Trustee Hayes stated there was certainly no intention to make anyone look like a goat. If anybody looks like a goat, he apologizes for that. That's not the intention. He doesn't think that was the result of the news article. He thinks what's incumbent upon us as Village Trustees, is to make sure that we fulfill our duty to the public by watching over what happens and when circumstances happen in our village of a magnitude of what happened over there, then he thinks the public has a right to know that. He thinks any effort to stifle that or to keep that out of the papers is infringing on the public's right to know.

Trustee Lowther stated she doesn't think anyone tried to stifle his right to use the press to his full ability. She doesn't think that's the question here. She thinks the question is that we didn't know what minimal was and it was our responsibility to find out. If we didn't do it, then shame on us.

Trustee Hayes stated his discussion with the Superintendent in which he indicated his displeasure that we were not informed about the decision to go ahead and it wasn't until Trustee Kaye sent a memo asking exactly how much water was used since this board assumed it was minimal. Once the reply came back from the Water/Sewer/Maintenance Department from Don Dehn spelling out exactly what it was, he called the Superintendent. Trustee Hayes asked him if he understood Trustee Hayes' frustration and disappointment that we weren't informed and Superintendent Laubisch agreed that he did. Trustee Hayes then asked him if in the future they would consider it their responsibility, as Trustee Hayes always has, to inform members of this board when changed circumstances occur and David Laubisch responded yes, that they would. That is what Trustee Hayes is primarily concerned about so that this incident doesn't happen again. It certainly won't happen again in terms of a water tank but it may help prevent something from happening in another area of our government in which we need to know what's going on, what our departments are doing.

Trustee Lowther stated she then considers it very interesting that a few people raised eyebrows at her this evening when she specifically asked for estimates on repairs to a fire engine before we spent \$230,000 to buy a brand new one and she could see a couple people raising their eyebrow at her like "oh, for heaven's sake". We're going through this because we have to be informed and we have to know these things and she thinks we need these comparisons. If we had that water comparison, we may have handled this water tank situation a lot differently.

Trustee Hayes stated we are complete agreement.

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Trustee Kaye stated since Trustee Hayes did comment on her memo of January 15 to Mayor Daniels, he is right, she did ask for the results of the tank testing in order to discuss it at a post work session, so we'd all know the number of gallons of water that went back into the system as well as what was dumped onto the ground and the amount of money attributed to it. It was her understanding that the majority of it was to go back into the system. She says majority of it rather than minor amount. She thinks it's important to reiterate the fact that when you say it was without prior notice or authorization from the board, there's a tendency, she thinks, for some of the public to misunderstand. They assume that the board had no knowledge that this was going to happen when, in fact, the board knew the water was going to be dumped out. We may not have understood exactly how much but she thinks it's important to convey that. After you have read this report by Don Dehn, the Water/Sewer/Maintenance man, it explains here specifically why that water could not go into the system. She doesn't think that Trustee Hayes' letter actually conveyed that to the press. It talks about dumped on to the ground without prior notice or authorization.

Trustee Hayes asked Trustee Kaye if she gave prior notice or authorization to the dumping? That's the specific question she is bringing up. He certainly didn't.

Trustee Kaye stated as a board member we authorized the DPW to drain the tank.

Trustee Hayes asked did she give prior authorization to dump the water?

Trustee Kaye stated we were never asked. As a board we gave authorization to get rid of the water.

Trustee Hayes stated it seems to him that Trustee Kaye is the one that is confusing the issue, not the media or the public. The issue is very simple and very straight forward.

Trustee Kaye stated yes, the board gave authorization to drain the tank down.

Trustee Hayes stated it's important enough to have asked the Superintendent to remedy it and he's convinced and satisfied that the Superintendent intends to do so.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans asked Trustee Kaye if any additional items will be included in the recycling program in the near future. She has friends that live in the Town of Amherst and she believes that they are allowed to put out bound magazines. Will our people be picking these up also?

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Trustee Kaye stated she had asked BFI, who does pickup our recyclables, back in November whether that was a possibility. She was told that it was a possibility and they were looking at it. The contract that we bid out with BFI did not include items now collected in Amherst at the time we bid it out. Just this past week Trustee Kaye, David Laubisch and Mayor Daniels had an opportunity to meet the representative of BFI to talk about what additional items might be included. Technically, our contract doesn't state the items which Amherst now picks up as Carolyn Schlifke identified as magazine and catalogs. Also, they collect mixed glass, which was something originally in our bid. The board at that time, based on recommendations from BFI that there was no market for mixed glass, chose clear glass only with the understanding from BFI, that when a market for mixed glass became available, the village would have that option. These items were covered in this past week. She would like to see the village have the ability to pick up other items. BFI has asked the board to visit their new Materials Recovery Facility and discuss those other items. She was told that in terms of magazines, BFI probably would not pick them up under our contract because it had not been part of our bid package. They are charging the Town of Amherst additional monies to pick up magazines because there presently is no market for that particular item. We are trying to have them pick up, particularly, mixed glass so she will keep Ms. Schlifke posted. Trustee Kaye thinks after we meet with BFI and tour their facility we will be able to better answer Mrs. Schlifke's question.

Carolyn Schlifke stated she would like to thank the members of the board for attending the Town Board public hearing a week ago. She appreciates the board's unanimous support. She would like to make one point clear and that is that even though the issue of that public hearing addressed Evans Street, Evans Street is not her only concern. Her concern is for all the roads in the Village of Williamsville. She's not the type of person or resident that only is concerned with where she lives. She is concerned with all the side streets that run off Evans Street. Unless this board takes a position that the Village of Williamsville has the right to sign any entrances into the village as a municipality, we cannot expect any cooperation from the Amherst Police. Ignorance of the law is probably the one thing most people hang their hat on. They say, "I don't know", "Nobody told me about it", "you haven't got it posted". In that manner, they are able to continue to do things that they shouldn't be doing. Therefore, she thinks it's the board's job to see to it that the village does whatever they possibly can to advise people whether it be cars, trucks or whoever that they are now entering into the Village of Williamsville and that the Village of Williamsville does have certain restrictions on it's road. Evans Street, fine, but you must also look at Essjay and you must look at Mill and any other entrances into the village. Essjay becomes a part of the village, a good distance from where it meets Evans Street and a lot of people are not aware of that.

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Once a vehicle reaches Evans Street, it goes up Evans and can go down any of the side streets. People can claim ignorance of the law because you're not letting them know that they are in a different municipality, and she thinks that that is probably one of the most important issues here. Whether we get the cooperation of the Town of Amherst or not, she thinks the board must do everything it possibly can to enforce what is a village law. She thinks the main way to do that is through signage.

Trustee Kaye said if she understands Ms. Schlifke correctly, what she is suggesting is that we, as the village, should post signs on each of the streets which serve as an entrance way to the village reminding drivers that there are certain weight restrictions.

Ms. Schlifke stated there are certain things that must be placed on the sign and she would suggest that the board look at the New York State Sign and Vehicle law. She's sure that book can give the board the information it needs. Vehicles, trucks and whatever that are in the Centerpointe Development must travel over those roads, even though the Superintendent of Highways in the town wants to keep the trucks off of them. Unless you know some way of picking them up off Evans and dumping them into the middle of Centerpointe, they are going to travel on town roads. As they come out of the Centerpointe Development, unless they go to Sheridan Drive, the road that goes up to the residential development, it then enters into the Village of Williamsville even though it is a town road. At that point, somewhere on the right of way, she would think that this municipality would have the right to put a sign stating that you are now entering into the Village of Williamsville. If Mr. Ciminelli can put a sign on Evans Street stating you are entering the Centerpointe Development, you should be able to do it on Evans. It's not just Evans Street. You have to ask for cooperation. But at least you are letting the people know, even if Evans Street continues to get the trucks, they now are in this municipality and as they go up the hill, beware, do not turn down Belmont, do not turn down Eagle. Those streets cannot take these trucks. She is not trying to be selfish. She's trying to look out for the betterment of the whole village.

Trustee Lowther stated last Monday night the vote was 2-5 to not support that resolution in the work session. She understands that hasn't changed as yet. She has been personally lobbying a couple of town board members feeling that if there were already two in favor, perhaps we could convince two more. Mrs. Schlifke might be interested in making a phone call to whoever she feels might be persuadable and making that request again personally.

Carolyn Schlifke stated from what she sees in the paper, she doesn't believe that we're going to get what we should get. We should be able to get something. If we can't get the cooperation of our neighbors, that's their problem. We should be able to protect part of the village.

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Trustee Lowther stated she thinks this board will do that, however, she thinks it would be inappropriate to do it before next Monday when the town makes it's decision as to whether or not to erect that sign up that has been requested.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, it was moved to go to Executive Session at 9:15 P.M. to discuss personnel matters.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Hayes, seconded by Trustee Kelly, it was moved to return from the Executive Session to the regular agenda at 10:45 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Clerk/Treasurer