

**Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, September 14, 1992 at 7:35 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*

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville at 7:35 P.M. on Monday, September 14, 1992 in the Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law entitled 1992 Retirement Incentive Program which would provide eligible Village of Williamsville employees with a retirement incentive program as authorized by Chapter 643 of the laws of 1992.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Lowther , the public hearing was opened at 7:35 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated this early retirement program was enacted by the state legislature to allow possible early retirement for qualified employees. One of our employees is eligible and we wanted to make the legislation possible for that person in the event that the early retirement was selected. Basically, the incentive benefit is an additional month of service credit for each year of service, the maximum credit being 36 months. Individuals must be over 55 years old. They must choose to retire within a time period of 30 but not more than 90 days of when the law is adopted and it cannot be extended to 1993.

There was no comment from the audience.

Trustee Lowther stated she is pleased to see the board has the ability to pass this incentive for this particular employee if she chooses to adopt it and at the same time save money in our court department. She thinks it is a win-win situation all the way around.

Mayor Daniels stated there will be a savings to be had because of the restructuring we are going through as well.

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Trustee Hayes thanked Administrator Cummins for her work in this area. He thinks this is another example of her proactive work as Village Administrator in trying to take a look at all of our departments in our village government and streamline costs wherever possible and make those recommendations to the village board.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kaye , the meeting was closed at 7:37 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:33 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kaye, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held August 24, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees on a proposed local law to amend Section 39 by Deleting Source separation held August 24, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees on a proposed local law to add Section 74 source separation and mandatory recycling held August 24, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees on a proposed local law to amend 103-16 of the Vehicle and Traffic Code to prohibit parking on the north side of Eagle Street from Evans Street to a point 60 feet west of Evans Street held August 24, 1992 were approved.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees on a proposed law to amend 103-16 of the Vehicle and Traffic Code to prohibit parking on the east side of Evans Street between Main Street and Eagle Street held August 24, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees on a proposed local law to amend 103-20(E) regarding visibility at intersections held August 24, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, it was moved at 7:33 P.M. to open a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled 1992 a Retirement Incentive Program, which would provide eligible Village of Williamsville employees with a retirement incentive program as authorized by Chapter 643 of the laws of 1992. (The public hearing was closed at 7:37 P.M.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated generally the summertime is a slow period for most municipalities where not much goes on and a lot of people take vacations. Not so in the Village of Williamsville, where we seem to increasingly add things to our summer agenda. We had so many activities going on, the last of which was with the Arts and Crafts fair this weekend. It was an immense success. The weather cooperated. Out on Main Street a lot of people positively commented on it. Thanks goes to Carolyn Schlifke, our Parks Chairperson, who did most of the bull work. Mayor Daniels got there at 7:45 A.M. and Carolyn was already there organizing the tents and had little tapes on the sidewalks with numbers for people to set up the booths. All and all it went very well. He thinks everyone was very pleased. The Business Association and the village sold a ton of pop and hot dogs.

Mayor Daniels stated we had the phone book collection throughout the village on Saturday. We took advantage of an offer from the town. Hal Collier was the organizer of an effort to remove phone books from the garbage, on the town level. He extended that offer to the village. There was an Eagle Scout, Paul Olzak, who was interested in doing this project for credit for his Eagle Scout badge and who worked very diligently. We collected over a thousand phone books this past weekend which will not be burned with the regular garbage but will be sent out to be recycled. It saves a little bit of money but it also adds to the recycling efforts that we're hoping to increase as time goes by. Unfortunately, there are two phone books. There's the talking book which most people received already and also the Nynex book. So we're going to have another collection probably in October and there are several more scouts that have expressed an interest in getting involved as well with volunteers. The interesting thing is that when we were collecting them we ran into all sorts of phone books. There were phone books from Utica.

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Mayor Daniels stated he thinks Councilman Collier has a good idea in that ultimately we should require the people who deliver the new phone books to take the old phone books and that takes it of our hands. People wouldn't get a new one unless they turn in the old ones unless there is some sort of a extenuating circumstance, Right now it does put a huge burden on the village because we can't recycle phone books in a normal way. BFI, for instance, won't accept those bound books.

Mayor Daniels stated BFI made an offer to the town to accept them for \$15.00 a ton. He thinks the village's contract with Occidental, if they were in the regular garbage and burned costs the village about \$43.00 a ton. So it's a cost avoidance. In this case, each phone book weighs about 6 pounds and we got over 1000 books so that's 6000 pounds so that's 3 tons. It costs us \$45.00 instead of \$125.00.

Trustee Kaye stated last year she and Mr. Laubisch had looked into trying to remove those books and it cost more than the \$43.00 a ton. When she spoke to Len Fiegl this year, the refuse coordinator in the Town of Amherst. He told her that there was going to be an additional charge on top of that \$15.00 depending on how much Nynex kicked in or if they didn't kick in for transportation. She wondered if Mayor Daniels knew how much that would be.

Mayor Daniels stated this is a deal with BFI. Nynex is not involved. BFI is now going to try and turn around and market those phone books on their own. The article he read sounded like BFI was not only going to collect them but try to make a profit some place in recycling those.

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Mayor Daniels stated the village will be billed for the \$15.00 a ton minus the ones the village took to Tops. Tops, through CID, is accepting phonebooks for nothing. You can just take your phone book and drop it in a slot at Tops and for the first 300 - 400 copies we did just that but you can only put one phone book in at a time. The first 50 copies took about a half an hour to put in the slots so the rest of them went to the town.

Mayor Daniels stated the Hutchinson Hose Inspection and dinner took place last Saturday evening, which several of us attended. The equipment looks great. The volunteers all showed up. Mayor Daniels thanked them again for their service to the community every day of their lives. Volunteers are very important in the village and they are the supreme volunteers.

Mayor Daniels stated the water tower has been a problem for many years as far as a cosmetic look with all the graffiti on it. Through an interesting set of circumstances the village was able to get a scene painted on it by a local artist.

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Mayor Daniels stated the next two resolutions deal with several training schools that our DPW will be attending. One is a Cornell Local Roads Program which is very good and always gives us some time, money and labor saving ideas for our roads program.

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

RESOLVED that David Laubisch, John Anstett, and Paul McMenamain are hereby authorized to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program on "Upgrading Your Roads" in Wyoming County on September 23, 1992, and the cost, not to exceed \$100.00 to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that David Laubisch and John Anstett, are hereby authorized to attend the 1992 Public Works School in Alexander Bay, New York, October 19-22, 1992, and the cost, not to exceed \$450.00 each to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated he has received a communication from Erie County Water Authority. We suspected since last year that the rates would go up again. They've gone up. This will be the third year in a row. They went up 7% the first year, 8% the second year and now they are asking for a 14% increase and on top of that there are some other stipulations, one of which is called the summer usage fee. If your summer water consumption is 120% of your winter consumption, they will bill you an additional 51 cents per thousand gallons consumed for all usage over 120%. Mayor Daniels thinks there are a lot of problems with this increase. He knows that we are not the only community to become upset when we heard of these seemingly incredible jumps in our water rate. It's unfortunate we have no options about where to go for our water other than digging our own wells. We're at the mercy of this Commission. This especially seems like an unfair change in that people who might be retired and live in Florida during the winter months, then come home and turn on their taps during the summer months, there's no way they are not going have 20% more usage than in the winter. They are going to be hit with a 51 cents a thousand gallon usage on top of what's going to be coming close to a \$3.00 a thousand gallon rate. It's getting ridiculous. This proposed rate increase calls for a public hearing to be held. Erie County Water will be raising the rates by October 15th so we will have to raise our rates in time. Last year we learned about it too late and couldn't adjust our rates in time and ended up losing some income because we owed Erie County more than we were getting in revenue.

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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 by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville at 7:35 P.M. on September 29, 1992 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed water rate increase.

Trustee Hayes commented that he is in support of the public hearing but would like to point out that it is important for as many citizens as possible to come forward at the public hearing and let their views be known on this topic of the rate hike. Yes, it's true that we may have no other recourse to get our water but we do have recourse in terms of letting higher elected officials know of our displeasure with the actions that have been taken on a yearly basis by the Erie County Water Authority. After the public hearing, Trustee Hayes will again sponsor a resolution and ask that the members of this board support a resolution directed to Governor Cuomo and to our legislators in the State of New York, the State Assembly and the State Senate, asking them to enact legislation to abolish the Erie County Water Authority and replace it with a Board of Users made up of members, municipal officers, from the main towns and villages in the county who use the water that comes into this area. This is an antiquated law that has been on the books since the early to mid 1800's that established the Authority. It's clear that the Authority is more interested in patronage jobs and wasting the tax payers money than it is in holding the water rates to what they should be and it's only with the support of the public coming out to a public hearing and making a strong statement about these that we can ever hope to control increases in the future.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated his 6th resolution deals with retaining a firm to provide financial advisory services to the village during the sale and issuance of serial bonds for the capital projects. AT present we have BAN's which amount to about 1.5 million which we will be converting to Serial Bonds. We have received some quotes and are accepting Public Finance Associates Inc. by this resolution.

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

RESOLVED that the firm of Public Finance Associates Inc., is hereby appointed to serve as financial advisor to the Village of Williamsville and to provide financial advisory services during the proposed sale and issuance of serial bonds for capital projects at a cost of \$6950.00 including all out of pocket expenses as per their proposal of September 7, 1992.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Hayes thanked to the Parks Committee and to their chairman, Carolyn Schlifke, for all the hard work and dedication they exhibited in making the Second Annual Craft Show a tremendous success. We heard all kind of positive feedback from both the crafters and the participants who walked along Main Street and purchased some of the crafter's wares, patronized our village businesses. He thinks it was an excellent example of cooperation between the Business Association, the business community and our volunteer Parks Committee members. All the monies that were raised, with the exception of the hot dog sale, will be going to the improvement of our village parks. Trustee Hayes again thanked all the Parks Committee members and Carolyn Schlifke for all that they did to make that a tremendous success.

Trustee Hayes added his congratulations to the men of the Hutchinson Hose Company, the Williamsville Fire Dept for an outstanding inspection again this year. It was his privilege again to stand inspection before the Village Board of Fire Commissioners. Both as the liaison to the Fire Department and as an active member of the fire company he takes great pride in serving as a member of this fine organization and they were first rate in his opinion on Saturday night for their inspection. Trustee Hayes thanked them for all of their efforts, as the Mayor indicated, on a daily basis in protecting lives and property in the Village of Williamsville.

Trustee Hayes reported on the senior citizens luncheon this afternoon. There were about 35 people in attendance. It was a pleasure to see them gathered as they often do on a tri-monthly basis for their luncheons to share information and exchange an afternoon of fellowship. It was good to be with them.

Trustee Hayes reported on his continuing work as the village representative to the Town of Amherst Traffic Task Force this group had commissioned a traffic study for the southeast sector of our town and village. It is now coming to a conclusion and we have a meeting scheduled in the next 2 weeks over at Town Hall to receive the final report from the traffic consultant. We will then be proceeding with haste to getting to the state and to the county to get some relief for the traffic situation that exists in that sector. There was an article 2 weeks ago in the Metro Community News, a column by Supervisor Ward who was calling for village and town cooperation on the whole issue of traffic in southeast Amherst. Trustee Hayes believes that was followed up with a letter to Mayor Daniels suggesting that the village and the town get together on the traffic issue. He read it and at first thought it was a tongue and cheek remark that was offered by the supervisor seeing how he was the main obstruction to the creation of the Task Force when it was first suggested by Councilman Jane Woodward several months ago. The Traffic Task Force has done a tremendous job in bringing together representatives of various levels of government from the state level, the town, the county and the village, in addition to a representative of the Homeowners Association from the Williamsville southeast sector. It appears that the supervisor seeing all this good work is a "Johnny come lately" to this issue and has now gotten on the bandwagon. Be that as it may, it's good to have him aboard and good to know that he is supporting the work that we are now doing. Trustee Hayes looks forward to reporting to the public on the results of that traffic study and then where we are going to go with the county in terms of getting improvement to the roads in that area.

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Trustee Kaye reported this Thursday evening will be the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting and it will be the first that we had since the summer began. If anyone has any concerns or any interests, please come and share them with us. On our agenda on Thursday evening, we'll be discussing some traffic problems and resident's concerns on Los Robles. Also, an item that we'll be dealing with the town on is the Old Home Days situation. We had a public forum a few weeks ago to discuss Old Home Days and we're still working on that. She has received communication from the town that they are looking at some dates and we'll be meeting again with the town to discuss where we will go with Old Home Days and address some of the concerns and questions that were brought up.

Trustee Kaye stated her resolution is to adopt a local law which was one of the public hearings held last meeting. It deals with and no parking on the north side of Eagle Street 65' west of Evans Street. It may say 60' on your agenda but we changed that to 65' as 60' brings us to the edge of the driveway which poses a problem. There is a tree right there in the way so we have amended that to 65'.

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

RESOLVED that Local Law #6-1992 Amending Section 103-16 of the Vehicle and Traffic Code which will prohibit parking on the north side of Eagle street between Evans street and a point 65 feet west of Evans Street and which was the subject of a public hearing on August 24, 1992, is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye reported that regarding our recycling and source separation, which was the subject of a public hearing at the last meeting, we will be meeting this Thursday to discuss some additional items. One of the questions that was brought forward during that public hearing dealt with penalties and with placing penalties on people who put recyclables into the mainstream versus people who don't put recyclables out on a consistent basis. We are looking at that and rather than bringing that local law forward we want to have it solidified, so we will be looking at adopting that of the new law at our next meeting.

Trustee Kelly stated he is pulling his resolution that has to do with visibility at intersections. He is going to be discussing it further with the Village Attorney to make sure that the proper distance is inserted in the local law.

Trustee Kelly reported that Richard Delo has informed the board that he is going to be departing shortly as our Building Inspector so we'll be commencing a search for a new inspector shortly. During the past year as the liaison to the Building Department, Trustee Kelly has been reviewing

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our needs in the department and at this point in time, it appears that a full-time Building Inspector may be of better service to the village than a part-time Building Inspector. We're going to look into the costs and that will be a key factor in determining who the new Building Inspector will be. If it's a full-time job it will also have to be a civil service position, so we will be looking into that. Trustee Kelly would be happy to hear from any resident who has some input on the Building Department.

Trustee Kelly reported also, as liaison to the court system, he's happy to see that the computer system is up and running. He's had some discussions recently with the judge and with the prosecutor and, in light of the new system, we're going to attempt to streamline the court system. We'll report it further as this progresses. What is interesting to him is that the court clerks believe that the number of cases coming before the Village Judge has been steadily increasing at a very high rate and we're going to see if there is some way to make some scheduling changes to better utilize our staff.

Trustee Kelly reported that the Planning Board, will be meeting this Thursday and will start our busy Fall agenda at that point in time.

Trustee Kelly stated the next village board meeting will be on the 29th of September, not the 28th because of the Jewish holidays.

Trustee Lowther reported the Environmental Committee will be meeting this Thursday in the Activity Room rather than the last Thursday of the month due to a schedule conflict.

Trustee Lowther reported the Glen Park Joint Board Committee will be meeting in Town Hall on October 6th at 7:30 P.M.

Trustee Lowther stated she would like to add her congratulations on the outcome of the Arts and Crafts Fair. She thinks it was exceptionally well attended. The weather was outstanding and every comment she had from the public was extremely positive. They really like having it on Main Street, even people who had expressed reservations about it being moved from Island Park due to the new grass. She is very pleased that it was as successful as it was. Even the crafters seemed to like it. The only other item that she did hear was that people would have really like to have Main Street closed and she knows it is a state highway; however, it would be wonderful to have a 4-5 hour pedestrian mall type of affair and she'd like to see if we could work towards overcoming any obstacles because she thinks it would be a very positive experiment for the village to try.

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

RESOLVED that Richard J. Langenfeld, 394 Cadman Drive, is hereby appointed to the Environmental Advisory Council until the end of the 1992-1993 official Village year.

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Trustee Kelly asked how many vacancies are on the committee.

Trustee Lowther stated this is the only vacancy and we are replacing a student who had gone back to college and is no longer available.

Mayor Daniels stated there is a stipulation in the original charter to always have a student as a representative. He thinks that is a good idea. He doesn't know how it worked with the person who is leaving the committee but he does think that is something we should continue to hope for.

Trustee Lowther stated she would certainly work towards that end. Marilyn was the first student we ever had in the 5 years she has been involved. Generally, what happens when the students take the Government Studies course they become interested in some of the things that we do with citizen advisory groups. By the time they get involved and they get onto the committee, it's time for them to go to college. They generally are going to college out of town so that becomes a little bit of a problem in trying to get a permanent student in our committee but we will certainly work towards that avenue and see if we can get some more students becoming members.

Unanimously carried.

Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch, reported that the DPW has completed about 95% of our paving program has paved N. Long Street, S. Ellicott Street, Wellington Court, Park Drive and Willowbrook. There's still some remedial around the intersections, etc, that has to be done.

Mr. Laubisch also reported that we cut the grass in Island Park for the first time since it was reseeded and it seems to be fairing very well. We'll also be doing some more remedial work in Island Park in the very near future so that it will be in good shape for next Spring.

Mayor Daniels stated he took a walk back there on Sunday, it looks incredible. It's so lush and green.

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

Unanimously carried.

Karen Klem, 102 Farber Lane, brought up a couple problems on her street. She had been in contact with Mr. Laubisch a few times and he suggested that she write to the board or come to a meeting. Mr. Laubisch is probably somewhat familiar with it but one problem we have on the street seems to be a water problem where the street drains into the resident's driveways. Even a moderate rainfall appears to pose a problem as far as the driveways filling up with a substantial amount of water.

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Mr. Laubisch said one of the problems is that there is no storm sewers on the street. There appears to be a drill hole in the driveway next to her. She doesn't know how long ago it was put there since she's only lived on the street about 3 or 4 years. She assumes it was there to try to alleviate some of this water problem. Her house and the house next door seem to be the worst on the street but the street does have a problem the whole way down. It causes quite a bit of erosion along the sides of the street and we've tried to build up the dirt and reseed grass but with any kind of rainfall it just becomes washed away. She noticed that the roots of some trees are being exposed because of this erosion. Needless to say, it's quite a mess in the driveways. On a good rainfall, whenever they have company, it's almost impossible for people to park on the street and come in without wading through a couple inches of water. She doesn't know if this is something that could be possibly be looked at and resolved. She presented the board with some photographs of the problem that were taken during a moderate rainfall. If it's anything heavy, we start to worry how far up it is going to come to our garage. It also is quite unsightly. It causes quite a mud situation along the side of the road. Especially in the Fall with people parking along the side of the road for the football games across the street, it gets quite dug up and with the amount of work that residents put in the yard, it seems to just disintegrate in just a very short period of time. Also, there are a number of houses on her street that do not have the pavement from the end of the driveway to the roadway. She understood that to be something that the village would put in, an apron, but there are a number of houses on the street that do not have one. She's wondering if there could be some action on this. It would not help the water situation but it might help the erosion or bringing the mud and the gravel up into the driveway every time we come in.

Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch, stated he had discussed this with Ms. Klem on numerous occasions. There is no storm sewer on Farber Lane. The real solution to this problem would be the installation of a storm sewer so that the storm water has some place to run off. There is no place for it to go and this summer the problem was especially noticeable because of the heavy amount of rain we had. The ground was so saturated that any rainfall caused the ponding that is evident from the pictures.

Ms. Klem stated we had a very dry summer last year and we had the same problem.

Mr. Laubisch stated she will always have that problem because there is no storm sewer there for the water to run into. This summer was even worse because the ground was totally saturated and any rainfall at all created even a worse situation. She is going to have ponding there because there is no storm sewer.

Ms. Klem stated the drill holes were installed probably a number of years ago. She couldn't imagine them putting drill holes in if they weren't going to alleviate a problem somewhat. Is there any chance if the storm sewer is not possible, that another one drill hole could be put in? Possibly 2 or 3 down the street could help the problem.

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Mr. Laubisch stated a drill hole is simply a hole that is drilled into the rock. With all the springs that we have in the Village of Williamsville, we may create more problems than we solve. Especially in that area there were numerous artesian wells. We may drill down into the rock and hit an underground spring and cause more problems than would be resolved. He is not a proponent of drill holes. The real answer is a storm sewer.

Mr. Henry Hipp , 79 Monroe, stated he has looked at that drill hole and it is a lot higher than the artesian wells down at the road. He is sure that when that drill hole was put in there, it drained water.

Mayor Daniels asked if it was functioning now.

Ms. Klem stated her father went and lifted the drain up and there was a lot of good topsoil in it. With the amount of trees on Farber Lane, the leaves, the whirlybirds, twigs and anything that gets washed in there, she assumes that it would fill up with debris very quickly.

Mayor Daniels asked it's not clear now though, even though she did a lot?

Mr. Hipp stated there is a lateral, there is a concrete sump there. There is a steel grate over it. There's a lateral that goes off the top. The water comes in, the dirt settles and the clear water goes off down the drill hole. He can't look in there so he doesn't know where that lateral goes, but he assumes that that lateral goes over the drill hole and then down the hole.

Mayor Daniels stated we'll see how that drill hole is functioning. If it's not because it is plugged in some way, maybe we could alleviate some of the problem by clearing it.

Trustee Lowther asked if the village owns this hole.

Mayor Daniels asked if it was on the right of way.

Mr. Laubisch stated it's in the right of way.

Mayor Daniels stated then it is ours

Mr. Hipp stated the problem is caused by the fact that when the 2"-3" of asphalt for a new road was in, they never put the apron in so when the car pulls in, it drops off about 3" from the street and then it picks up at the driveway. What the DPW did at his house was to put an apron in but they never did that on Farber.

Mayor Daniels stated the board will do some research on the problem. He is curious about the drill hole and if it is functioning. If it is not functioning now, is it because it is plugged or what's the reason behind that? If it can be cleared, then clear it. Because it is on the escarpment, it really drops off quite a bit.

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There may be a good chance that there are no springs because it would all fall in the escarpment anyway. It may be something that ultimately a hydrogeologist would have to answer. We can check that drill hole and see what's wrong there and get back to Mr. Hipp. Mr. Laubisch and he will look into it and Mayor Daniels will make sure that he gets back to Mr. Hipp.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street stated approximately 3 weeks ago a banner went up over Main Street. She is just curious as to when someone is going to come and take down that tattered banner. It doesn't look very nice. Ms. Schlifke stated it's a disgrace that it has been left up this long.

Mayor Daniels stated he thinks the town normally puts them up. It didn't look good the day after it was put up.

Ms. Schlifke asked how much did it cost to paint trees on the water tower.

Mayor Daniels stated Mr. Ciminelli gave the artist \$1,000.

Ms. Schlifke stated she hopes that he has success and that graffiti doesn't appear on the leaves but that is something the village has been living with for many years. She did drive by and it looks very nice and she just hopes that it stays that way.

Ms. Schlifke wondered if Trustee Kelly could give her a progress report on the mountain of dirt on Evans Street. It changes daily. We now have a great big hole which her husband had to walk across the street to look in it to see what was there and he said it looks like a storm receiver. She also sees that a sidewalk or a partial sidewalk is being put in. She questions why anybody would put concrete in before the work is finished because the next time a dump truck goes over it we're going to have a broken sidewalk but she guesses that is someone else's problem, not hers. She is more curious as to where the hill is going, when it going to be finished and how much longer it is going to take and what it's going to look like when it is finished.

Trustee Kelly stated the village code requires the sidewalks. We are making them put it on both the front and the back of the property.

Trustee Lowther stated it doesn't look like he's ready to pour sidewalks where the trucks are driving over yet. The forms are up and dug out.

Ms. Schlifke stated the gravel is in and the forms are in. As of today, they were working there again almost as if tomorrow the concrete truck is going to arrive. She doesn't know whether it will or not.

Trustee Lowther stated it is going to take some heavy duty equipment to landscape that.

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Trustee Kelly stated we're requiring that the earth and berm be completely landscaped before any certificate of occupancy is issued. He knows that she said before that she would like to berm not be there but we don't have any law presently that prevents it. Hopefully, we're going to have something to prevent them in the future. Part of his problem is how high does it have to be before it is considered a berm. He doesn't want to see a situation where people aren't allowed to have planting beds and landscaping in their front yards. Something will be done on the change in the law shortly. The certificate of occupancy will not be issued until it is fully landscaped and all the other required work is done, one being proper sidewalks.

Ms. Schlifke asked if he is going to be able to bury this receiver. It's down below the height of the dirt.

Trustee Kelly stated if it's our receiver, it's his understanding that there has to be access to it at the level of the grass and that's one of the things we'll make sure of before a certificate of occupancy is issued.

Maryanne Avery, 64 Garrison Road, stated she would like to correct the impression that Trustee Hayes made in regard to the Supervisor on the traffic situation on Main Street. She remembers that one of his platforms in 1987 was Main Street traffic and how awful it was. At least the supervisor is being consistent. She understands they are planning to widen Main Street to 5 lanes from Garrison but she doesn't understand what there going to do with the bridge. They're not going to widen the bridge, are they? We're still going to have it squeezed in the middle. What is the point of widening it to 5 lanes if it still going to be squeezed there?

Mayor Daniels stated his understanding of what they are trying to do is eliminate the bottleneck near the high school where it converges into just 2 lanes. The real concern was at the high school area where everyone has to merge into 2 lanes going out towards Youngs. That's the part that is going to get the major widening.

Ms. Avery asked if Mayor Daniels has talked to them directly.

Mayor Daniels stated this came across his desk maybe 6 months ago. He will look into it again just to find out.

Ms. Avery stated it makes her nervous because of the Main Street trees. She doesn't know what they would do with the White House. It would be right in there dining room. The request that the former mayor made and the village agreed was fine, was to widen it outside the village. When Ms. Avery wrote the Design Architect, he said they were going to start at Garrison.

Trustee Kaye stated that was her understanding as well.

Mayor Daniels stated he understands that the right of way for Main Street is very wide. He will find out exactly what the story is by the next meeting.

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Ms. Avery also wondered what the alternative plan is for moving the traffic around the village. Is it to use Aero?

Mayor Daniels stated there are two things he would like to see done. Number one is he would like a different thruway exit onto Youngs Road. He would also like to see improvements to Aero Drive so that you could access Youngs Road that way rather than going down Wehrle. Unfortunately, that's a Cheektowaga town road even though some of it is in the Village of Williamsville. The improvement would have to be done by the Town of Cheektowaga. The incentive for them to improve a road they could care less about is probably nill. We need to push for improvements, if not funded by Town of Cheektowaga then by some state granting so that we can improve Aero Drive so that that can be a four lane road. It would access all of the industrial area off Wehrle to the east of Youngs Road and also Youngs Road itself and the improvements to the Youngs Road intersections all the way to the north and south as it progresses. We need to take a lot of traffic off Main Street and one of the ways to do that is a different thruway exit and then a moving of the toll barrier would complete that package.

Ms. Schlifke stated they got the raw traffic data out and she can't remember whether it's 23,000 or 26,000 that must go around the corner at the Wehrle/Garrison turn and they say sometimes that there's more than 100 cars making left turns in an hour. They should have a signal. It's kind of clear that they should have had a signal a long time ago, just by their own standards. Now there is going to be more. It is that intersection in the village, isn't it? The light at the end of her street more or less, is that in the village?

Mayor Daniels stated Wehrle Drive is half in the village and half in the town. It's a county intersection.

Ms. Avery stated they have to approve the design, they don't do the design work and they won't pay for it and they won't maintain it but you have to convince them that it is necessary. That, she gathers, is part of Ms. Woodward's study. Her study has nothing to do with Main Street. It starts outside the village. It does appear that they are going to have to do something with that with Ingram, Tops and all the others that are going to come off Spindrift. She just wondered maybe the village ought to say something to somebody, although she doesn't know who you say it to unless it is the town.

Mayor Daniels stated we're hoping that the report from the Task Force will be forthcoming very soon in the next week or two. This was his understanding. That's what we'd like to build on in order to then incorporate Main Street and Youngs Road, that whole southeast corridor.

Ms. Avery stated she read the northeast Amherst plan twice and they envision Youngs Road, which then becomes New Road or will when they are connected, as one of the minor arterial which will connect Cheektowaga with Niagara County. A minor arterial is classified as a four-lane road.

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It kind of stunned her because she wasn't aware that they would ever get any approval from the Buffalo Country Club to put 4 lanes through there and yet that is what the town apparently has on their mind. Does Mayor Daniels know anything about it?

Mayor Daniels stated he really doesn't. He thinks we need to put some kind of tunnel underneath there for the golf carts. It's dangerous now for those golf carts. That stretch has a very great accident rate, both the Main Street and the Sheridan intersections.

Trustee Lowther asked Ms. Avery if she still was a member of the Traffic Task Force.

Ms. Avery stated yes, she wouldn't think of getting off it at this point.

Mayor Daniels stated he hopes we'll have more to add to our knowledge as soon as this report is available.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans stated something that she thinks is a very serious situation here in the Village of Williamsville is that when the state did the work on the bridge, it is unbelievable that they would allow that to open up with the type of railing that they have put up there. It has 2 pipes. A small child could go just right through it with no effort whatsoever. She thinks it is horrendous.

Mayor Daniels stated he hasn't looked at it. If it looks like a public hazard, he will instruct Mr. Laubisch to close the bridge to pedestrian traffic until the State comes back.

Ms. Schlifke stated it opened up before Sunday because it helped the Arts and Crafts Show and when she saw what it was, she was in shock. On the other side there are upright bars but this one is open. You could just fall right in.

Mayor Daniels stated we will take care of that first thing in the morning. We could at least put some of that snow fencing there temporarily and then get the state back here to do it right.

Mr. Laubisch stated it should have not have been left the way it is.

Trustee Lowther reminded everyone that tomorrow is the primary. If you're registered in the proper parties to vote, please vote.

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

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hayes it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer