

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, April 26, 1993 at 7:38 P.M.

*Present: Ronald Daniels, Mayor  
Yvonne Kaye Trustees  
Patrick Kelly  
Mary Lowther  
Basil Piazza*

*Theresa L. Cummins, Village Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer  
Thomas Troy, Village Attorney*

*Absent David Laubisch, Supt. of Public Works*

The Administrator read the notice of public hearing being held by the Board of Trustees on April 26, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. in the Village Hall for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would amend Section 25-4 A (2) and Section 25-2B of the Village Fence Code.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye stated this hearing deals with amending Sections 25-4 (A) 2 and Section 25 2 (B) of the fence code. It has come to our attention that when properties border on three streets, there is no provision to allow for those property owners to fence in their yards. This change in the fence code would affect all owners who border three streets, whether the street is 20' in width, which is referred to as an alley in most situations, and also standard size street, would be affected by this part of the code. All the other provisions of set back still would need to be in compliance with the other areas of the code. It would need to provide for the adequate amount of visibility in the triangle which would still be enforced as part of this new code. The new section will only affect one or two properties in the Village. Dave Sutton, the Village Building Inspector, who has looked at these properties, and Attorney Troy have drafted this new section.

Trustee Kaye then read the two new proposed sections:

25-4 A (2)

No fence may be erected in any exterior side yard of a corner lot or in that part of the rear yard of a corner lot that is closer to the common street line than the side of the dwelling erected on said lot.

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Where a corner lot has two (2) exterior side yards, a fence may be erected in that exterior side yard having the greater area, provided that the fence is erected at least five (5) feet in from the affected lot line. If the exterior side yard in question abuts a public right of way, less than twenty (20) feet in width, the fence may be installed as close as three (3) feet from the affected lot line.

#### 25-2 Definitions

B. In all other cases, definitions as provided in Section 112-2 of Chapter 112, Zoning, shall control.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Thomas Hayes, 73 Orchard Street, stated his house and lot is one of the few in the Village that has this sort of problem. They moved into the house about 2 years ago and spent a tremendous amount restoring it. It is one of the older houses in the Village. He would like to fence their back yard for privacy and the safety of their children and do it in a way that is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood and the fences that are currently on the alley.

Patricia Wanamaker, 27 Franklin Street stated she lives down the street from Mr. Hayes and feels that it is important to the Hayes' family and to their neighborhood a fence be erected. Her children play there and to have it fenced in would be a lot safer than to have these kids running in the street after their balls on Orchard Street. Anything the Hayes' have done to their house, has been in good taste. It is going to look a lot better than just leaving the run down fence and all the bushes that are right there now. She is sure once it is erected, no one will be disappointed.

Trustee Lowther stated she agrees that Mr. Hayes has done a very nice job on that property. She understands why Mr. Hayes wants to fence it in when he has streets on three sides of the property. She understands the problem it poses for Mr. Hayes and for a young family and she is happy the Village can do something about it by this local law.

Mr. Robert Kreiter, 62 Eagle, stated he also borders the alley. All the fences are on the property lines. He moved there in 1976 and that is the way it was. His garage is on the property line. Ms. Wanamaker's garage is on the property line. There is even a house on the property line. He doesn't know why you have to move in three feet. The people there have done an awful lot to improve the area. He doesn't see anything wrong with putting a fence there.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels , seconded by Trustee Lowther, the public hearing closed at 7:45 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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*Present: Ronald Daniels, Mayor  
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*Absent David Laubisch, Supt. of Public Works*

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:36 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Piazza, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 12, 1993 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, the minutes of the public hearing covering the 1993-1994 General Fund, Water Fund, sewer Fund, Glen Park Joint Activities fund and Debt Service fund budges held on April 12, 1993 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, the minutes of the public hearing on the proposed Sewer Rent Rates for the 1993-1994 fiscal year, held April 12, 1993 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Kelly, it was moved at 7:38 p.m. to open a public hearing by the Board of Trustees for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would amend Section 25-4 A (2) and Section 25-2B of the Village Fence Code. (The meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated one of the budgets the board will be approving tonight involves the sewer rent rates. Trustee Lowther has asked for some information on what is happening with the inspection of the sanitary sewer system, to address the infiltration of rainwater into our sanitary system which is the cause for the Village's high charges from the Town.

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Dave Laubisch has been working with Frank Fanara, one of the engineers from the Town. They have made several trips out into the field and are beginning their dye testing. There will also be some smoke testing whereby they introduce smoke and dye into a system and then open manhole covers, etc. to see if any of the dye infiltrates the system where it's normally not supposed to be. That is in progress right now. The next phase will be using a sewer jet to clean some of the sanitary sewers and then televise them with Town equipment. The Town will do that at no charge since it is in their best interest, as well, to make sure that our system is buttoned down so that they can handle the sewer flows from the whole town adequately in their facility. They don't want to be processing rainwater anymore than the Village wants to be paying for it.

Mayor Daniels stated over the several years that he has been on the board, on a routine basis, a question has been asked about the yellow house on Garrison Road opposite Garrison Park. It's been boarded up for many years and many residents are concerned that it either should be fixed up or moved. Warren Miller, the owner of the property, has been considering several options during that time period. Because this structure is historically significant, the Amherst Museum is interested in moving it to their site on Tonawanda Creek Road in the northern part of Amherst where they have many buildings which are preserved so that people can walk around and visit them. It is his understanding that Andrea Shaw, the Executive Director of the museum, and Warren Miller are going to have an engineer who moves these buildings to look at the site. It is quite an involved procedure. They are looking at moving only a part of the building, the original section, but even so, moving it involves cutting power lines, etc., as it goes, also lifting it off it's foundation and setting it on a movable platform. It is his understanding that Warren has agreed to demolish the rest of the building. What he will do after that and what occurs before the actual move will be the subject of the Village Board discussion.

Mayor Daniels reported since our last meeting a work project has been started by the New York State Thruway Authority on the bridge crossing Youngs Road. The detour that was decided upon by the county and the New York State Thruway Authority, unfortunately for the Village, is Wehrle Drive between Aero and Youngs. Where traffic normally going from Transit down Aero Drive expects to turn right onto Youngs to proceed north, they can no longer do so. There are detour signs that indicate that they must go to Wehrle Drive, turn right, and follow the signs which pulls them around into the Village section. A horrendous problem, with gridlock traffic bumper to bumper, now occurs several hours a day in the morning and afternoon. Wehrle Drive had, according to the Bergmann and Associates study conducted by the Town, heavy traffic before this project began and now it's just an impossible situation. The problem is not only for pulling out of Wehrle Drive from those side streets that intersect with it, but also involves people who are frustrated waiting in these long bumper to bumper lines moving towards Transit in an easterly direction and also waiting at the blinker going west at Garrison and Wehrle. They want to shorten their trip so they are starting to use the Village side streets such as Monroe, Columbia, Cadman for a shortcut. Even large trucks with vehicles destined for the car dealerships are using the Village side streets as main thoroughfares. This has created a dangerous situation for the children, especially in the side street areas of Brookside, Columbia, Monroe and Cadman.

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Many other people are short cutting the Wehrle Drive area and using Scott and Oakgrove to again intersect with Garrison. It's created a mess for our Village residents traffic wise.

Mayor Daniels stated he wrote a letter to Police Chief Askey last week describing this problem and asking him monitor this situation and they have installed a police car in the area. There is no law that says you can't use side streets and that is a problem of enforcement but the fact that the police car is there does help. They are trying to limit the truck traffic and they are manually operating the signal at Aero and Wehrle to try and make it more effective. It's a six month project that is going to take us right through the World Games. So it's pretty much of a mess.

Mayor Daniels stated there was a meeting today in Town Hall at which time the County and New York State Thruway Authority were requesting the Town to lift their 8,000 lb. limit on truck traffic from Wehrle Drive for the duration of this project. Mayor Daniels, as well as some Village residents, attended to express the Village's opposition to lifting the truck ban, which took many years to get in place and also the \$65,000 signal which the Village finally had the County install. That was a major project and now they are asking us to forget all of that. When Mayor Daniels left the meeting, the Town Board was unanimously opposed to lifting the ban and he expressed the opposition of the Village as well. He recommended that the County go back to the drawing board and find a better alternative for their detour. Hopefully they will find a different route. It is unfortunate that is also coinciding with major work at Genesee and Transit as well.

Mayor Daniels reported that about 35 trees being planted this spring by Gleason's Nursery. Some are still on order but there will be many new trees planted all over the Village. Mayor Daniels thanked the Village Tree Warden, Jennifer Lorenzini who's done a great job coordinating that effort.

Mayor Daniels stated there was a matching grant available recently whereby that one could apply, through the Small Business Administration, for tree planting programs. If you use a small business and require a three year maintenance and planting agreement with them, the State would match up to 45% of your project costs. Mayor Daniels prepared the grant and last week the Village got the good news that it will be receiving \$2,500 with it's local match of \$2,960 for the planting of trees. His proposal involved the east side of Evans Street from Essjay to the Village border. There will be 35 new trees planted there as part of this Small Business Administration grant.

Trustee Kaye asked Mayor Daniels if this was 35 trees.

Mayor Daniels stated he thinks it is about 30 to 35 trees.

Trustee Kaye asked if the six trees that were planted directly behind the water tank are part of those trees and why did we plant six trees behind the water tank?

Mayor Daniels stated that he knows there was a great deal of controversy over the development of the Ciminelli Complex which borders the village on the escarpment.

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The residents, especially Rinewalt, were very much opposed to it at that time. He thought anything he could do to screen the homes on Rinewalt visually from seeing any homes in the Village Pointe Lane area would probably be an improvement for the residents on Rinewalt.

Trustee Kaye stated as a neighbor, right next to the tank, she guesses you have to tear the tank down and let them grow twenty years for it to accomplish something.

Mayor Daniels stated we do have demolition of that tank as a recommendation from the water study.

Trustee Kaye stated she was quite surprised and she called Superintendent Laubisch when she saw them planting those trees because she assumed that it was Ciminelli planting them on Village property. She couldn't imagine why the Village was planting six good size Evergreens behind the water tank. It doesn't benefit anyone.

Mayor Daniels stated he thinks it does. He thinks any tree that is planted anywhere benefits everybody.

Trustee Kaye stated the only people who can see them are the people who live on Village Point Lane.

Mayor Daniels asked if she is saying the only trees of value are the ones she can see.

Trustee Kaye stated, no, but what Mayor Daniels is telling her is that the purpose for him planting them in that particular location is because the residents of Rinewalt Street were concerned about visual screening. What Trustee Kaye is saying is that right now the only people who benefit from them is the Ciminelli Development.

Mayor Daniels stated he doesn't know that that is true. There were trees, there was a space and that is where they went.

Mayor Daniels reported that the Historic Preservation Committee has a project they would like people to start thinking about and that's the establishment of a historic district within the Village limits. Many old homes have plaques on many of them stating that they are over 100 years old. These plaques are available through the Historical Society. In order to solidify this type of project in a tangible way in a cohesive area, the group thought that it would be a rather good project, which had been done in other places throughout the country, to look into a local historic designation. Ms. Delaney and Mayor Daniels have worked on an announcement. The Historic Preservation board will be discussing this as a board in conjunction with an information guide from the National Trust for Historic Preservation on Maintaining Community Character and How to Establish a Local Historic District. The Town is involved, or was involved, in making Swormville a historic area as well.

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There are problems with it but there are also a lot of positives with it. Mayor Daniels read the announcement. (Copy attached) We will pursue it through the boards and hopefully move forward with it.

Mayor Daniels reported on another meeting that was held with the county regarding repaving Garrison Road. Deputy Commissioner of County Highways John Gugino and John Loffredo, the Commissioner of Highways, attended this meeting as did Trustee Kaye, Mary Lou Rath, our county legislator, and Pat Lucey, the Town Highway Superintendent. The controversy is that Garrison Road is in horrendous shape. It's a county road and we want them to fix it. The county says no, we don't have any money. They only have enough money in the budget to do 12 miles of 1,200 miles of road each year. It will then take the county 100 years to get around the system only once. They admit that there is not enough money and that the legislature does not give them enough. The county estimates to rebuild Garrison Road, it would cost one million dollars. Mayor Daniels' asked Mr. Lucey what it would cost the Town to rebuild that road including drainage. Mr. Lucey estimated the cost at \$163,000. That's a \$800,000 difference. The county representative said even at \$163,000 they can't do the road. There just isn't any money. Ms. Rath and Mayor Daniels brought up the fact that there is a 16 million dollar excess in the county budget and asked if some go that surplus could go to highways. Mr. Gugino and Mr. Loffredo said they would try to get some of that 16 million dollars for highways but that Garrison Road is by no means the worst county road in the district; however, it is going to get a lot worse, especially if the detour continues and the more than 7,000 cars a day that is average now continues to drive along Garrison Road. The procedure now is for it to go back to the county. Mayor Daniels stated we have a meeting next Monday with the County to see if we cant' find some way to get that surplus that the county has in their budget. In the meantime, the County said they would continue to hot and cold patch it but that is the ultimate of wasting money.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$57,945.95 covering 04/08/93 - 04/22/93 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 04/17/93	\$22,622.20
General fund	26,559.50
Water fund	918.11
Sewer fund	554.06
Trust & Agency fund	6,903.42
Glen Park fund	<u>388.66</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 57,945.95</u>
Large Vouchers:	
Independent Health	\$8,246.16
Niagara Sanitation	\$6,614.75

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Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative General Fund Budget for the 1993-1994 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508 (4) of Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages as stated in the Salary Schedule are hereby adopted as the General Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1993-1994 fiscal year.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative Water Fund Budget for the 1993-1994 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508 (4) of Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages as stated in the Salary Schedule are hereby adopted as the Water Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1993-1994 fiscal year.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative Sewer Fund Budget for the 1993-1994 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508 (4) of Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages as stated in the Salary Schedule are hereby adopted as the Sewer Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1993-1994 fiscal year.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative Glen Park Joint Activities Budget for the 1993-1994 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508 (4) of Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages as stated in the Salary Schedule are hereby adopted as the Glen Park Joint Activities Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1993-1994 fiscal year.

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

WHEREAS, the tentative Debt Service Fund Activities Budget for the 1993-1994 fiscal year has been duly represented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508 (4) of Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, and the salaries and wages as stated in the Salary Schedule are hereby adopted as the Debt Service Fund budget for the Village of Williamsville for the 1993-1994 fiscal year.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Sewer Rent rates for the 1993-1994 fiscal year are hereby set as follows:

\$1.54 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed  
\$ .86 per 1,000 of total assessed valuation

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly reported in the next budget we were scheduled to replace the sewer jet for the DPW. Our present one blew up the other day and it's past the point of being repaired so we are going to be advertising bids later today to try to get our new sewer jet in as quick as possible. One of the things we did a few years ago was enter into a mutual aid agreement with municipalities so as a result of our sewer jet being unusable we have been able to borrow one from the Town of Amherst at no cost to us while we are waiting for the new one to come in. We are really pushing to have the sewers cleaned in order to investigate them fully and see what problems lie in there.

Trustee Kelly reported that although people have been placing trash out at the curb, our trash pickup does not start until the week of May 11th. Until then, please don't put trash out at the curb. There are a number of other jobs that the DPW is working on quite diligently and they don't have the time yet to combat the trash collection.

Trustee Kelly reported the Annual Installation of Officers of the Fire Department will be this Saturday. We will have a resolution approving the firemen that have been elected Chiefs. They are the same Chiefs as last year and we are happy that they are going to continue on for a number of years.

Trustee Kelly stated his first resolution deals with a situation within the Town Justice Courts. Due to illness they have not been able to properly staff their court and they have borrowed our Justice. We are extending it another 60 days. Our court is on Friday mornings and our system is not in any way being hampered by Justice D'Angelo serving at the Town level. She is taking time out of her private practice as opposed to time out of her job here at Village Hall.

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

RESOLVED that the appointment of Village Justice, Victoria D'Angelo as Acting Town Justice is hereby extended sixty days until July 6, 1993.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board, acting as Commissioners of the Williamsville Fire Department, hereby approves of the following firemen elected Chiefs for the 1993-1994 year:

Chief	James J. Zymanek
1st Asst. Chief	D. Anthony Schueckler, Jr.
2nd Asst. Chief	Thomas J. Meldrum

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Fire Company for their files.

Mayor Daniels stated that these are the same Chiefs as last year. Everyone's been doing a very good job. We're privileged to work with these people and for the longest time we never thought we needed even to approve these decisions of the fire company. However, we were notified as a Board of Commissioners for the Fire Department that we really did need to approve their actions. We look forward to another year of working along with the fire department.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for one High Pressure sewer Flushing machine for the Department of Public Works. Bids to be opened on May 6, 1993 at 2:00 P.M. in the Village Clerk's office, 5565 Main Street, under the terms of the standard bidding resolution.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther reported she met with Traffic and Safety for the first time since she has been appointed liaison last month. We have discussed and reassured the parking situation on Main Street. The Mayor and the Board have been requesting that we move along on this. The business community has requested a two-hour parking limit on Main Street and in many areas we now have a one-hour parking limit. In the resolution this evening she will be calling for a public hearing at the next meeting of the Board to discuss expanding the parking to two hours. The Business Professional Association feels very strongly that they would like to go with the two-hour limit.

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She would like to hear from the public on this and hopefully we'll see something in the Bee encouraging members of the community to come out and discuss what they would like to see in the parking area.

Trustee Lowther reported on the Youngs Road bridge closing. She has had a number of phone calls from residents who live in that area. It is her understanding that there are going to be signs posted on the side streets on the south side. She is now concerned for residents who live on the north side because now that the south side is gridlocked, drivers are all heading north on Scott, Hirschfield and Columbia.

Mayor Daniels stated it upsets him that the Village is spending money to make a detour that the county has imposed on the village. He is going to ask the Thruway Authority and the County to pay for these signs that we are erecting. They are the "Local Traffic Only" signs. He thinks we have gotten them from Flasher Handling. If they are going to be up for six months, there is going to be an expense which he is going to try to get money reimbursed since the Village residents will be suffering inconveniences through no fault of their own.

Trustee Lowther stated she feels that the Thruway Authority should reimburse the Village, especially if they are nonstandard signs that the Village doesn't normally have to use or build for itself. She will be glad to report to those people that called in that the Village will be doing that.

Trustee Lowther reported that Glen Park will be meeting next Tuesday at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. She has asked the Village Attorney on a couple of occasions to meet with the Town Attorney to draft a local law regarding the feeding of wildlife or the banning of feeding wildlife. Trustee Lowther asked Attorney Troy if he had a report.

Attorney Troy stated not at this time but he will have it soon.

Trustee Lowther reported that Glen Park is going to be sponsoring a neighborhood watch, which makes people more aware of what's happening in the community, in the parks, in their own neighborhood. We're hoping that it will in conjunction with the different programs that will be in Glen Park, it will make people more aware of security and of problems that occur in the park and of a community responsibility to report these to the police or to report them to Village Hall if there is a problem rather than just ignoring it and letting it go. We are mailing this flyer to most of the residents who live adjacent to the park along with a neighborhood watch type of flyer. We're going to be having our neighborhood watch meeting in the Glen Park Nature Center on Sunday May 16th at 3:30 P.M. Trustee Lowther invited any members from the public or any members of the Board who would be interested in coming. We are going to be working very closely with the Amherst Police who are very enthusiastic about this because they probably don't have the time or the manpower to do any real patrolling of the Glen Park or the Village Parks. She thinks this program will be a real asset and help the Village. She is looking forward to working with the residents.

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

RESOLVED THAT Richard Swarts, 130 Cadman Drive, is hereby appointed to the environmental Committee until the end of the 1993-1994 official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther stated she is going to table her second resolution which was for a parking restriction on Main Street east of Rinewalt. Originally the Traffic and Safety Committee recommended a 90' restriction. We reduced that to 75' and she still feels that 75' can be reduced a little bit further. Trustee Lowther did want to speak with the homeowners who petitioned this board before we go ahead and adopt a resolution as to the number of feet. Trustee Lowther asked Mr. Avery and Mr. Reis to speak with her after the meeting. She did talk Victoria D'Angelo yesterday and Ms. D'Angelo did write the board a memo today. This will be back on the agenda at the next meeting so she would like to get it ironed out tonight.

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish notice of public hearing to be held on May 10, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. in Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would amend Section 103-17 of the Vehicle and Traffic Code and provide for two-hour parking on Main Street.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza reported that the Parks Committee has been getting very active lately. The sign in Island Park was vandalized. We're looking into getting it repaired by the original builder or the DPW. It is a wooden sign with a Plexiglas covering, a bulletin board type, with doors on the back that were pulled off for no reason in the last three or four weeks. We don't know exactly when. We are going to get together with the DPW and maybe try to put up something that is more secure than just doors or perhaps a different type of door which can't be easily ripped off by vandals. It's impossible to watch the park 100% of the time and it could potentially happen again if we don't try to build something a little stronger.

Trustee Piazza stated the facilities for the handicapped project in Island Park is moving along. David Sutton, the Village Building Inspector, has coordinated specs with Superintendent Laubisch. He'll be putting this out to bid quite soon. If anyone wants to see the newer drawings he put together for us, Trustee Piazza will have them here after the meeting.

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Trustee Piazza reported that the roof leaks on the Garrison Park gazebo. It is a wood shingle roof and is not easy to repair. We have one contractor looking at it this week. The contractor claims that one does not repair roof shingles, one replaces them. We will have other roofers look at it and get several opinions.

Trustee Piazza reported that there are some dead trees throughout the park that need replacing. This is something that just seems to be a continuing problem. We may want to do some additional tree planting if we have to cut any trees down. The only one that he knows that will come down in Island Park is the one to the back of the park that has a light on it. The electricity is also out back there. Last year the security guards were unhappy because it was so dark at the back of Island Park. He hopes to resolve that as quickly as possible.

Trustee Piazza stated that the apron at the Garrison pool needs some repair work and he hopes to have that done before the park opens up in June. The Island Park gazebo needs to be stained and we are getting a cost figure on that also.

Trustee Piazza stated that Savor the Flavor will be held in at Island Park on Tuesday, July 20th. The rain date is July 21st. Old Home Days are August 3rd to August 6th. The Art and Craft Fair is Sunday, August 29th along Main Street this year probably starting at the Ellicott Creek bridge and then progressing west towards Union Road.

Trustee Piazza stated a lot of work that needs to be done on the Lehigh Memory Trail. There are improvements that still have to be made. The gentleman from the Historical Society made a presentation to the Parks Committee this past Wednesday. Trustee Piazza will be discussing some ideas with the rest of the Board after this meeting. There are some long range plans and he knows there are many questions as far as liability, etc.

Trustee Piazza stated we are also looking at summer security for the parks and potential ways of trying to get a little more bang for our buck on that question.

Trustee Piazza stated that at our last meeting the Local Government Advisory Board membership was expanded. The chairman, Marina Woolcock, feels that much work is to be done so the Board that it will be forming into subcommittees so additional members are being added.

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

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RESOLVED that the following Village residents are hereby appointed to the Local Government Advisory Committee until the end of the 1993-94 official Village year:

1. Jean Duffy, 59 Wellington Ct.
2. John Tammaro, 125 Los Robles
3. Joanne Mackay, 42 Arend
4. Peter Galie, 22 Highland
5. Lois Idzak, 78 Pasadena
6. Dennis Murphy, 25 N. Ellicott

Trustee Kaye asked which of these individuals have expertise and knowledge on water, engineering or legal expertise. She knows we are looking at some very tough issues such as the proposal of 2.3 million for upgrading our water system and answering the question of whether or not to turn it over to the Erie County Water Authority. She wondered if we have anybody on this committee who has some financial, water, or engineering or the legal expertise to help along with these tough questions.

Trustee Piazza stated the one with the most expertise would be Peter Galie from 22 Highland, who is also a Political Science Professor at Canisius College and has looked at some of these issues in the past. Some of the other individuals are people who are willing to become experts as they study the particular items.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated his second resolution involves the baseball diamonds. Last year, after 24 years, the Town of Amherst stopped maintaining our baseball diamonds on Long Street. Early this year the Matthewson McCarthy Baseball League said that they would be glad to take over the field and maintain it; however, they pulled out for several reasons just a couple of weeks ago. Since then Trustee Piazza has been looking at some options. One of the options that Superintendent Laubisch and Trustee Piazza are not too happy with is the possibility of maintaining the field ourselves. The potential cost for the season is anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 because of the need to purchase equipment and to set aside man hours on almost a daily basis especially if we have bad weather. That is the rationale behind the next resolution which is to satisfy the Town of Amherst requirement that if they are going to take over the field and maintain it again. They want both the right to collect fees which come to about \$700.00 per season, and they also want the right to schedule the games. Trustee Piazza knows some people are not too happy about that concept, that we are losing the freedom of scheduling but his feeling is that this scheduling could be done by the Village or the Town. Only one of the teams that we scheduled on our ball diamonds last year actually falls within the Village and that was the St. Peter and Paul softball team. Outside of that, all the others are leagues from the Town or as in one case, the Buffalo CYO, a league with less than 50% Town residents. The Town of Amherst is becoming even more stringent in its requirements that ball clubs have Town of Amherst ball players.

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They are probably not going to be charging just per ball player, which is being done now, but by next season not even allowing teams with non resident players on their teams.

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

RESOLVED, that the Village of Williamsville hereby authorizes the Town of Amherst to maintain the South Long Street ball diamonds for the 1993 baseball season. As a part of this authorization, the Town of Amherst will collect all fees and be responsible for scheduling all games with the understanding that any Village of Williamsville team will be given first preference in the scheduling of the games.

Trustee Lowther stated she is going to support this resolution this evening with the addition of the proposal that it's for the 1993 baseball season only. The reason she is going to support it is because we are down to the wire. We have to schedule these teams now or we are going to have no one playing on our ball diamonds. She is not totally happy with giving up all the scheduling of a Village facility through the Town of Amherst and she is not happy with turning all the revenue over but she thinks the trustees have to weigh the idea of receiving \$700.00 in scheduling fees for the use of these diamonds and we would have to budget between \$3,000 and \$5,000 to maintain the diamonds properly. That means making them like ball diamonds, not just mowing the grass. There is more to it than that. We would have to buy some new equipment which wasn't included in the budget this year because we were under the impression until our last meeting that Matthewson McCarthy was going to take over the maintenance and the village would be doing the scheduling. Unfortunately, our back is to the wall and she is looking at this as an experiment this year. We are going to try it and see how it works. We will be the first to know if anyone from the Village is not included or has a problem with scheduling a Village of Williamsville team. If someone is slighted, we will know immediately. Under those particular stipulations, she will support this.

Trustee Kaye asked Trustee Piazza if the Town of Amherst would be charging the same fee that the Village now charges for the teams.

Trustee Piazza stated the Town of Amherst charges \$30.00 per home team and \$25.00 for non Amherst resident team member. It's possible it could cost the ball club more money depending on who they really have on their team. They are so concerned about non-Amherst residents using a very limited facilities that the charge is extremely stringent. The Village would have charged \$45.00 per team.

Trustee Kaye stated that would be an increase of \$10.00 from last year. How can we be assured that Village residents will be given first preference? What kind of control mechanism is there?

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Trustee Piazza stated he hasn't set one up yet but he would be glad to meet with the board afterwards to get some thoughts on how we want to do that. He agrees, we need a control mechanism to make sure Village teams don't get pushed aside.

Trustee Kaye stated she is concerned about the loss of control of scheduling the recreation of a recreation area in the Village. She is afraid that even if we say that we are only doing it for one year that it will be very difficult to get back that kind of control once you give it up. The other item she is concerned about is her brief conversation with Pat Lucey, Superintendent of the Town of Amherst of the Department of Highways. His comment was that he would be willing to help the Village out when she expressed her concerns to him that she didn't want to have to give up scheduling to the Town of Amherst. However, we don't know the details of what he meant when he said he could "help us out".

Trustee Piazza stated he agrees. If he knew what Mr. Lucey meant, if we had time to sit and talk with him, maybe there would have been some compromise on his people's part. As of now Trustee Piazza feels he is in a corner with very little bargaining space. and the baseball season is just about a week away as far as use of our field is concerned. If we don't do this we will have to borrow equipment which means we will have to spend money to get these fields in shape.

Trustee Lowther asked if Jeff Bloom from the Town of Amherst Recreation Department will be doing the scheduling.

Trustee Piazza stated yes.

Trustee Lowther stated we could request that a copy of every application that he receives be sent to the Village so we will know who is applying and then we will know who is scheduled and not scheduled.

Mayor Daniels stated we have a list of teams already that have expressed interest in using the diamonds. Many of them are counting on the use of that field with no where to go unless they are booked into them this year.

Trustee Kaye stated she is concerned that people may be excluded.

Roll Call:

Trustee Kelly	No
Trustee Kaye	Abstain
Trustee Lowther	Yes
Trustee Piazza	Yes
Mayor Daniels	Yes

Motion Carried.

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Trustee Piazza stated his next resolution has to do with the Parks Committee. For over a year, the Committee has been asking that their number be increased because of all the activities they are involved in.

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

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Parks Committee is hereby increased from (7) seven to (9) nine Village residents.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye stated she is pleased to see that we are increasing the numbers on this committee. She felt, for her entire term, that this needed to be a larger committee. They do a tremendous amount of work and she is pleased to see that is finally happening. She hopes that in the future when we have increases in our committees that we give the public notice thru the Amherst Bee that we do have additional openings so residents don't feel shut out by not knowing there are openings.

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

RESOLVED, that the following residents are hereby appointed to the Parks Committee until the end of the 1993-1994 official Village year:

1. Susan Valenti, 144 Canterbury Square
2. Sharon Daniels, 117 Cadman Drive

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye reported that this evening at the work session we had our Building Inspector, David Sutton, come in and address the Board and to bring us up to date on a situation that we had about visibility at intersections. Recently we had a resident come to a Board meeting and express some concern over the law and some additional violations that he did observe in the Village in regarding visibility at intersections. David Sutton has sent out letters to all of those individuals that did not comply with the law after individual site inspections. There were three that were on the list that were turned in that were in compliance or were in the Town of Amherst. The rest of those residents have received letters and all but three have contacted our Building Inspector, have met with him, have agreed to do the trimmings or renovations that are needed to bring their property into compliance. Many of the trustees and the Mayor did receive phone calls or personal visits about that. Also, our Building Inspector has put together a new Building Inspection Certificate form that we never had in the Village before.

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For those individuals who are doing any kind of construction work, it's a two form that is typically used at construction sites. It notes all the inspections that are necessary and the dates in which they took place and any comments and the date that certificate of occupancy has been issued. Not only is it a helpful reminder for us in the Building Dept. to make sure that all of these inspections occur, but it's a good reminder for those homeowners or individuals who are having construction done to note they do need these inspections. We have had some cases in the past where inspections have been missed and we have had them go out at a later time and sometimes taking out parts of walls to be able to look at sections that were not inspected. She is pleased that Mr. Sutton has taken the initiative to put this form together and continues to streamline the operations of the Building Department, making it easier for the people to comply and keeping them knowledgeable. Our Building Inspector has set up a regular schedule of inspections for our commercial properties, particularly up and down Main Street. He has been working with our Fire Inspector, Evor Williams, and they will be going through on an annual basis inspecting commercial properties.

Trustee Kaye stated she does want to remind residents that if they have tires that they want to put out in their trash, they need to bring those tires to the DPW building since the DPW no longer picks up tires curbside. People can bring them on Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. There is a small charge which is based on the price that the Village pays to dispose of them. It ranges from \$1.50 to \$2.50 based on the size of the tire and there is an additional charge if you want to dispose of your rim.

Trustee Kaye stated there is a Planning Board meeting this Monday, May 3rd. We have a Zoning Board of Appeals on May 18th. Those are not regularly scheduled but we do have an issue on the agenda. The next meeting of the Youth and Recreation Committee is May 11th. Anyone who would like to stop in at those meetings is more than welcome to do that.

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

Unanimously carried.

Robert Reis, stated he is not a resident but is a taxpayer of the Village. There are two items on the agenda he would like to address. Mr. Reis requested that the sewers be cleaned. He has been paying an average of \$600.00-\$800.00 a year to have the sewers on several of his properties cleaned. Everytime Mr. Reis has them cleaned out he come up to a block at the Village sewer. On a couple of occasions they have afforded to the DPW that we just can't get through it and we have recurrent back ups. On one property is routinely occurs every 40 to 65 days. In the first week of April, we had a serious back up at the corner of Main and Rinewalt. The storm volume was so great that it backed up into the basement and brought in debris. That is very unsanitary.

Mr. Reis also stated he would like very much to get together with Trustee Lowther after the meeting.

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He would like to reiterate the concern that he has expressed in the past that he is concerned with the safety of ingress and egress around the corner of Rinewalt onto Main Street and Main Street onto Rinewalt. He thinks this is a very rational way of approaching it and that is to see what is necessary in order to secure the safety of the residents of Rinewalt and of the Village.

Kathleen Delaney, 50 Swan Lake stated she is wondering what is going on with the sewers on the properties on Main Street. With the rain, she thinks the sewers are again being a problem. She usually have a lot of water in her basement. National Fuel, New York Telephone, all the facilities have been out regarding the property directly across from her, and they have made major cuts in the road bed. They've also gone into the property, two properties next to her that lost the sidewalk. Those sidewalks were replaced just three years ago and the Village ends up with an expense. She is wondering with the sewers and the road bed being replaced, will those sidewalks be replaced and if so, will that be at her expense? Will there be any notification of when this will take place?

Trustee Kelly stated the water line is in the process of being reconstructed along Swan Place. The planning stage has now begun.

Mayor Daniels stated this project was tied in as a cost savings to the Garrison water line and the same engineering company is doing the project. He is hoping that it is going to be cheaper. We ran into a problem with the National Fuel Gas lines on Garrison and that has to be inspected before we can go out to bid. National Fuel is overdue in getting back to the engineering firm with their report on that large pipe. As soon as they do, we will be going out to bid on that entire project.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street, commented on the plans for the lavatories in Island Park. While she did look at them a little bit, she sees that there are things that are not shown on there which she feels should be included. There's no mention of paper holders, non-breakable mirrors or changing tables

Trustee Piazza stated there are a list of items. Ms. Schlifke and he can look at it after the meeting.

Ms. Schlifke commented on Trustee Lowther's call for a public hearing for two-hour parking on Main Street. She thinks that Trustee Lowther should designate the area because there already is some two-hour parking on the north side of Main Street from Mill to the Village line and on the south side of Main Street. If you just say two hours for all, she thinks it is a little confusing because we already have an ordinance in effect covering a part of it.

Trustee Lowther stated there are probably 10 or so different areas that would be affected. When we have the public hearing she will introduce it by designating the areas.

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Ms. Schlifke stated she heard at the work session there is some confusion with committees and certain procedures that must be gone through in appointing members. Back on February 16th she wrote a memo to the Board. All the Board members should have a copy with the exception of Trustee Piazza, because he wasn't on the Board. At that time she voiced some concerns about committees and committee members. While many times people are willing to serve on committees, she thinks the commitment that they must make must be clear. Some committees have one meeting a month, others entail many other things. They should be aware the day committee meets to make sure that there is no conflict. If they stay on the committee for two or three months and they find that it isn't working out, then they leave and must go out and look for someone else. Also, a lot of people who have never served on a committee sometimes don't really understand their limitations, what is expected of them, who speaks out on a committee and where public statements come from. All these things are confusing. Committees are strictly advisory except for the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals. She had suggested in her letter to the Board of February 16th that perhaps some guidelines should be drawn up that can be given to members of committees so that they know exactly what is expected of them and what they can also expect. That is a two-way street. What a committee can expect from their trustee/liaison and just how much support they will have on their suggestions to the Village Board. If the committee has put enough time and effort into making a recommendation, at least the trustee/liaison should see to it that the rest of the Board of Trustees is aware of what this committee feels should be done, especially the Parks Committee and the Youth Committee. They are very active in public functions and it's very difficult sometimes to want to move ahead to contract with someone to do something for Savor the Flavor when really the authority is not with the committee, the authority is with the trustee. She thinks it is very important that this be spelled out and she had suggested that perhaps the Government Advisory Committee could work on something like this. She knows they have a lot of work to do but she feels that it is very important that it be spelled out. She noted that Trustee Lowther was a little bit offended because she felt something had been done that she should have been involved with Ms. Schlifke and personally has to agree. While it is an appointment, maybe a mayoral appointment, she does feel because the trustee/liaison must work with these people in a much closer manner so at least the liaison should be notified of members coming on their committees. She thinks it's a good thing for the Board to air out their differences and also writing what is expected of the committee members.

Trustee Lowther asked Trustee Piazza if that is something the Government Advisory Committee could take a look at.

Trustee Piazza stated yes although there is a memorandum he has for discussion tonight that covers part of this. After it is discussed tonight, maybe he will take it to the Advisory Board.

Trustee Kaye stated she thinks this is a good start. She doesn't know if Ms. Schlifke has seen the information that Trustee Piazza has put together.

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Ms. Schlifke stated no she didn't but she did discuss this particular item with him at a meeting they had when he became a trustee/liaison to the Parks Committee. She has to assume that is where his idea is coming from.

Trustee Kaye stated this is only a small part of what Ms. Schlifke is asking for. It actually talks about the expenditures and who's responsible.

Ms. Schlifke asked if there is anyone on the Board that knows exactly what is happening with this "Adopt a Highway" program that the Town of Amherst has initiated.

Trustee Lowther stated she had asked some questions because she was concerned about the blue signs which look like advertising billboards. She was told that those were not put up by the Town, they were put up by the State. They are only on State highways at this point. The Town has designed something much smaller and much less obnoxious than the blue ones and they have not gone up yet. Councilmember Santillo is the one who is in charge of Adopt a Highway through the Town.

Ms. Schlifke stated she is aware of the program which has been in effect in many areas throughout the country. As she has gone on vacations, she has seen them in other areas. Last year she even saw them in Hawaii. She can't say that the signs were as large as these blue ones. She always wondered exactly what these people were adopting. To her, it sounded like a program where once a week someone walks down the street, picking up trash. That was her impression because these areas where she saw these signs were very clean. The first sign that she saw go up was the one that encompass 90% of the Village of Williamsville. It starts just west of Youngs Road and it runs to just west of Union Road. At the time when she saw it, she thought that was strange. She would think someone would want to adopt an area that really needs some help. She has always been very proud of the way the Village of Williamsville looks. She thinks the people that live here and the business community are very active in the way Main Street is maintained, we have our own DPW, we have our own Beautification Committee. She feels that perhaps there was another area somewhere in the Town of Amherst that could have used this more than the Village of Williamsville. She wondered whether anyone ever came and really said anything to the Village about what they are going to do. Then when she was in Village Hall today she picked up a slinger which was in the rack and it says that the volunteers agree to clean up the areas only four times a year. That's great. She can name at least a half a dozen areas that really could use this cleanup and yet she sees the whole length of Main Street all the way out to Transit Road has been adopted by various people. Even a local club has adopted Snyder and Eggertsville. If you have ever driven through the Main Street area of Snyder and Eggertsville, which she does every day on her way to work, those beautiful home, most of them even have private landscapers that come in and clean up the front of their property. She keeps thinking that they are adopting something that really doesn't need adopting or is this just a case of free advertising, a billboard or what? She wondered how the Board feels about somebody adopting Main Street in the Village of Williamsville. If she were still sitting on the Board, she's afraid she would be highly insulted.

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To her it is a great program but seems to have taken the wrong direction. She realizes it's not a Village program but she feels that it's almost an insult, probably not intended.

Trustee Lowther stated she thinks the problem is that we have County Adopt a Highway, we have State Adopt a Highway and we have Town of Amherst Adopt a Highway. We have county roads and state roads in the Village and we have locally controlled roads. She doesn't see the need for anyone to adopt Main Street because we have a Beautification Committee, we have a DPW, we have an active business community who takes care of things. Her opinion is it was done to get free advertising.

Ms. Schlifke stated maybe she was looking at it in a different way than most of people did. But now she has had another person express the same thought to her. She thought maybe she was just being a little paranoid about pride in the Village of Williamsville. She just wanted to tell the Board her feelings as a resident and as a former trustee that she really doesn't feel the Village of Williamsville needs adopting.

Trustee Kaye stated she has also heard people say very similar comments to what has been expressed here tonight.

Trustee Lowther asked if it is in the Board's realm to have the Mayor contact the State Highway Department to find out what we can expect from Siegel Landscaping and Drainage and when can we expect it and if we don't get it, can we remove the signs with their approval. She agrees, she feels a little insulted. She thinks the Village does a wonderful job maintaining Main Street and she thinks that is what the Beautification Committee has done for years. To suggest that four times a year they someone is going to come in and clean up the place because it is such a mess, she agrees, that is a little insulting to her as resident and as a trustee.

Mayor Daniels stated he will check it out and he will report next meeting to the Board and to Ms. Schlifke. He doesn't like the program at all. If you go to Europe, everywhere but Italy, everything is incredibly spotless. It is pride in their communities and in their countries that generates that beauty. He doesn't think that this commercialized way is any way to address the issue at all.

Trustee Lowther stated when we start to have commercial organizations, she found that offensive.

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 Kaye, it was moved at 9:10 P.M. to adjourn to meeting.

Unanimously carried.

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Theresa L. Cummins  
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer