

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, April 27, 1992 at 7:34 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 7:34 P.M.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees on the proposed 1992-1993 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Glen Park Fund and Debt Service Fund budgets held April 13, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees on the proposed 1992-1993 Sewer Rent Rates held April 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 on the proposed local law to amend Section #103-16 of the Vehicle and Traffic Code - also proposed, naming of the alleys - held April 13, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hayes, vouchers in the amount of \$66,252.33 covering 4/9/92-4/23/92 were approved:

payroll fund w/e 4/18/92	\$ 21,925.45
General fund	23,921.42
Water fund	3,158.28
Sewer fund	30.06
Glen Park fund	5,876.00
Risk Retention fund	3,814.00
Capital fund	2,268.00
Trust & Agency fund	5,258.52
Grand Total	\$ 66,252.33

Large Vouchers:

Grand Island Electric	\$2,268.00
Niagara Sanitation	6,614.75
Great Lakes Landscaping	5,850.00

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated his second resolution deals with the DPW renovation, which is now undergoing it's last phases. One of the final items needed is to install a fire protection system. Proposals were requested and bidders responded. The board would like to accept the low bidder at this time who meets all the bid specifications.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville has solicited proposals for the installation of a Fire Protection System at the DPW garage, and,

WHEREAS, Wittburn Enterprises Inc., 36 Cypress Street, Buffalo, New York, submitted the low bid meeting specifications,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the contract for the DPW Fire Protection System is hereby awarded to Wittburn Enterprises, Inc., for their low bid of \$3,200.00.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative General Fund budget for the 1992-1993 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon,

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508 (4) of the Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages stated in the Salary Schedule which may be amended based on contract negotiations, are hereby adopted as the General Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1992-1993 fiscal year.

Trustee Lowther commented that, as a taxpayer, she is delighted the village isn't having a tax increase this year. She thinks this board has worked very hard to hold down the General Fund and keep our taxes in check. However, she has some concerns that she did express during the work session that have, unfortunately, not been able to be addressed in this budget so she is not able to support it. One of the reasons is that there is no overtime other than a very minimal amount listed. The explanation given is that it is shown in other areas of the budget, rather than on the overtime line. She feels very strongly that it belongs on the overtime line. That's why the village has the overtime line and without it there, she can't support that area. Also, Trustee Lowther has talked with several municipalities in the area about the sales tax revenues that the village is anticipating and she has been unable to find anyone who is as optimistic as the village in that our sales tax revenues will increase this year. We're hopeful that they'll remain the same as they have been; however, she thinks the board is being overly optimistic at this point. Her third point regarding the budget is the zero salary increase for hourly employees this year. She realizes the village is going into contract negotiations with our DPW; however, the village does have other hourly employees beside the DPW employees. She thinks when the village employees have been here for a minimum of one year, the hourly employees deserve some kind of increment; however small. Based on those reasons, Trustee Lowther will be unable to support this.

Trustee Kelly stated that we've spoken about this many times in the different meetings that we've had and he has identified somewhere around \$50,000-\$60,000 unallocated dollars that are going to be spent in various salary lines. He asked how Trustee Lowther expects the board to put amounts in the budget when they haven't been negotiated as yet. He doesn't understand how she wants that addressed and how it fails to meet her needs.

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Trustee Lowther stated the union employees () earn hourly wages. When the village goes into negotiations, it goes into good faith negotiations and she thinks it's a given and it's understood that the village will make good faith negotiations. We're going into this budget, at this point, with every hourly employee understanding that there is a zero increase for this year. She thinks there should be a minimum set to be there. If we have unallocated funds, which she is aware the village does in other areas of the budget, then they belong on that line.

Trustee Kelly stated he has identified them all for public record and \$50,000 - \$60,000 would be quite a salary increase if it was all used for that. What does Trustee Lowther want done with the budget? Where does she want it shown? Is she willing to state right now, in public, what kind of raise she wants to give the employees? Trustee Kelly doesn't understand how Trustee Lowther wants it addressed.

Trustee Lowther stated no. She thinks there should be a minimal increment set by this board that hourly employees are entitled to. She thinks when you have loyal employees, who have worked for you for any length of time, they deserve some form of increase, whether it's a 2% or a 1%. They need to be acknowledged that they are valuable members of our community and of our village. She is not in favor of saying that there is no increase whatsoever to hourly employees.

Trustee Kelly asked where in the budget does it say no raises for employees? It says here in the resolution "salaries and wages stated in the Salary Schedule which may be amended based on contract negotiations". Trustee Kelly doesn't understand. Does Trustee Lowther want him to write in there on a line by line item for each employee a new salary when they haven't been negotiated and the board hasn't voted on anything yet?

Trustee Lowther stated no, but not all employees fall under the negotiations.

Trustee Kelly stated some may not fall into the union negotiations, but the board follows through with everyone when there are new raises negotiated. He's not going to, as a public official, indicate a 2%, 20% or whatever increase when it hasn't been negotiated yet.

Trustee Lowther stated fine, then Trustee Kelly can support this budget. That isn't the only reason she doesn't support it.

Trustee Kelly asked Clerk Cummins about the sales tax revenues and why it was raised.

Clerk Cummins stated the reason it was raised to the \$410,000 was she took all of the payments the village was receiving this year and projected it for next year based on this year's actual. She didn't compare it to last year's budget but to the actual cash that the village was receiving this year and that's the figure that was put into the budget.

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Trustee Kelly stated that's what Ms. Cummins had explained at the time of the budget hearings. We actually don't have a sales tax increase in this budget. We were under budget last year for that revenue line. Also, Trustee Kelly wants to make his point that you don't sit down and list "x" amount of dollars to be used for overtime. It just shouldn't be that way. If you list it, it's going to be spent. He thinks it's more important to have it in unallocated line items. He's very happy with this budget. Instead of just working on it in the last couple months, it's something that everyone worked hard on all year long and it's good to see that when you work hard and you have things come in under budget, that you can have a good balanced budget with no tax increase. Trustee Kelly heartily seconds Mayor Daniels' resolution.

Mayor Daniels stated just as a point of clarification, Trustee Lowther doesn't have a problem with the actual overall budget in regards to the amount that the board has allocated and appropriated, as much as where those figures appear.

Trustee Lowther stated she is very happy the board could collaborate as it did. The board met and spent a lot of hours, a lot of work and worked very hard to accomplish this budget. Her objections were stated from day one as to things which she had problems with and where they appeared on the budget. She thinks it is misleading. Trustee Lowther understands Trustee Kelly's comment that the money is in there, it's unallocated. If that's the case, then the board should eliminate a line that says overtime in the budget if we aren't going to put it on the line where it belongs. Trustee Lowther is not comfortable with unallocated at all.

Trustee Hayes commented he endorses this year's budget while he realizes putting together a budget not everyone gets what they individually want. Collectively, he thinks the board has put together an excellent budget here. It's a shame to see that there is one member of the minority who is absent in casting a vote tonight on this important issue and it's a shame that Trustee Lowther feels that because she didn't get everything she wanted in the budget negotiations that she, in a sense, would throw the baby out with the bath water and vote against this no tax increase budget. He is distressed that the board worked very hard to put together this kind of fiscally responsible budget and then have because of these 3 items, which seem to be perfectly addressed by the Clerk/Treasurer and our budget officer, that a vote would be cast against the budget. He thinks that's an irresponsible act. Trustee Hayes does support the budget and he does support the efforts of this majority to keep the village on fiscally responsible ground.

Roll Call:	Trustee Kelly	yes
	Trustee Lowther	no
	Trustee Hayes	yes
	Mayor Daniels	yes

Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative Water Fund budget for the 1992-1993 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon,

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508 (4) of the Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages stated in the Salary Schedule, which may be amended based on contract negotiations, are hereby adopted as the Water Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1992-1993 fiscal year.

Mayor Daniels stated here again it is to be noted that contract negotiations might alter the salary schedule.

Trustee Kelly stated he also noticed that the board has done the same thing with overtime and salary increases in this budget and there isn't any opposition to this budget. It's good to see that this has been passed.

Trustee Lowther stated she feels very strongly that in the Water Fund budget we have a very small salary compared to the General Fund. She thinks that the Water Fund, other than the deficit that village has run and the board has agreed to address this in the Fall when it sees an increase come through from the Erie County Water Authority, this is a viable budget. She is comfortable with this budget.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative Sewer Fund budget for the 1992-1993 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon,

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages stated in the Salary Schedule, which may be amended based on contract negotiations, are hereby adopted as the Sewer Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1992-1993 fiscal year.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative Glen Park Joint Activities budget for the 1992-1993 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon.

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages stated in the Salary Schedule, which may be amended based on contract negotiations, are hereby adopted as the Glen Park Joint Activities Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1992-1993 fiscal year.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative Debt Service Fund budget for the 1992-1993 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon.

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages stated in the Salary Schedule, which may be amended based on contract negotiations, are hereby adopted as the Debt Service Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1992-1993 fiscal year.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Sewer Rent rates for the 1992-1993 fiscal year are hereby set as follows:

\$1.08 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

\$.86 per 1,000 of total assessed valuation.

Mayor Daniels stated that that is the same as last year.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Hayes reported on the Parks Committee. The schedule for parks cleanup events is on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 A.M. - noon. We will be having a voluntary cleanup day at the Lehigh Memory Trail. On Saturday the 16th, from 9:00 A.M. - noon, we will have a voluntary cleanup day at Island and Garrison Park. We're encouraging all community groups, organizations, neighbors and villagers who want to participate to please call Village Hall so we can get some idea on how many people to expect.

Trustee Hayes stated the Parks Committee has been busy getting geared up for the warm weather and the park season that's coming up. It has had discussions about shelter fees and ball diamond schedules. The fees for the shelter use permits and for the ball diamonds are going to remain the same again this year as last year. There were some that felt it might be time to increase them, but having discussed that at a previous work session of the Village Board, it was not the feeling of the board to raise them at this time. Also, some new trees will be planted as a result of Savor the Flavor monies that were raised last year.

Trustee Hayes stated the official date for Savor the Flavor, this year, is Wednesday, August 19th. He's hoping that we're going to have a bigger and better event this year.

Trustee Hayes stated as liaison to the Fire Department, he offers his congratulations to the new slate of officers who were elected, James Zymanek, who was elected Chief; Anthony Schueckler, who was elected the First Assistant Chief and Thomas Meldrum, who was elected Second Assistant Chief. Trustee Hayes said that those of us who will be at the installation dinner on Saturday night will be very pleased to extend our congratulations to those 3 gentlemen and the other officers elected in the Hutchinson Hose Company.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville has advertised for sealed bids for 1992 Village Park Security, and

WHEREAS, Sentrex Security Systems, Inc., Niagara Falls, N.Y., submitted their low bid meeting specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the contract for 1992 Village Park Security is hereby awarded to Sentrex Security Systems, Inc., for their low bid of \$6.04 per hour.

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Trustee Hayes stated we're going to proceed with the resolution because the question of the radios was not addressed in the bid specifications. Therefore, we assume that all the companies that bid on the Park Security received the same information and that the bid includes the radios.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly reported the Home Occupation and Review Committee met and will probably be meeting at least one more time. There were some interesting proposals for minor changes in the law that might cure some of the problems that we've had. The Board of Appeals meets tomorrow night if anyone's interested in coming to that.

Trustee Kelly congratulated the new members of the Fire Company and publicly thanked Chief Olivieri for all the hard work that he's done. He's been terrific for every event the board has been involved in, whether it be the Youth Board or Old Home Days.

Trustee Lowther reported for Trustee Kaye tonight, who could not be here because she is ill. The Old Home Days Committee met last Thursday. Several complaints were made about the parade last year when the scouts marched last. As a result, scouts have been moved to the front of the parade so they won't have to wait in the parking lot for 2 or 2 1/2 hours.

Trustee Lowther reported Traffic and Safety will be meeting on May 21st at 7:30 P.M.

Trustee Lowther reported Glen Park will be having their annual park cleanup on Saturday, May 2nd. We will be using recyclable and reusable burlap bags for the first time. We will see how they work out and she will report further on that.

Trustee Lowther also reported we will be presenting our education pamphlet and our puppet show for children about feeding ducks. There's been a lot of information in the paper recently about the rat problem in Cheektowaga. Part of the reason for the rat problem in Cheektowaga is being blamed on people feeding ducks. Everyone knows we have a tremendous duck population in the village, most of it being in Island Park and in Glen Park. Some are up at McDonalds and some are down at Reist but the bulk of them are here in our parks. We've talked to people in the DEC who have estimated that the square footage of water that we have in Glen Park will safely habitat and house 6 ducks. If you've ever been down in Glen Park, you know we probably have about 600, minimum. They all find it a lovely place to be because everybody comes down with their bags of bread and corn and unfortunately, this does attract rats. There was one incident last summer where a woman did see a rat and Trustee Lowther was called to take care of it. We're going to be looking into that problem and we hope by educating the children as to what happens to the ducks and their habitat that they will not feed the ducks.

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Trustee Lowther stated the next meeting for Glen Park will be held in the park at 7:00 P.M. on May 5th at the Nature Building rather than at Town Hall. Anyone in the community who's interested is welcome to stop and join our meetings.

Trustee Lowther reported the Beautification Committee also met this past Saturday. We'll be planting the areas along Main Street before the Memorial Day Parade. We'll be specifically planting the largest area, which is the triangle at Main and Evans on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 A.M. The Mayor has volunteered to rototill the areas that we'll be planting before then. So we're hoping the rain does clear up and he'll be able to do that for the committee prior to it's planting.

Trustee Lowther stated her resolution deals with a transfer in the Glen Park budget from the equipment line, which was unused this year, to Capital Replacement. We have placed a lot of new large rocks around the ponds to help control the erosion and we knew we didn't have quite enough money in the Capital Replacements area to do it but we knew there were funds left in other areas. Glen Park does carry it's money forward from budget year to budget year. It doesn't go into the General Fund.

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

RESOLVED, that the following budget transfer is hereby made in the Glen Park Joint Activity Fund:

\$400.00 from 09-7000-7141-2000 Glen Park-Equipment
to 09-7000-7141-4164 Glen Park-Capital
Replacements

Unanimously carried.

Superintendent David Laubisch reported that starting May 12th, the DFW will be picking up trash throughout the Village of Williamsville. It will be on a regular schedule which is the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Laubisch also reminded residents that all material they put out to the curb to be picked up must be containerized.

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

Unanimously carried.

No one from the public spoke at public participation.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels seconded by Trustee Kelly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Clerk/Treasurer