

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, December 14, 1992 at 7:42.M.

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

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

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing being held December 14, 1992 by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville at 7:30 P.M. in the Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would delete the current Section 39 - Garbage, Rubbish & Refuse and adopt a new Section 39 - Garbage, Rubbish and Trash.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hayes, the hearing was opened at 7:42 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye stated this proposed change in the code is primarily the result from separating the recycling from the garbage, rubbish and trash. Earlier this year we adopted a separate chapter in our code for recyclables which was originally part of this chapter. In reviewing Chapter 39 for Garbage, Rubbish and Trash, we are looking at adding some definitions that are missing. We are adding a section which is now mandated by the state about freon. If residents are putting out something with freon such as a refrigerator, air conditioner, according to the state mandate it's now necessary to have that freon removed before the village does pick it up. We also added a section on hazardous waste which again has to do with mandates the state has imposed. The other area is addressed maintenance of property. We are tightening up that section of the code to make sure a person's area is clean of accumulation and that property is well maintained in the village. Those are the primary changes in Chapter 39.

There was no comment from the audience.

Trustee Kelly stated he has a concern about items containing freon and thinks the board ought to study that a little bit longer before it passes any laws on it. He has had some discussions with the Superintendent of Public Works and other people have mentioned that maybe the village should not be in the business of picking up any item that would contain freon rather than just having them comply with the state regulations. His concern about the way the leaf section is that it seems to imply that there can only be circular piles of leaves and that you can't stretch them across the front of your property.

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He thinks most people do that. Also, the code talks about ash residue. He understands that it must be cool but he knows that some other municipalities have a regulation stating that the ash residue such as from fire places, must be packaged separately. That might be something that we should do rather than just stating it should be cool. He thinks before the board passes this law, they should look at it in great detail and make sure we have everything in here. He thinks it is much more comprehensive than what we had before but he's not so sure it's in its final form at this point in time.

Trustee Kaye stated in terms of the ash residue she believes we picked that up verbatim from the current code and the same applies to the leaf pile. On the freon, Superintendent Laubisch and herself have had many discussions about it and what should we do about it and how should we address it. We thought this language was the easiest way to address freon at this point. Trustee Kaye thinks we do need to have a discussion about it. She knows the town is trying to make a decision right now on how to handle their freon and they are looking at purchasing a large piece of equipment for freon removal but they have not reached a determination as to whether they will be charging residents for the removal or if they will pick it up without any additional cost. Right now, per her discussion with Superintendent Laubisch, if someone has a piece of white goods that has freon they can call the DPW and they would be given instructions. Right now, you need to hire an independent person to come and pump the freon out before the village will come to pick it up.

Trustee Kelly stated the code states the Superintendent and Code Enforcement Officials will enforce it but there are no penalties listed. Did it not get put in?

Trustee Kaye stated it was not put in. We did put penalties in on the recycling section of the code.

Trustee Kelly stated he thinks we should have them in there.

Trustee Lowther asked if now you have a refrigerator or an air conditioner, since we don't have our normally scheduled trash pickups twice a month, we just call the DPW and someone will instruct the resident what to do? She is sure as Trustees, we will get some calls on this. Trustee Lowther wants to make sure what the procedure is.

Superintendent Laubisch stated as of the first of the year we are going to inform the residents that they must have the freon removed from the unit before the village can handle it.

Trustee Lowther asked what if one is out at the curb tomorrow?

Superintendent Laubisch stated the place that accepts them right now will handle that for us until the first of the year. They have the facilities and the capabilities. It is a costly proposition and something that has to be addressed

Trustee Lowther stated she thinks he was talking about \$30.00 a unit.

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Superintendent Laubisch stated he believes it is about \$25.00 to \$30.00 a unit. Once its been evacuated there is a tag that goes on it stating that freon has been evacuated from the unit.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Hayes, it was moved to close the hearing at 7 :49 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: 41 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hayes, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held November 23, 1992 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kelly, seconded by Trustee Hayes, it was moved at 7:42 P.M. to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would delete the current Section 39 - Garbage, Rubbish & Refuse and adopt a new Section 39 - Garbage, Rubbish and Trash. (The public hearing was closed at 7:49 P.M.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated the seniors luncheon for Christmas was today. Trustee Hayes and himself attended and had a very good time with the Evergreen Seniors at St. Pauls Lutheran Church. It was good to see them all again. We do want to promote as much the involvement by the village seniors as possible since twenty percent of the village residents are seniors. We do have a very good viable program here in the village. We like to have them come here and enjoy all the services that we do provide. We have exercise classes in this room on a weekly basis, card playing across the hall. They take trips everywhere in the country and have a good time. He thinks Atlantic City is the next one. If any students here have grandparents that live in the village they should encourage them to contact the village to find out more about our seniors program.

Mayor Daniels stated he received a holiday enviro shopping guide in the mail which outlines what you can do to be environmentally aware during the holiday season. Some of the things that are highlighted are the way you would wrap Christmas presents. They recommend using the Sunday funnies for that purpose, which is already 20% recycled paper and then you can recycle it again. Wegmans has the shopping bags which state that you should use them to wrap your holiday gifts and he personally intends to do that. He thinks he can afford one or two more gifts because he is getting the bags anyway.

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Those were 2 of the recommendations that were in this bulletin. They also talk about the great number of batteries that we go through with the number of toys that are purchased and recommend using rechargeable batteries rather than the disposable type. Rechargeable batteries create only 16 grams of toxic cadmium and costs \$26.00 including your recharger. The costs and pollution of the same amount of power of output in disposables creates 24,100 grams of solid waste and costs \$650.00. There is quite a big difference there. Rechargeable batteries are definitely the way to go at this point in time.

Mayor Daniels reported we have had a long standing drainage problem at the corner of Wellington Court and Cayuga. About 6 months ago the village put in a drain tile that went around the corner and into a drain on Wellington. It seemed to be working fine. We still received calls from the gentleman living there saying that it wasn't working and his yard was flooding. Thanks to his persistence we went back about a week ago and excavated the line and sure enough a truck or some heavy object had gone around the corner and crushed the line that the village had just recently put in. That line has now been repaired and hopefully we will have solved the problem.

Mayor Daniels stated North Long Street had a rather severe water leak December 3rd. The water was pouring down from near Main Street and it looked like a considerable amount of water loss. Because we are on bedrock, many leaks in our system can go right into the bedrock and never surface. Even though we have listening devices that detect water leaks by the amount of noise in the pipe, because they never surface they are very difficult to spot. This particular leak happened to come up to the surface because its clay underneath the piping and the water immediately rose to the surface being very obvious to the residents who let us know at Village Hall and the DPW that there was a serious problem. By the time we located it, it was too late in that particular day to fix it. The DPW throttled down the amount of water flow in that line and we retained Marwal Construction to repair the leak the following day. We lost about 113,000 gallons of water in that leak and it was repaired as quickly as we could fix it.

Mayor Daniels stated the Ellicott Creek Improvement Project was a project started by Senator John Sheffer to monitor Ellicott Creek. He had funding from the state level and did water testing, tested for temperature and dissolved oxygen and phosphates. The Erie Niagara Regional Planning Board developed a whole model and proposed recommendation as to what could be done with Ellicott Creek to improve it. This included walkways, easements so that people could get to the creek and recommendations on ways which floods could be minimized. Clean up projects were started and organized by this particular funding. One of the final recommendations on the report was to start an Ellicott Creek Committee involving all the Ellicott Creek basin communities from the Alden area down into the Tonawandas. This would be a monitoring committee to improve it and since the village is a very vital link in that system, he decided to initiate a meeting that would organize this committee. He is hoping that the Erie County Regional Planning Board will be the main player in this as well and we will continue with those type of projects that were started and hopefully in the future, more money will become available.

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Mayor Daniels stated he is wearing a button for the Amherst Septquicentennial. Septquicentennial is a word that means 175 years. In 1993 the town will be 175 years old. The committee was formed in order to promote the history of the town throughout the year with events bringing the resident's attention to special facets of the history of the town. One of the first activities that will happen is at our Winterfest in Glen Park in February. An additional event will be added in that festivity where we usually have a hayride, a pony that the kids can ride, talks about the environment by Earth Spirit, sledding, hot chocolate, etc. Maybe we could have an ice sculptor there with his chain saw. They have a huge block of ice and they start whittling away. That's kind of a neat thing to have and maybe they could carve something that would be relative to the town's history or perhaps they will have some people dressed in old garb of the 1800's. Another project that we are sponsoring and Stereo Advantage is funding is the composition for a march for Amherst. Everytime we have a parade South High School plays "On Wisconsin". That's been a tradition for years. Mayor Daniels has requested, through the grant from Stereo Advantage, a local composer, Dr. Robert Moles, retired from the University of Buffalo to compose a march that would be suitable for a high school band to play in events such as parades throughout Amherst. That's half done already and we are looking forward to something that will outlive the Septquicentennial as far a piece of musical composition. The next phase of this will be to compose words for this march. We're thinking it would be a good idea to have a competition throughout the school systems. We will do a taped version of the completed march and through the music programs in the schools run a contest on lyrics for this march relative to the history of Amherst. There will be a \$500.00 prize for the winning lyrics. Anybody who has that kind of interest in combining music and words, could submit something. It would be fun to listen to the various lyrics as they come in.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$97,248.19 covering 11/21/92 - 12/10/92 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 12/02/92	\$ 18,971.97
General fund	41,215.61
Water fund	31,294.44
Sewer fund	360.61
Glen Park fund	466.58
Trust & Agency fund	4,938.98
 Grand Total	 \$ <u>97,248.19</u>
 Large Vouchers:	
Erie County Water Authority	\$29,350.12
Occidental Chemical	\$6,685.49

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Mayor Daniels stated he is withdrawing his second resolution because we need further clarification. This resolution involved approval of engineering services for a water line that would service Willowbrook and a new eight home subdivision off of Garrison Road which is called Castle Creek.

Trustee Lowther reported on mandated spending which she discussed at the last meeting. You heard Trustee Kaye say we are mandated by the state to recover freon in certain appliances and we heard Mayor Daniels talk about we were looking for funds to continue with the Ellicott Creek Project and when that funding came to a stop that group came to a stop. We seem to hear this on every single level of government and in every single thing we do. We've been affected by this in the village by having our state aid reduced for the last several years to the point where it's becoming very difficult to continue to offer the level of services and keep a reasonable tax rate in the village. Trustee Lowther has been working with Senator Sheffer to compose some kind of strongly worded message to send to our State and Federal elected officials about mandated spending. We're increasingly being mandated to do certain things and carry out certain projects and yet we are not receiving any kind of funding. The bottom line is the budget dollars only go so far. Trustee Lowther is concerned that the mandates for welfare, Medicaid, for other items the village is forced to do as a municipality, eventually are going to get to the point where people aren't going to be able to pay their taxes anymore and people are not going to be able to afford their own homes. This is really something no one wants to see. NYCOM has sent a notice to the mayor and requests that he issue a press release by or on December 21st to the governor to restore the cuts in revenue sharing that have affected the Village of Williamsville for the last couple of years. Aid to villages and towns has been cut 53% in the past several years and the state has increased their spending level 4.6 billion dollars as a result. Somewhere the buck has to stop and Trustee Lowther thinks we need a concerted bipartisan effort by all our state and federal officials to basically start controlling some of these projects and put some brakes on some of these programs and some parameters within these programs so that these costs can be controlled.

Trustee Lowther reported she is liaison to the Glen Park Joint Board and their next meeting will be January 5th. There has been blue plastic on the roof of the building at Glen Park for the last couple of weeks. We have had an attack of carpenter ants and when a worker went up there to repair the roof, he actually stepped through the roof. The building is located in the park right off of Glen Avenue and is about 15 years old. Unfortunately, we have had to go ahead and replace the entire roof and due to the leaking caused by the ants, we had light fixtures that were completely filled with water. Luckily we had no fires and no problems. No one was electrocuted but everything had to get taken out and replaced. These were not items that we had budgeted in this year's budget. We're going to be really scratching within the Glen Park Joint Board budget to come up with the funds to do these things but it was a matter of something that had to be done immediately or we would have lost the roof and something drastic would have happened with the electrical system. We should have some additional information on that by the next meeting.

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Trustee Lowther stated we are also pursuing a grant from the state and from the county to implement nature programs for children to be in the Nature building down there which has never really been utilized. It is used once a year for our Youth Board's Winterfest, which is a real great activity for it but at other times it is used to hold lawnmowers. It is a beautiful building and we really want to see it utilized more by the community. That's our current goal to try and obtain this grant and hire some part-time people to work there and get this thing rolling so the community does have use of this building and it isn't just locked all the time and used only to hold our lawn mowers.

Trustee Lowther stated the Environmental Advisory Council will be meeting on January 28th. Recently we haven't had too much business to discuss because building has been down in the village and we haven't had any developments or projects come before us.

Trustee Lowther stated she wrote the resolution which is quite brief on the agenda. On Friday, Senator Sheffer sent the village a resolution which was very long. We're going to move the resolution as sent by Senator Sheffer but she will read the one she wrote because that basically gives the gist of the resolution.

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

WHEREAS local property taxes are unfairly increased by various unnecessary, duplicative and obsolete state, county and federal mandates and

WHEREAS local governments are unable to restructure local government in ways which are cost effective and taxpayer orientated because of restrictive mandates and

WHEREAS various organizations including farmers, taxpayers, school representatives, civic organizations, government, labor and business are beginning to organize to reverse the trend toward unchecked growth in mandated costs and decreasing state and federal funding and

WHEREAS in 1991 and 1992 legislation to eliminate needless State mandates, restructure the relationship between the State and local governments and make State government more responsive and effective was introduced and passed by the State Senate on a bipartisan basis and

WHEREAS, this bill made reforms in six major areas, including local government mandate relief, criminal justice mandate relief, human resources mandate relief, local finance reform, regulatory reform and state budget reform and

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WHEREAS a package of bills, with a focus on three major components -- relief for school districts, reform of Medicaid and other social service programs, and mandate relief and reform have been prepared and introduced in the Sate Legislature and

WHEREAS in 1991s, following considerable debate and compromise the Legislature and Governor enacted a small first step, a local finance reform bill, Chapter 413 of the Laws of 1991 and

WHEREAS in 1992 the State Senate passed twenty mandate relief bills and twenty regulatory relief bulls, including bills allowing communities to defer closure of environmentally benign landfills; eliminating unnecessary maintenance standards for low volume rural roads; reducing paperwork burdens on mental health providers and creating a task force to study alternatives to the financing of local governmental expenditures through the property tax system and

WHEREAS the senate has also given first passage to a constitutional amendment which would limit the State's ability to impose further burdens on local government

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Village of Williamsville supports passage of legislation which would:

*Prohibit the enactment of unfunded mandates that creates an annual net additional cost to any municipal corporation or school district and define unfunded state mandate

*impose a constitutional prohibition limiting state mandates imposed on local governments

*amend various provisions of law requiring the prior consent of the state comptroller for various actions by political subdivisions of the State where such prior approval is unnecessary and costly

*provide for local finance reform in addition to the reforms contained in Chapter 413 of the laws of 1991

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*provide for regulatory reform seeking changes in state rules or regulations where it can be shown such rules or regulations are based upon inadequate statutory authority, impose excessive costs on regulated parties, are outdated, not clearly written, do not provide flexibility to meet particular or unique needs, are duplicative or inconsistent with other state or Federal rules or do not fulfill the requirements of law

*provide relief to local criminal justice agencies from various restrictive and unnecessary criminal just provisions

*provide new less onerous minimum maintenance standards for certain infrequently used rural roads

*reform the real property taxation system of this state

*reform the various Medicaid and social service programs in this State in a cost effective and fair manner

RESOLVED THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO:

President George Bush, President-Elect William Clinton, Governor Mario Cuomo, Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, Senator Daniel P. Moynihan, Congressman L. William Paxon, Senator John B. Sheffer II and Assemblyman Richard Anderson.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Hayes updated the members of the board and the community on the ongoing progress of the Williamsville Southeast Amherst Traffic Task Force which met on December 8th in Town Hall. It was a three hour meeting where the members of the Task Force received the formal recommendations from Bergman and Associates, the firm that was engaged by the Task Force to conduct the study last year. The result of the meeting was to schedule a public information session for January 26th at 7:30 P.M in Town Hall. That's a Tuesday evening and all members of the community are invited to attend and give comments, recommendations and constructive criticism based on the findings that were presented to the board. A question came up during our work session about the results of this study and about some other proposals and recommendations that Councilmember Jane Woodward has made for a town wide traffic study that would involve a matching grant from the Federal government. Trustee Hayes thinks one of the important things to remember about this Task Force, about this study is that this task force was a unique conglomeration of individuals in our community who sat around a table and discussed the problem of traffic in a specific segment of our community.

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Granted, traffic is a big problem all over the Town of Amherst and all over the Village of Williamsville but this study took in a specific area and representatives from the state, the county, the town, the village, the Homeowner's Association in the area and all sat down and participated in this project. Second, the traffic study was paid for by private funds. No public monies were used to hire the consultant and he thinks that is a very positive step in times when local governments and municipalities are strapped and don't have the kind of money that's necessary to undertake these very important studies. The Task Force was able to secure money from private organizations, predominantly, the Amherst Industrial Development Agency and Ingram Micro, the new company that was built on Wehrle Drive. All those things will go into the mix and hopefully after the meeting on the 26th, a recommendation can go to the town board who ultimately will have the responsibility of whether to accept, to reject or to modify the suggestions of the consultant. The next step will be for the town board to then take some kind of action based on the recommendation of the public and the Traffic Task Force. If anyone is interested, there is a desk copy of the study, which is about the size of a telephone book. It is available in the Trustee's offices and can be looked at it on the premises. We ask that it not be taken out of Village Hall because there aren't that many copies available and we'd like to have it available when the trustees and other members of the public would like to look at it. Also, he believes copies will be available the night of the public information session.

Trustee Hayes reported he attended a meeting last Thursday in Town Hall regarding the circumstances around Ditch #9 which is a town drainage ditch that runs behind the properties on North Long Street. The Village Board received a petition early last summer from more than 60 residents who live on that street about the ditch seriously drying up. Previous to that, those residents had enjoyed a free flowing waterway behind their property. It made for a very scenic area and then suddenly over the course of 2 summers it seemed to mysteriously dry up. The Town of Amherst Engineering Department engaged Earth Dimensions, which is a hydrogeological firm to conduct a study to see if there was a specific incident or occurrence that would cause that kind of diversion. They found no specific cause or no specific action or development project that would have caused it. They seem to believe that over the course of a number of years, maybe 4 or 5 years, several projects could have all in sum contributed to the diversion of that water. They also found some bacteria problems in the water. Samples that were taken from the ditch and those are being handled immediately by the engineering dept. This group of residents, predominantly village residents, are very concerned about this situation. This meeting was a result of the cooperation between members of this board, members of the town board and certainly with some of the departments at the town level. These representatives are going to continue to meet right after the holidays to work on responsible solutions to address the water flow problem are several recommendations made by Earth Dimensions made to the group and there is a large group of residents that are participating in the meetings and making contributions so hopefully a workable solution will be reached very soon.

Trustee Hayes stated the Lehigh Memory Trail has new fencing that was contributed by residents in the community. It's a beautification project that he thinks is just super. It is something that was championed by the Parks Committee and one of its members, specifically Jonathan Guillaume.

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They really did a lot of work to get that going. We continue to have a model of what the Parks Committee envisions as a total beautification project for Lehigh and the railroad station on display in the Conference room. For anyone that is interested, they can take a look at that. We will also be interested in public comments as we continue to decide how to construct that specific project.

Trustee Hayes congratulated several members of the Hutchinson Hose Company who were elected last Tuesday evening. The company held annual elections and Joe Freise was elected the new president of the Hutchinson Hose Company and Mike Schrembs was elected the new vice president of the company. Rick Andrews and Rich Maddigan will be new members of the Board of Directors and Don Schueckler, who was a previous director, was elected for another term. Congratulations to all of them. Trustee Hayes knows they all have the appreciation of the village board and village residents.

Trustee Hayes stated the fire department received a year end performance report from the Chief of the Fire Department about the members of the Hutchinson Hose Company and Williamsville Fire Department regarding the kind of training they've been through during the year. Trustee Hayes was astounded and very impressed to learn that over 2/3 of the department made more than 40% of all the calls in the department. That is a very good and very solid response rate. In fact, it's way up there in terms of the state average and certainly the average here in Erie County. Also, 39 drills were held for a total of 183 1/4 hours of training and the average fireman in the Williamsville Fire district fire department is attending approximately 45-75 hours of training per year. That's an enormous commitment and an enormous amount of time spent staying up to date and staying in training to be able to protect us here in the Village of Williamsville and the fire protection districts. He thinks they deserve our thanks for keeping up that level of service. Also, last year the village board enacted after a public referendum the Fire Service Award Program. We were one of the first communities, the Town of Amherst the second or third, to enact such a program and he is pleased to report that 100% of the active firemen received the necessary 50 points that will qualify them for one year credit in the Service Award Program. It's a tremendous accomplishment and he knows they share our gratitude both from the board and the community.

Trustee Hayes reported the December 16th Parks Committee meeting has been canceled due to the holidays. Merry Christmas to everybody from the Parks Committee.

Trustee Hayes reported the December 23rd meeting of the Seniors Committee has also been canceled. They will reconvene in January.

Trustee Hayes stated his first resolution reappoints an active member of the Williamsville Fire department. This is a situation in which a fireman left the fire department in good standing when he moved out of the fire district. He has since moved within .7 miles of the district and according to the chief can be certified again for active membership.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees, acting as the Fire Commissioners of the Williamsville Fire Department, hereby reinstate Michael D. Schrembs, 257 Park Forest Drive as a fireman in the Williamsville Fire Department.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Hayes stated his second resolution authorizes Mayor Daniels to execute and ratify, on behalf of our village, the contracts that we sign every year with the fire protection districts that are outside the Village of Williamsville. The Williamsville Fire Department provides fire protection services and emergency services to areas in the Town of Amherst in exchange for financial remuneration that comes from taxes that are levied against the residents and the properties in these districts. The total remuneration is close to \$300,000. Each district is different in terms of the amounts that come back and it's based on population and taxable assessment.

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

RESOLVED that Mayor Daniels execute on behalf of the Village, contracts with the Town of Amherst and Hutchinson Hose Company for fire protection for 1993 in the following districts:

Autumn Harvest	District #1
Lamm Post	District #2
Lehn Springs	District #3
Mill Street	District #4
Park Club Lane	District #15
Williamsville	District #16

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye reported that the Traffic and Safety Committee met with representatives of the Village of Williamsville Business and Professional Association, Janet Lester, who is in charge of the Retail Committee came to the Traffic and Safety meeting with a survey that she had drawn on behalf of the Business and Professional Association regarding a change in parking along Main Street. It asked merchants and others if they would like to have one or two hour parking along the majority of Main Street. The results primarily were that out of the 91 people who participated in the survey, 72 were in favor of two hour parking, 5 were in favor of one hour parking, 4 were indifferent, one wanted 15 minute parking, one that wanted no limit, one wanted parking meters and 7 who had no comment.

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At this month's meeting on the 17th, Traffic and Safety will be discussing this survey and the questions that it poses about the changing possible parking limits of time along Main Street. One of the other great concerns that was expressed through Janet Lester on behalf of merchants was that they wanted to see more enforcement of the one hour or, in fact, two hour parking, should that happen. More enforcement and more ticketing. There was also a great concern about having more turnover of cars on Main Street which is a direct contradiction with increasing the parking from one hour to two hour. They are concerned that the cars aren't turning over fast enough but at the same time a vast number of them would like two hour parking. Primarily what she shared with the committee was that the merchants feel that people will be able to do more shopping along Main Street, hair salons felt there wasn't enough time to get their hair done, restaurants felt there wasn't enough time to eat and their patrons were concerned about getting parking tickets. Trustee Kaye looks forward to any comments the board has and she will be passing along copies of this as well.

Trustee Kaye reported the much awaited Comprehensive Recycling Analysis, CRA, is now complete. It's very similar in size to the traffic study which Trustee Hayes was talking about. This was done through the Northwest Solid Waste Board and is one of the items mandated by the state. A variety of topics are addressed, including everything you need to know about recycling and composting in municipalities. The Town of Amherst is now moving forward with the DEC with an amendment to the Composting Facility permit which would allow the Village of Williamsville to that composting facility in the future. The town had to wait until the CRA was completed before they could request the amendment. As soon as the DEC responds, we will know whether in fact we will be able to use that facility for composting.

Trustee Kaye stated the Traffic and Safety Committee is also diligently working on a sidewalk survey to identify areas within the village which are without sidewalks. They will then analyze the information to see which of those areas impose any pedestrian safety concerns.

Trustee Kaye reported for the third consecutive year the Village of Williamsville is participating in a food drive for those who are in need. We are donating food to the University Food Bank which is on Main Street across from the University of Buffalo. This is a food bank which works directly with Amherst and Williamsville, so it's really giving back to our own community. What's particularly interesting, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of families from Williamsville and Amherst who now regularly use the food bank. Many of those families are white collar workers who have been put out of their jobs, particularly in the financial institutions such as banks and who are now unemployed. They find that being able to go to the Food Bank allows them to keep their home and keep up their monthly mortgage payment. We will be collecting food in the lobby of Village Hall until next Monday. If you would be kind enough to bring any non perishable food items, that would be greatly appreciated by those families.

Trustee Kaye stated her first resolution is to call for a public hearing to amend Section 103-16 of the Traffic Code which will prohibit parking on the north side of Main Street between Rinewalt street and a point 90 feet east of Rinewalt Street.

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There has been a visibility problem at this corner. It is very similar to Reist Street where about 6 months ago the board passed a similar resolution prohibiting parking 90' from the corner.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held by the Board of Trustees on Monday, December 28, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would amend Section 103-16 of the Village Vehicle and Traffic Code and prohibit parking on the north side of Main Street between Rinewalt Street and a point 90 feet east of Rinewalt Street.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye stated her second resolution calls for December to be named National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in the Village of Williamsville. This is a request that came to the Traffic and Safety Committee from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation National Highway Traffic Administration. Some of the facts that they shared was that traditionally December is one of the highest months of the year for drunk and drugged driving accidents. Alcohol related highway crashes are the leading cause of death in adolescents and young adults in the United States and about 20,000 Americans died in these crashes in 1991. More than a third of them were under the age of 25. We in the village are concerned about this and the purpose of passing this resolution is to increase the awareness and concern that we have about this problem.

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

WHEREAS, drivers and pedestrians impaired by alcohol and other drugs account for nearly 20,000 highway deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for children, adolescents, and young adults in the United States; and

WHEREAS, injury and property damage resulting from impaired driving cause physical, emotional, and economic hardship for hundreds of thousands of adults and young people; and

WHEREAS, a decade of intense public education effort has proved that alcohol-related highway crashes are not accidents and can be prevented; and

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WHEREAS, comprehensive community-based strategies to further reduce and prevent impaired driving tragedies are known; and

WHEREAS, if we take a stand now, we can greatly reduce the incidence of impaired driving;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville does hereby designate December 1992 as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in the Village of Williamsville. We call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in the village of Williamsville to promote awareness of causes of driver impairment, existing and proposed laws intended to further reduce and prevent impaired driving, and opportunities to establish safer and healthier norms regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs for all citizens, particularly the young.

Mayor Daniels stated as with all of these proclamations and dedications it's always occurred to him after he has done several too that unless we have some follow up there is very little meaning for this declaration. He wonders if Trustee Kaye has any second step to further promote this.

Trustee Kaye stated Traffic and Safety is talking about that. This resolution came to us just recently and so unfortunately, we didn't have any time to really sit down and discuss any follow up but it is on our agenda.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly asked that with respect to the last resolution, he would like to see a certified copy sent to the Amherst Police and maybe they will have a little stepped up enforcement in our village during the holidays. That would be probably the best thing that we could do to save people in our own village.

Trustee Kelly reported that approximately a month ago we had a public hearing with respect to the satellite dishes. At that time he asked that it be held open for at least 30 days to get some response from the community. He hasn't finalized the law as yet because he has gotten some interesting responses. The law that was proposed states that the satellite dishes should be no more than 12' in diameter. Most of the people that he has talked to feel that the 12' in diameter is much too large and we're looking to see if a 6' size would be more appropriate. We're making calls to some of the manufacturers to make sure that they are not making them 6'4" or whatever. There seems to be a big conflict between whether or not to allow them on roofs in residential areas. Some people are of the opinion that they should be on roofs especially if they are limited to the rear of the property. Having them on the ground only in a residential area they believe can lead to vandalism and injuries.

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The major concern about having them on roof tops seems to be appearances and there's been a debate among the people that he has talked to as to whether it is more unsightly to have it stuck out in the middle of somebody's lawn rather than on top of the roof. He is going to investigate that a little bit further before he proposes anything.

Trustee Kelly stated presently we are examining the whole sign code for the Village of Williamsville. Some parts seem to be quite antiquated, other parts seem to penalize temporary signs a little severely. Within the next month or two we will be bringing this section forward for a public hearing.

Trustee Kelly reported that Dave Sutton has been hired in the Building Department. and has been getting some training from our previous inspector. We look forward to having him here. There was a retirement party for Dick Delo on Friday and unfortunately it ended up being the day of the storm so Trustee Kelly wasn't able to get there on time. Trustee Kelly publicly thanked Mr. Delo for the number of years that he spent working for the village. He served the village well.

Superintendent David Laubisch stated Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on Friday. For those residents whose normal pick up day is Friday, it will be one day late. It will be picked up on Saturday, the day after that holiday.

Superintendent Laubisch announced that this Friday, December 18th will conclude leaf pickup this year. Last year we concluded it on December 9th but we are running about 8 to 9 days behind because of the snowfall we had this December. If you do have any leaves remaining, they should be out to the curb by Friday. We have received quite a few phone calls at the shop concerning trash pickup. We suspend trash pick up in the end of October because trash and leaves cannot be picked up simultaneously. Now that we are caught up on leaves, if the village residents have trash to be picked up they can call the DPW and make arrangements, weather permitting. The biggest factor this time of the year in highway operations are the weather conditions.

Superintendent Laubisch wished the Village Attorney, the Mayor, the Trustees, the Village Clerk and the people remaining at the village board meeting "Happy Holidays."

Mayor Daniels wished "Happy Holidays" to everyone also.

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

Unanimously carried.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street, asked Trustee Kaye about her public hearing on the removal of the parking on the north side of Main Street. Was it to the east or to the west?

Trustee Kaye stated it is to the east.

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Ms. Schlifke asked in other words, in front of the businesses and if so, have the people been notified?

Trustee Kaye stated it will be in front of the one which used to be the Village Showroom. Our Justice, Victoria D'Angelo has now moved in there and has had a discussion about it.

Ms. Schlifke stated approximately a month ago the board received a letter from the Parks Committee regarding the Youth Committee Sing A Long and the Bonfire. She did receive a phone call from Superintendent Laubisch stating that the bonfire was going to be placed in one or two barrels sawed in half and placed on cement blocks. Ms. Schlifke is curious as to whether it worked out.

Superintendent Laubisch stated it worked out very well.

Trustee Hayes stated when he attended that night the only concern seemed to be perhaps with a cold night it was a bit small. He thinks we have now established the perimeters. Last year it was too large, this year it may have been just a bit too small. Next year it should be just right. In terms of the way it was set up, he thinks it was set up to everyone's satisfaction.

Trustee Lowther stated that was the comment she heard but that they would hope to see a couple more barrels to make it a little bit bigger, especially on a cold night but no one seemed to have a problem with it being in barrels. It was a good suggestion from Superintendent Laubisch to try it that way.

Ms. Schlifke stated the point she is trying to make is this is a good example of what can be done in the village where you have one committee who is trying to protect something and takes a stand against something that another committee feels they require and a solution being reached which satisfied both. She thinks it is a good way for this board to look at future activities that are held in our village facilities where instead of just saying we have to have it this way, we can't have it any other way, try to look for some solutions. The summer season will be upon us and there will be demands on the village parks and she thinks that instead of saying it always was that way, maybe we can try to change a few things so that these functions can continue but yet we can preserve what we do have here in the Village of Williamsville.

Mayor Daniels stated the barrel situation was discussed at the Youth Board meeting he attended. It was suggested that in order to give the fire more breath that the barrels could be cut this down and then opened up so that one barrel would actually have two surfaces, a barbecue type of appearance and then put on the concrete blocks and that would accomplish their purpose. Trustee Hayes was going to ask the town if they might have the metal cutting facilities to take a barrel and cut it with a torch and provide something that's transportable and can be used at other functions. The Youth Board would like to see a bonfire at the Winterfest as well.

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Mr. Frank Mischler, Evans Street complimented Superintendent Laubisch and his crew for clearing snow on the streets and sidewalks last weekend. He was in Cheektowaga on Saturday, just over the Amherst border and some streets still had snow on them.

Mr. Mischler stated this morning he turned a check over to the village for the Old Home Days expenses. He wondered if the board has talked about Old Home Days or will they be talking about it in the work session afterwards.

Mayor Daniels stated we discussed it after the last village board meeting two weeks ago. He believes the decision was that the Parks Committee would discuss it at their next meeting and then come back to our board. Unfortunately, now their meeting has been canceled for December.

Trustee Hayes stated the discussion was that we had received a request from the Jolly Boys organization about the date. Trustee Hayes went on the record at the last meeting saying that he had hoped Trustee Kaye, as the liaison to the Old Home Days Committee, would bring forth a resolution establishing the date that was requested and that we would grant the special permit with haste. The reason he said that was because the summer of 1993 is filling up with different functions throughout the community with the presence of the World University Games and the Septquicentennial. The Parks Committee has already begun the process of establishing dates for Savor the Flavor. He spoke to Trustee Kaye on the phone earlier today and she indicated that we had a scheduled meeting with the town to finish up the previously started discussions. That got derailed because the town got in the middle of its budget negotiations. If he's not incorrectly characterizing what Trustee Kaye had said to him today is that she wanted to wait until we could reconvene that meeting and then immediately after that we would be prepared to make some kind of decision.

Trustee Kaye stated exactly. She thought it was important for this board to have an opportunity to hear what the town had to say. Trustee Hayes has all the surveys. Trustee Kaye asked Trustee Hayes if he is going to put those in a format so all the Trustees can look at those.

Trustee Hayes stated they are going to be compiled.

Trustee Kaye stated she was told that the town has removed the \$1,500 for the parade contribution from their budget. She was also told they had taken out \$30,000 of the police overtime that would traditionally go to Old Home Days to provide for protection. That was her concern and she wanted to make sure she understood whether or not the town will be providing Old Home Days police protection. She feels it is important to finish up the meetings with the town.

Mr. Mischler stated neither the Jolly Boys or the Old Home Days Committee has any input on police staffing. They do what they feel is adequate. Many times we feel it is too much but they also say they never had a call in the Cheektowaga Police or anything like that to help out with problems. So in those circumstances he thinks what Amherst would be doing with the police be up to themselves to do.

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Trustee Kaye stated the Jolly Boys hire some off duty policemen and asked what the number is.

Mr. Mischler stated we do hire some off duty policemen for the beer tent. The number varies with the time of day.

Trustee Lowther asked if they hire the ones that check the proof at the entrance or do they hire ones that walk around the tent?

Mr. Mischler stated basically the ones we need are hired by the Jolly Boys.

Trustee Hayes reiterated a point he made at the last meeting that he believes the community has been surveyed about this issue. He thinks that the public hearing that was held on Old Home Days solicited a broad cross section of the community, certainly the survey that was placed in the Amherst Bee received an overwhelming response and certainly, out of good will, he attended the first meeting with the town. He does, however, think that we as a village board need to look at the requests and the merits that have been put forward by the Jolly Boys in asking for the date and to follow the procedure and if this board is going to turn down the date then we should give the Jolly Boys that information at the earliest opportunity. Contrary to that, if we are going to approve the date, we should also give them that information at the earliest opportunity. We should not be hamstrung by the budgetary constraints imposed by the Town of Amherst because we know how our people feel here in the Village of Williamsville. In terms of our village checklist he thinks just about everything has been met so we should grant them a permit or not grant them one and not be bogged down by requests for hearings and continued negotiations.

Trustee Kaye stated she agrees whole heartily. It's certainly not her intention to hold up approving or denying their request. She doesn't visualize denying it. She thinks that should be a discussion of this board and maybe we could have that after this meeting this evening.

Mayor Daniels stated as he recalls recommendation from Parks was to try to have it as late in the season as possible. The initial impression that he had received was that it would be preferable at the end of the season so if there was damage to the grass the park would be closing anyway so the damage could be repaired while the park was closed and not interfere with the residents use of the facility.

Trustee Lowther asked what is the date for the Centennial celebration.

Mayor Daniels stated what he thinks is going to happen is they are going to key into already scheduled events with an extra added event. There was talk about an additional parade in the third week in June. That doesn't look possible because kids are either involved with exams or they are done with school so we couldn't get any bands to perform. What we will do is take the existing events throughout the year and highlight the history.

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He knows one of the series that the Episcopal Church puts on during the summer is going to highlight old music relevant to the history of Amherst and that's going to be the thrust of one of their programs.

Trustee Lowther thanked Superintendent Laubisch for the salt on Evans Street. As soon as it was put there she thought of Sarah Mischler and that she didn't have to come to the meeting to ask us again this year.

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 Lowther, it was moved at 9:05 P.M. to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Unanimously carried.

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, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer