

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, October 25, 1993 at 7:31 P.M.**

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

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

*Also Present: Sherry Brink, Recording Secretary*

*Absent: Yvonne Kaye, Trustee*

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:31 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Kelly, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 12, 1993 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Piazza, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees to amend Sections 84-3(D) and 84-4 (B) (5) (f) (2) of the Village Sign Code held October 12, 1993 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated the work session this evening was fairly productive. We have a grant writer now that we have retained about a month ago to pursue grants for the Village of Williamsville. One of the new grants that is coming down from the Federal Government is called ISTEPA. It's an acronym for Transportation Enhancement Program and it funds transportation projects within the municipalities of New York State. One of the parks, Lehigh Memory Trail, was converted from the old Lehigh Railway System. It runs about 1/2 mile from S. Long Street to South Cayuga. It is used for hiking, biking, walking, or as a dog walking trail at this point. The old depot for the railroad which is owned by the Western New York Historical Railway Society, is located on that land. There is a possibility of obtaining a grant to refurbish and make that a usable building for meetings, storage of materials and for tourists. Eventually the long range plans not only have that depot operational but there will be some railroad cars on the site for storage and also again for historical purposes and viewing by the neighbors in the Village area. It will be a great enhancement. We may even have some track with a hand cart at some point in time. That will all go along with the concept of that park.

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Mayor Daniels reported we also had a meeting with Niagara Mohawk whose lighting system is undergoing some changes both for efficiency and energy conservation. In the Village we have some very old lights that were converted from gas operation at one time. The main concentration of about 89 of those lights is in the Scott, Oakgrove, Columbia, Highland, Monroe and Willowbrook area. Those all need to be converted within the next four years from the 2500 lumen incandescent bulbs that power them now to high pressure sodium which is much more efficient. Niagara Mohawk is looking for efficiency of these lights that also put out that kind of yellowish cast light. We are looking to continue the architectural style of those old green lights that residents see. They are a fluted cast iron post with a clear glass globe on the top. We would like to preserve that look. The Village of Kenmore has done the same thing very recently and converted their system through this program by which the municipality owns part and Niagara Mohawk owns part of the facility and they maintain it in conjunction with each other. That seems to be a fairly economic approach. The Board has to decide within the next budget year how we are going to approach our conversion which will probably be a two or three year program. We are possibly looking at some grant money for that as well as looking for bonding to effect this change. The Village can have Niagara Mohawk do the whole thing and then the Village pays in the lease agreement. The Village can own the entire system and only pay for energy usage but pay off the costs of that to maintain it or it can share it and own a part of it and they can own part of it. Those are the options.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$479,140.15 covering 10/08/93 - 10/21/93 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 10/20/93	\$22,555.13
General fund	56,288.84
Water fund	1,232.22
Sewer fund	390,608.00
Trust & Agency fund	7,612.02
Glen Park fund	843.94
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$479,140.15</b>
<b>Large Vouchers:</b>	
Town of Amherst	\$389,608.00
1992 Sewage Treatment Bill	

Trustee Lowther commented on the sewer bill of \$389,608.00. That did come in at less than the Board had anticipated.

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Administrator Cummins stated it was about \$10,000 less.

Trustee Lowther stated they had a continuing problem with our sewage department and she is glad the bill was less than anticipated.

Mayor Daniels stated hopefully that trend will continue but we still need to address the televising of those sewer lines and plugging up the leaks so that rain water doesn't get into the sanitary lines.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated his second resolution has to do with mandates that the State and the Federal Government put on to smaller town and village governments and, in fact, the county, which has to administer Medicaid/Medicare which is a very costly part of the County budget. Most of the tax dollar that the resident pays to the County goes toward those programs which is mandated by the State. That is just one example of the types of things legislated by the State. They make the laws but then require villages, towns and counties to carry out these State requirements. The New York Conference of Mayors is a group which represents us through the State and lobbies in Albany to protest things they feel are unfair to smaller municipalities. The mandates are one of the main reasons that we have so many problems establishing a budget that we can control because when the State tells the Village what it has to do, that is an unanticipated expense on the local level that we cannot control. This resolution supports relief from those mandates.

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

WHEREAS unfunded state and federal mandates on local governments have increased significantly in recent years;

WHEREAS excessive state and federal burdens on local governments force some combination of higher local taxes and fees and/or reduced local services for citizens and local taxpayers;

WHEREAS existing mandates impose harsh pressures on local budgets and the federal government has imposed a freeze upon funding to help compensate for any new mandates, and Albany has turned a deaf ear to the plight of local taxpayers;

WHEREAS the cumulative impact of these legislative and regulatory actions directly affect the citizens of our community; and

WHEREAS the National League of Cities, in conjunction with the New York State Conference of Mayors and other state and local government representatives, has begun a national public education campaign to help

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citizens understand and then reduce the burden and inflexibility of unfunded mandates, beginning with a National Unfunded Mandates Day on October 27, 1993;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Williamsville endorses the efforts of NYCOM and the National League of Cities to fully inform our citizens about the impact of state and federal mandates on our government and the pocketbooks of our citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Williamsville endorses organizing and participating in events to begin this process on October 27th; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Williamsville will redouble its efforts to get the members of our state and federal legislative delegations to roll back these state and federal mandates, thereby reducing their onerous impact on local taxes.

Trustee Lowther asked if we are going to be sending this to all our state and federal legislators.

Mayor Daniels stated a copy of the resolution will be sent to them and also we will be calling all our state and local representatives. He thinks on the local level we have very good support for relief for these mandates and he knows that the senators and the assemblymen from this district have always worked towards smaller government, not larger. They are fighting a lot of people who would rather let somebody else pay the burden instead of the state. They are looking to balance their budget and the easiest way to do that is to let someone else do the things that they legislate.

Trustee Lowther stated she thinks as a Village municipality we are not hit quite as hard with the mandated items as they are on the County level. She is really astonished that about two-thirds of our county tax dollar goes to mandated expenses which leaves only one-third of every dollar to do all the things we want to do in this county. She thinks it really needs to be addressed and she thinks we can bring pressure to bear from the residents and from the smaller communities like ourselves. She thinks maybe we will be heard.

Mayor Daniels stated it is undoubtable that the Erie County Legislature should really be the lead agency in something like this because it is true. They are responsible to wrestle with all of those state mandates. They have very few pennies out of each dollar that they can actually spend.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated the third resolution deals with the way the Village pays its debt service. We are looking to do a level debt service rather than the unequal that we have now which makes it

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difficult to administer. The second part of the resolution also has to do with applying for money through bonding, asking that the data on the sewer is excluded from the calculations so that the Village can qualify for more favorable bonding.

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

WHEREAS local governments, like individuals, must sometimes borrow money in order to finance the purchase of equipment or property or to undertake necessary capital improvements;

WHEREAS the state constitution, currently requires larger debt service in the early years of a bond repayment;

WHEREAS declining debt service payments result in current taxpayers paying for an unfair proportion of the costs of municipal assets that equally benefit subsequent generations of taxpayers;

WHEREAS Proposal Number One on November 2nd would authorize local governments to repay their obligations on a level debt service basis, similar to a mortgage payment;

WHEREAS local governments are often mandated to construct or reconstruct sewage facilities, at enormous expense to local taxpayers;

WHEREAS the exclusion of sewage facility debt from constitutional debt limits will expire on January 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS Proposal Number Two on November 2nd would extend the sewer debt exclusion through January 1, 2004;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Williamsville supports the approval by the voters of New York State of Proposal Number One and Proposal Number Two on November 2nd;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the residents of the Village of Williamsville are urged to vote in favor of Proposal Number One and Proposal Number Two on November 2, 1993.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza reported the Park Committee met this past week. We are at the point now where we are doing long range planning for next season and seasons beyond as far as looking at specific

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purchase of play equipment or upgrading the parks. We are looking at a problem in Island Park that residents may have been aware of for many years and that is that Island Park pool does leak. At some point in time, the Board will have to make a decision on whether it is going to do something, about that leak or just live with the leaks that we have. This has been a problem for several years and at some point in time, the Board is going to have to make a decision to spend a sizable chunk of money or end up with perhaps nothing. He realizes that is a doomsday forecast but he wants residents to be aware that at some point in time it will cost some money. As of right now we are recommending that monies not be spent. He does think the pool might be able to limp along for at least another couple of years but he is concerned that if something isn't done in the not to distant future, we may have even greater problems. Also, if any residents have been over to the Lehigh area, they might have noticed that there are some new trees planted. A new green space is being created around Lehigh Terminal. Trustee Piazza thanks two gentlemen who have been doing a lot of volunteer work over there. It is literally back breaking work because he did spend a couple of days swinging a pick ax himself giving some help but Bob Kreiter and Jonathan Guillaume have done a lot of volunteer work for the Village and Trustee Piazza certainly think they deserve our accolades.

Trustee Piazza reminded residents that there is a Senior Citizen meeting this Wednesday.

Trustee Piazza stated the Villages and Towns are being asked to make a decision on how to go about regulating cable televisions under new FCC regulations. Trustee Piazza stated we have three choices. We can regulate the rates ourselves, here at the Village level. We can request the state commission to do it for us or we can decide not to regulate at all and hope for the best. The third option would be the worst. There are a lot of risks to the municipality. If we don't regulate the cable, the residents of the Village could end up paying more if there are any future rebates because of drop in prices. The Village residents would not be eligible for the rebates if the cable company is not regulated. The third option would be a foolish option on the Village's part. The other two options, to do it ourselves or to have the state do it, after various studies it has been concluded that if the Village does it itself, the cost of regulating by such a small municipality as we are would exceed the franchise fee that the Village receives from the Cable company. That would really be kind of a foolish option. It doesn't really give us a lot of options when you really look at it. What we are going to do is probably what 90% of villages and towns have already done and are in the process of doing in the next month or so and that is to request the state commission to do the regulating for us. That way we have the best of both worlds. We have a regulated cable system and it's free to us.

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

RESOLVED THAT the New York State Commission on Cable Television is hereby requested to undertake rate regulation for the Village of Williamsville in compliance with federal law as implemented by the Federal Communications Commission.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly reported on leaf pickup. The DPW has been through the Village one complete time already and is presently working west to east. Tomorrow they will be on South Cayuga and Hillside and Reist Street and they will continue east until the Village is done. Then they will start all over again. If any residents were out this weekend, they will notice that the DPW has been very busy.

Trustee Kelly reported that November 1st, this week, our parking restriction has come to pass. The restrictions are no parking from midnight to 6:00 a.m. He asked the Amherst Bee to make a special notice about that so people are aware of this restriction.

ON MOTION by Trustee Kelly, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to suspend the rules for an additional resolution not on the agenda.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly stated the Western New York Railroad Historical Association came to us this evening about a grant that they have been working on. The deadline is November 1st and they have asked the Board to sponsor it. We've gone through it in some detail. Some of it still remains to be worked out but we are going to go on record as being a sponsor of it today.

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

The Village Board hereby agrees to act as a sponsor for the application of Western New York Railroad Historical Association for an Intermodal Surface Transportation Grant subject to the terms and conditions of a letter intent which the Village Attorney is instructed to prepare in a timely fashion.

Trustee Piazza stated he mentioned Lehigh previously. The old terminal at Lehigh will be completely renovated and a platform will be built around it and this will definitely make that whole area much prettier as far as a park is concerned.

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He knows that there are other long range plans for the building that needs repair and rather than let it start to look like an eyesore, we are going to have a very pleasant looking piece of property again.

Trustee Lowther stated the Railroad Historical Society has put forward an offer of \$25,000 of their own organization's money because this is a matching grant. The balance looks like we are going to supply in in-kind services so there won't be a penny coming out of the Village at this point as far as we can tell and that we are going to have a real dramatic change in that whole park area over there. It's a really good project.

Mayor Daniels stated that is if we get the grant money. It could be a year or so before everything is decided.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the following are appointed Laborers in the Department of Public Works at the rate of \$9.22 per hour:

NAME	ADDRESS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Patrick Sweeney	403 Sherbrooke Dr.	October 25, 1993

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly stated there is another vacancy in the DPW which the Board will be addressing in a session after the Board meeting today.

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

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly stated there is some work by the Department of Transportation along Main Street. They need to set forth some easement agreements.

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

WHEREAS the State of New York Department of Transportation, as part of Main Street Resurfacing Project, from the I-290 to Mill Street, has requested permission to enter a Village of Williamsville easement for the purpose of making proper joint connections with the existing 6' outlet pipe;

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby grants the NY State Department of Transportation permission to enter this easement (L.8903, Cp71, dated April 12, 1980) to perform the necessary excavations with the stipulation that the area will be restored to its original condition, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the mayor is hereby authorized to communicate this approval to the New York State Department of Transportation.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly stated there have been a couple resignations recently in the fire department and we are going to appoint someone new which will bring our fire department to 63 members.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees, Acting as the Fire Commissioners for the Williamsville Fire Department, hereby appoints Thomas E. Oswald, 188 Mill Street as a firefighter in the Williamsville Fire Department.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther thanked Girl Scout Troop #273 for their assistance this past Saturday in helping the Village collect phone books for recycling. Unfortunately, our recycling contract with BFI, which expires in March of 1994, does not accommodate recycling phone books. If your household is like everyone else's, you probably have at least three this year and many of them are not even cracked open when they are turned in. People never use them. So we had the Girl Scouts from Troop #273, as well as the volunteer members from the Environmental Advisory Council, helping the Village on Saturday at the DPW from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Trustee Lowther also thanked Superintendent Laubisch for and having everything set up for them when they walked in.

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All they had to do was just open the door and let the people come in with the phone books. The Girl Scouts did pick them up from the Senior Citizens high rise housing on Main Street and transported them to the DPW.

Trustee Lowther stated the Glen Park Joint Board was not listed on tonight's agenda. They will be meeting on Election Day, November 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Trustee Lowther reported we've contracted to feed many of the trees in Glen Park because we found that we have a serious infestation of pine tree bores, and we are losing an awful lot of trees in the park. One of the nice things about Glen Park, other than the falls, is the fact that it is heavily wooded and it is very attractive. We don't want to lose any more trees so we are going to have someone in there within a week or so to do a massive feeding of many of the trees.

Trustee Lowther stated in absence of Trustee Kaye this evening, who is out of town on business, she wanted to mention a Youth Board function, which is her liaisonship. The Halloween parade and party will be held this Saturday evening on Main Street at North Ellicott. The parade starts at 6:00 Saturday evening and proceeds to Sts. Peter and Paul where a party will be held for all the children. It is a long standing tradition to have the Halloween parade and party. It's a good time for all the children in the Village as well as the parents too.

Trustee Lowther stated her first resolution is the approval of the NEST agreement. It's a joint municipal agreement between the Northeast and South towns Solid Waste Management Board which replaces the former NOREC Board. By becoming a member of the NEST, the Northeast South Towns Waste Management Board, at a cost of about \$195.00 a year, we reduce our dumping fees for our recyclables \$15.88 a ton to \$10.10 a ton. She thinks within one cycle we will completely have paid back the dues membership and will continue to realize some real savings on our recycling costs. This will be the only Solid Waste Board in the area now.

Administrator Cummins stated there is also the Northwest Board.

Trustee Lowther stated there is still the Northwest which we belong to but the NEST has the added advantage of letting the Village reduce its dumping fees for recyclables.

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

RESOLVED that Mayor Daniels is hereby authorized to sign the Joint Municipal Agreement creating the Northeast-Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED that Trustee Yvonne Kaye is hereby designated as the permanent representative to this organization. In the event Trustee Kaye is unable to attend a meeting, the Village Administrator, Theresa L. Cummins and the Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch are hereby designated as alternate representatives.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther stated we are going to be experiencing the New York State DOT reconstruction of the bridge over Main Street at Ellicott Creek. The anticipated start date of this project is going to be probably next April or May and it's going to take all of two years to finish it. She doesn't know the length of time that they are going to be closing down the entranceway to Glen Park. Hopefully it won't be the full two years. She can't imagine that they would need that much time. We have to allow them ample opportunity to be able to reconstruct the bridge which overlaps on to the entrance to the Glen Park.

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

RESOLVED that Mayor Daniels is hereby authorized to sign a Temporary Use and Occupancy of Private Property Agreement of Adjustment and closing papers between the Village of Williamsville and New York State Department of Transportation to cover their temporary occupancy of the entranceway to Glen Park at Main Street during the reconstruction of the Main Street bridge over Ellicott Creek.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza reported a Local Government Advisory Board was scheduled for this Wednesday, the 27th. That has been canceled.

Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch reminded residents that this week is the last regularly scheduled trash pickup. We will be starting trash pickup tomorrow and covering the entire Village. After this week there is no more regularly scheduled trash pick up until next May. Work conditions permitting and weather permitting, residents can call the DPW and arrange for a trash pickup between now and next May. That is solely dependent on our work schedule and during the winter months the winter weather. Regarding leaf pickup, we ask that residents do not pile leaves in the street. When residents do that, it forces the cars to park on top of the leaf piles further out into the road. Many of the Village streets are not extremely wide to begin with and when the vehicle is parked further out into the road it makes it very inconvenient for the traffic proceeding up and down the street in an orderly fashion.

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It also does not permit the rain water to flow freely down the edge of the road to the receivers so again as the Village ordinance states, please pile your leaves at the edge of the road, not out in the road as this creates a safety problem. We will get them picked up as fast as humanly possible.

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

Unanimously carried.

Isabelle Bodnar, 180 Columbia Drive read a letter addressed to Mayor Daniels and the Village Board, addressing responses which she received from Mayor Daniels and some members of the Village Board to her letter of October 12th, 1993 which she read at the meeting and also the alleged unethical deeds of Mayor Daniels regarding the signing of the rental lease for the ice cream cart. (Copy attached)

Mayor Daniels stated he doesn't know where to begin. She has more than one point. We can enter that letter into the record and we will discuss it unless she wants to ask him something specific.

Trustee Piazza stated when there is public participation, residents all have various subjects that they believe in. We always take these into consideration but there is no requirement that he knows of for an immediate response. When there is a lot of data being given, as there obviously is here, it might be difficult to respond, off the cuff, by any one of us.

Trustee Kelly stated he is prepared to do that.

Trustee Piazza stated he isn't. Ms. Bodnar stated some things about the water. He would love to discuss the water with her individually if she would like because some of the data may be misleading or inaccurate and rather than try to get into a numbers discussion he'd rather sit down at a rational time, he is not accusing her of being irrational, but just trying to discuss the numbers accurately and then look at where they might be going. No decisions have been made about spending any money. He doesn't want the people of the Village to think that the Board is going to secretly make a decision that would cost the Village tax payers millions of dollars because the Board never would do that. He can say that as a Board member.

Ms. Bodnar stated no one has given the residents any definite information. If someone gives it to the newspaper, then we read it. We hear these figures and reports in the news and someone gives this information to the News. So what are we to think? You tell me.

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Mayor Daniels stated the information that he gave the News was strictly, hypothetical, exploratory probings into ways that we can address the water system in the Village for improvements and also accommodate someone who has an interest in removing the water tower to our advantage if we can work it out that way. Nothing has been decided. Our meeting with the Ciminelli company is scheduled for November 8th. He sent a letter to them saying that the Board would entertain them in informal discussion at the beginning of the Board meeting, two weeks from today to discuss the proposal that Frank Ciminelli made on that property. Nothing else has transpired other than we're interested in talking to him. It has some ramifications that may be beneficial to both parties concerned. If it's not, we don't need to pursue it. Nothing that we can release now has any solidity because it is all hypothetical.

Trustee Piazza stated that meeting is open to the public. Anyone who would like to view our discussion with Mr. Ciminelli is invited to get the information first hand.

Trustee Lowther stated it begins at 6:00 p.m., not 6:30.

Ms. Bodnar stated in response to Mayor Daniels' answer, he says it is hypothetical but any resident reading those articles would not assume from those articles in the paper that they are hypothetical. If that was his intent, it should have been so stated.

Mayor Daniels stated he thought it was. He thought what he was saying was there was a proposal that had been offered and there might be things we might be able to do in order to address the 2.3 million dollars worth of improvements that minimally seem to be required to upgrade our system towards the removal of that water tank.

Ms. Bodnar stated the article even went on to state considerable increases in taxes and all this. She thinks if Mayor Daniels was a little more careful in saying that it is hypothetical, maybe he wouldn't create these problems.

Mayor Daniels stated he did not write the article and the information on any tax increase was hypothetical on Mr. Dawson's part, after questioning Administrator Cummins on what the costs of these improvements would be without any other alternatives other than bonding.

Ms. Bodnar stated Mayor Daniels should get Mr. Dawson to make a correction if that were his assumption.

Mayor Daniels stated there was nothing in the article that said that the rates were going to go up, two dollars, a thousand or whatever. It was just a question asked if this were done, what would be the effect. There was nothing that announced that the rates were going up, that we were going to involve ourselves in any of this other than in an exploratory nature. He is sorry that she read things into the article that he did not. He has had discussion with the Erie County Water Authority and will meet with them after his meeting with Frank Ciminelli. That is just a fact gathering. What we are trying to do is improve the water system.

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If Ms. Bodnar's not interested in that, that's fine. We, as a Board, have a responsibility to address the infrastructure not only in water lines but in sewer lines, the lighting of the Village and all the other things that go towards maintaining the municipality. It's not an easy job. We have to be very creative when we look at alternatives. We can't expect property taxes to pay for everything.

Ms. Bodnar stated if Mayor Daniels should be a little more informative in those articles in specifically saying these are in the planning stages and we will keep the residents posted and informed as we go along but she doesn't think any resident reading those two articles would get that pitch at all.

Mayor Daniels stated he did not release the articles. If he had written the article himself and submitted and paid for its publication then he could have controlled its content. A reporter is free to put in the article what he feels is worth reporting. You give him the information and what the reporter does with it is often not exactly the way it was intended but it is the way it would appear.

Ms. Bodnar stated Mr. Dawson quotes Mayor Daniels as a direct quote.

Mayor Daniels stated he really would rather not take the time here to address every individual quote. He thinks Trustee Piazza's comments were that we welcome the input of that information and there is a lot in there. He can address that by a letter back to her, if she would like or sit down and talk with her. She is welcome to come to the meetings and sit down at our work sessions as we go along with this project. A lot of times, misinformation is transmitted person to person so that by the time it gets around to maybe the last resident who hears it, it's a different story than when it initiated. He thinks the source for all the true answers is to sit in on all the meetings that we have, which are all open to the public.

Trustee Kelly stated in no way did he ever attack Ms. Bodnar. He suggests if Ms. Bodnar feels that way that she go back and listen to the tapes and that she also take a look at the minutes from the meeting. He very specifically said one thing. After she spoke for a long time he said we have to divorce the issue of the water tank from the whole water system. He spoke for about five minutes on all the costs for the water system and where it is coming from and where it has got to go. He never mentioned her name once during that entire period of time.

Ms. Bodnar stated he spoke to her.

Trustee Kelly stated he spoke to her and he made no personal comments whatsoever to her. If she feels that way he suggests that she go back and listen to the tape because he made no personal comments to her whatsoever.

Ms. Bodnar stated Trustee Kelly was dictating to her that she should segregate what she was talking about. Trustee Piazza just said, as a rule, you don't make any comments at all.

Trustee Piazza stated he said we are not obligated to.

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Trustee Kelly stated he will say it again today. He thinks we have to very carefully divorce the issue of the water tank from the whole water system itself, in the Village of Williamsville, running all the way from Union Road all the way to Cadman Drive. They are two very different issues. Both issues have to be addressed and again, they are being addressed. To just come in and say, gee, 2.3 million dollars Mr. Ciminelli give it to us, doesn't give us any answer. Trustee Kelly also, in that long discussion, talked about what that 2.3 million dollars was. A lot of it had to do with replacing all of our water hydrants, if we go to the county system, all of which are in good working order but they are different than the county system.

Ms. Bodnar stated that is due to the fact that the Village is going to remove the water tank.

Trustee Kelly stated it has absolutely nothing to do with removing the water tank. We have a water study that's been ongoing for about four years now to decide whether Erie County Water Authority should take over our system. If they take over our entire water system, we will be out of the water business, having nothing to do with the water tank. He is not even talking about the water tank right now. If we do that, Erie County wants every single fire hydrant replaced even though they are in good working order because they don't use that kind of fire hydrant. They want all our 6" lines replaced because they deal with 8" and 10" lines even though many of our 6" lines are fine. It has nothing to do with the water tank. The water tank is a separate issue. Whether we should remove the water tank or not is a very separate issue. He is in total agreement with Ms. Bodnar. That if that water tank comes down, one, our water system has to be in good, working condition, and two, he's not about to take it down unless there is a source of funding for it. Whether it is Frank Ciminelli, whether it is the State of New York, whoever it is, there has to be a funding source. Third, and most important as liaison to the fire department, he's not going to even talk about taking it down unless the fire department says, when it is all said and done, that this system is going to be proper to fight any fire in this system. One of the things that would have to be done is to increase the number of interconnects from outside the Village. They are two very different discussions. If we are saying we have to take down that water tank, that does not mean that we need to put 2.3 million dollars into our system because the water tank is coming down.

Ms. Bodnar stated the Village would have to do a lot of remedial work if it removes the tank. How much is that going to cost?

Trustee Kelly stated that is what we are waiting to hear.

Ms. Bodnar stated she is sure it is not going to be \$100,000. She is sure it is going to be more than that.

Trustee Kelly stated he has no idea and as soon as that comes up, it will be discussed in public as every other thing that he has done has been discussed.

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In no way did he attack her whatsoever. He resents that she said that and if she really feels that way, he suggests that she goes back and listen to the tape again.

Ms. Bodnar stated that is the way she felt.

Trustee Kelly stated he is sorry that she felt that way. He was not attacking her at all. The only thing he wanted to point out, because people were sitting there listening to what was going on and he wanted to make it very clear, that the whole water system study that we are doing is a very different discussion and a very different topic than just talking about the water tank itself.

Ms. Bodnar asked why did Trustee Kelly say he was the Harmony Party.

Trustee Kelly stated Ms. Bodnar made a comment about the Harmony Party and the fact that he ran on the campaign to reduce taxes. He said as a member of the Harmony Party he was answering her and he did answer her and it is quoted right here in the minutes. He in no way attacked her.

Ms. Bodnar stated she has a right to express her opinion that it is the Harmony Party. That is just her freedom.

Trustee Kelly asked if he cut her off at all that day. No, he did not. He let her speak her whole piece. She was up there for a very long time. He never said a word about well, you're a member of another party or anything like that. Ms. Bodnar said, "you members of the Harmony Party campaign on something" and he said "as a member of the Harmony Party, I'm going to respond to that".

Ms. Bodnar stated she didn't say that.

Trustee Kelly stated it was in her letter that she handed in to the Board.

Ms. Bodnar stated she did mention that Mayor Daniels, who is in the Harmony Party, campaigned on that. There is one more question about joining the Erie County Water Authority. She remembers when Jim Hayes was Trustee he had quite a bit of publicity in the paper about how extravagant they are and he wanted to get rid of those commissioners and their expensive cars so why would we want to join the Erie County Water Authority then and pay for all of their expenses.

Trustee Kelly stated first of all we are paying for that now because we buy our water from them. If we disbanded as a water department, the rates that Ms. Bodnar, as an individual user would pay, would fall.

Ms. Bodnar asked if that is a guarantee.

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Trustee Kelly stated that is a guarantee because a municipal user would charge you more than a direct rate. The problem that we have with that is if we turn it over to the Erie County Water Authority, who is going to pay for all these improvements. They want to stick it on the Village taxpayer to do that outside of the water department. He is totally against that.

Ms. Bodnar asked if the Erie County Water Authority can absolutely guarantee that they are going to charge the residents less than we are being charged now? Does Trustee Kelly have a guarantee for that?

Trustee Kelly stated Ms. Bodnar would be a normal user as opposed to coming through the Village of Williamsville Water Department. Her rate would be about \$1.88.

Ms. Bodnar stated Trustee Kelly has no guarantee that that is going to remain in effect.

Trustee Kelly stated those rates are published.

Mayor Daniels stated that is the current rate that Amherst residents have.

Trustee Kelly asked if Ms. Bodnar is asking him right now is he in favor of the County taking over our whole system, he can't answer that yet because there are too many unknowns. If we don't have to do all these improvements and they are willing to take over our system as is, he thinks it is pretty clear that it's cheaper to all the tax payers in the Village to do that. So far they are saying, if we are going to take you over, we want you to put 2.3 million dollars into the system. The number keeps going up and that is something that is very unacceptable to him.

Ms. Bodnar stated regardless, she doesn't think Trustee Kelly or anybody can guarantee that if we go to Erie County Water, that our rates will be less. There is no guarantee. They could raise their rates \$2.00.

Trustee Lowther stated they could but it would also be a pass through if we still had the Village water system and we bought the water from them.

Mayor Daniels stated no matter what they raise their rates to, ours would be \$1.00 more and that amounts to about \$120.00 more per resident per Village household a year right now because we average 120,000 gallons a year per household. We would save \$120.00 per household per year if we were billed by Erie County Water.

Ms. Bodnar stated you have to think of the huge bond payment.

Mayor Daniels stated we are trying to reduce that.

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Trustee Kelly stated assuming we do that, he's not so sure it's in our best interest to do that. Until the final information comes from the groups that have been studying on it, he can't answer. It's absolutely ridiculous for him as a trustee to say let's go to the County and spend \$400,000 to \$500,000 just to change the fire hydrants. They are perfectly good fire hydrants, they are just a different brand than what the Erie County Water Authority uses. If some of those things can be negotiated out, it may make economic sense to do it. Right now, it doesn't.

Ms. Bodnar asked a half a million just to change the fire hydrants?

Trustee Kelly stated yes and they are perfectly good fire hydrants. They just want a different brand because they don't carry the parts that we carry.

Ms. Bodnar stated the article in the paper said you would have to pay about \$11,000 a year for rental of the hydrants.

Trustee Kelly stated he is not up on every penny on these but for example, the Town of Amherst does have a water district like the Village does. All their residents buy directly from Erie County Water Authority. The Town also pays on their tax bills, funds to support the Erie County Water Authority for the fire hydrants, fire protection and a number of other items, which is included in Ms. Bodnar's regular water bill as a Village resident. You have to factor in all those costs. If Erie County Water Authority is going to require the Village to make all those changes, you are going to see him voting against going with the Water Authority because it just doesn't make economic sense to him to throw out hundreds of perfectly good fire hydrants because they are not "brand A", but "brand X". Likewise with a number of 6" lines, they want 8" lines. That doesn't mean that our system is in perfect shape because it is not. There are a number of lines that need significant improvement but the last couple of years we have done a lot of work on the system. We've done some work on Garrison this year and with the new subdivision we added a lot of extra things to take care of a number of residents in that whole area. In our prework session earlier when we were discussing some of the different items when the railroad item came up, we made a note that the water pressure in the South Long area is very bad and that is one of the ways we have to examine it. The bonding he was just speaking about on Garrison Road came in quite a bit under what we thought it was going to be. There's an extra \$17,000 or \$18,000 left there that we are going to use for valve replacement throughout the Village. All of those things are helping to make the system a better system.

Ms. Bodnar stated that is normal wear and tear, yes.

Trustee Kelly stated the problem that we have is that our system is very old and the normal wear and tear hasn't been taken care of on a regular basis as it should have back in the '50's and '60's and '70's and a lot of it is coming due at once. Do we do the whole system all at once and turn it over to the County of Erie? He doesn't think that makes economic sense right now. He thinks well over half of the estimated funds are for replacing perfectly good items that just don't meet their specifications.

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Ms. Bodnar stated that would be a waste of the tax payer's money.

Trustee Kelly stated he totally agrees with her. If those things can't be negotiated out, it's going to be his vote to have the water district stay within the Village of Williamsville. If the Erie County Water Authority is willing to work with us on a lot of those items and drop a lot of those requirements, maybe it will make more economic sense to go to the Water Authority. Right now we don't know the answers to those questions. He doesn't think we will know those answers for a good six months or longer.

Ms. Bodnar stated it would have been nice if that were explained in the press release.

Trustee Kelly stated he doesn't issue press releases.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street stated with all due respect to Ms. Bodnar and all due respect to Mr. Dawson, she thinks one has to take into consideration that Mr. Dawson is a columnist. Any time he can write articles that perhaps can be controversial, that is what his job is. As a past member of the Village Board, she was interviewed and misquoted many times by Mr. Dawson. Whether it was done intentionally, whether it was done just to make the article more controversial, she is not going to even try to figure that one out. You have one article in which the Mayor was quoted that Ms. Bodnar is referring to and immediately thereafter he had another article in which Trustee Kaye was quoted. Whether she contacted Mr. Dawson after the first article was written or whether Mr. Dawson contacted her, she won't even guess about that either. There again, Mayor Daniels started a controversy. He thinks it is an insult to the members of the Village Board for any resident to feel that just because one or two members of that Board are quoted in the newspaper to think that all the members don't have the intelligence to look at the item or the situation individually, analyze it and come up with what ever they feel is the best solution for the Village of Williamsville. He doesn't think party should enter into it at all. She would hope that all the Board members were elected on their intelligence and not just because they belong to one party or another. That wasn't her main reason for coming up here tonight but she did feel that it was something that had to be said. If you believe everything you read in the newspaper, you're not really looking to the source for the facts. If you come to the Board meetings, and talk to the trustees, the elected officials, most of them are willing to take the time to sit down with you and tell you exactly what is happening. Don't base all your thoughts and decisions on just what you are reading in the newspaper because you are not going to have all the facts or you are going to have facts that are slanted by someone who is writing the articles or someone who is being quoted incorrectly. The main reason she wanted to come to the Board this evening was to get some information, which is what she does quite often. She is here and when she wants to know something that is going on in the Village she comes and asks the people who should know what is happening in the Village and that is the elected officials. The Board has probably read the newspaper articles that have appeared recently regarding a proposed signal at Essjay and Evans.

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While the Town of Amherst has conducted a study and it is a county highway and Mr. Ciminelli has set aside money due to the court order that would pay for the signal, to her it is almost a forgone conclusion that that signal will be going up and will be going up probably shortly. Her question to the Board is, as usual and due to the court order, the Village of Williamsville is more or less left out in the cold. While she knows you cannot interfere with the installation of that signal, she does feel that the Town of Amherst, that Board or that Traffic and Safety or that Highway Department should at least have had the courtesy to come to the Village of Williamsville, either in person or in writing and ask whether or not the Board had any input into it or whether it would like to be advised of what would be happening with that signal. She saw quotes in the paper by the Town Superintendent, Mr. Lucey and it seems to be a foregone conclusion that when Sheridan Drive construction begins that Essjay will be a detour. That certainly will be a tremendous impact on not only Evans Street but on the whole east end of the Village of Williamsville. She does think that they should have the courtesy to at least come to the Board. If they don't offer that to the Board, she would like to see this Board approach someone, anyone in the Town of Amherst so that they are advised as to just what the plans are because there are certain things that can be done with signals. There are phases, there are hours that they can be taken out of commission and this is very important to the people that live on Evans Street, especially in the area where this signal would go. If you look at it logically, when the signal changes, your driveway is blocked because of the volume of traffic that goes up and down the street, you then cannot get out. When most people are backing out of their driveways, it takes two car lengths at least to maneuver. If no one gives you the courtesy of staying back two car lengths, you cannot get out of your driveway. Unless you back into your driveway, it's impossible to pull out. We don't have the luxury of having wide enough lots that have turn arounds. Therefore, this is going to cause a lot of trouble for people that live in the area of that signal. She thinks these are things that the Town of Amherst certainly will not even be aware of or want to think about if someone in the Village doesn't address them to them so that the Board is protecting the residents. Even though it is a Town signal, it is in the Village of Williamsville and we live in the Village of Williamsville so therefore, she comes to the Board for support and hopes that some contact will be made with the Town because she is foreseeing a tremendous influx of traffic. She is not saying that the signal should not go up. She personally doesn't want it but the Town has created a very dangerous situation with that road and you constantly hear cars, horns, beeping. She's even seen cars going around another car who did not exit Essjay fast enough for the person behind them. These are people who are on their way home from work and that is their only desire, to get home quicker. They have no courtesy, they offer us no courtesy to get out of our driveways. It's as if we don't exist. She has accepted it. She lives there and there is nothing she can do about it. She fought it for 10 years and she lost and now she has to live with it but she would expect the elected officials in the Village of Williamsville to at least have some contact with the Town in regards to this signal.

Mayor Daniels stated we will look into that. He is not sure it is even Traffic and Safety's consideration.

Trustee Lowther stated Traffic and Safety did meet last Thursday and had a discussion about it because they are all aware that the counters were out on the street. The last word that we had

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heard Thursday was that the reports were not ready, that no actual decision had been made as yet. However, she does feel that it is a foregone conclusion and she thinks that they feel very comfortable leaving the Village out of the loop because of Judge Doyle's decision. She will be happy to call Pat Lucey and find out the status of it and let Ms. Schlifke know.

Bob Kreiter, 62 Eagle, stated he also wants to say something about that signal being proposed. He echo's exactly what Ms. Schlifke says about the concern of it being placed there but more importantly once, that signal is there and it turns red, traffic going north, how does it stop. On a rainy day or snow, what happens? Also, going south, what happens to it? It's going to back up all the way to Sheridan Drive. He doesn't agree with Ms. Schlifke though that we need the signal. He doesn't think we need it.

Ms. Schlifke stated she could live without it very well.

Mr. Kreiter stated once they widen Sheridan Drive and Youngs Road is addressed, he thinks there is going to be less traffic. He doesn't think we are going to need that. He wonders if the Village could look at it and take the position and advise the Town we don't want it. Youngs Road will be widened, not tomorrow but soon. Sheridan Drive is going to get widened and he doesn't think we are going to need that signal. Once it is there, they are not going to take it away. Once that light goes red, look at all the cars that go over to Belmont, Chalmers and Eagle. Look at all those cars. It's not fair that those cars that are just traversing Williamsville coming from up around Genesee to Wehrle to go north. Look how they impact our community. He doesn't think we need the signal. He thinks the Village should take the position that we don't want it. Widen Sheridan Drive, widen Youngs Road, put the burden on the people that are traveling north to their own destination. We just don't want it. What does it take? Does it take a petition from the Village? You tell me. He thinks the Board should take a position with the Town. Who here has sat on the Amherst Traffic and Safety meetings?

Trustee Lowther stated sporadically she is there.

Mr. Kreiter stated he has. They don't give a damn about the Village. He even addressed Evans. They don't care.

Trustee Lowther stated she found out the County has a certain criteria. When there is a certain load per two-hour period, that mandates the signal. She thinks they are operating under that theory at this point. She will see what she can find out from Pat Lucey.

Mayor Daniels stated we have to look into that construction on Sheridan being a possible detour. They may require something more at the intersection at Essjay and Evans is it does indeed become a through street from Sheridan as a bypass to that intersection when it is being built. He stated what is going to happen is people are going to see that intersection under construction and turn down International or one of those other roads.

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Trustee Lowther stated until the first time they don't get any further past than Wegmans.

Mayor Daniels stated you would have thought that but the experience on Wehrle drive doesn't support that because you always have to back up, people trying to avoid that corner where the blinker is, they would turn down Monroe or Columbia or Cadman and go to Brookside thinking they were cutting that corner. You would have thought, those were the same cars all the time, he would assume after realizing it is not a short cut that Brookside would not have been backed up. The whole time that detour, which thank goodness is gone now, was there, you always had cars trying to do that.

Trustee Lowther stated she works on Sheridan Drive at Sunrise and when they did the construction on Sheridan Drive, it was a 2 1/2 year long procedure. She travels it four times a day, back and forth in the morning, evening and lunch time both ways. They were incredible to keep that road open and keep traffic moving. She could count, on one hand, the number of times she was really inconvenienced in over two years. The State is just really good when they have things like that. She was very impressed and she is hoping they are going to do the same thing down here although she thinks the level of congestion is probably a little bit higher than it is up there. They constructed a thruway ramp up there, they did a lot of things. It was really pretty good.

Ms. Schlifke stated that is why she thinks it is important that the Board contact the Town because when an individual with the authority of Mr. Lucey is quoted, and she would have to assume correctly, inasmuch as everything in the paper is right, that he would be an instrument in designating Essjay to Evans as a detour route. She thinks he must understand that this is not something that the Village is going to accept.

Mr. Stroman, 116 Eagle, stated about a year ago the Village Board, including the Mayor, appeared at a Town Board meeting to speak against the truck traffic that we're stuck with on Evans Street. In addition to the Village Board and the Mayor, a number of residents appeared. Everyone was unanimous in speaking against the truck traffic. Nevertheless, we got licked. He doesn't know what the Village Board did in preparation for that meeting but he would hope that this time individually all the members of the Board would contact the Amherst Town Board and see if we can get some sort of a better hope than what we got at that meeting. He compliments all of the Board, including former Board members who were there on what they did to try and get that traffic stopped. It just didn't work. Perhaps if the people applied a little more pressure, the Board can do it better than we can out here.

Trustee Lowther stated a week from tomorrow there may be another reason to go over there and ask for it again. Maybe it will be granted. We know of one person that isn't running for re-election. There are a lot of people running for office over there.

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It's very likely that the Board could go over there again like we did last time and make that request and it may be heard with different ears this time.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated we do want to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. We may reconvene to pass one final resolution and then adjourn. The next Board meeting will be November 8th. He encourages everyone to get out and vote November 2nd, a week from tomorrow and support the candidates of your choice for all the offices that are open for new people or retention of the old.

Trustee Kelly stated he wants to make it clear, Mayor Daniels mentioned that we may be passing one more resolution. It solely has to do with potentially hiring somebody in the DPW. Nothing else would be on the agenda.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, it was moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:52 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to return to the regular agenda at 9:15 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the following individual is appointed laborer in the Department of Public Works at the rate of \$9.22 per hour:

Michael Meldrum, 61 South Forest Road, effective November 1, 1993.

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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Patrick M. Kelly

October 25, 1993

Mayor Ron Daniels  
and Village Board  
Village of Williamsville  
5565 Main St.  
Williamsville, NY 14221

Re: Responses which I received from Mayor Daniels and some members of the Village Board to my letter of 10/12/93 which I read at the meeting; also, the alleged unethical deeds of Mayor Daniels regarding his signing of the rental lease for the ice cream cart.

Gentlemen:

Mayor Daniels, your response to me was that you did not have all the facts regarding the water tank project and that it would take about a month to gather same. However, the first paragraph of the 10/9/93 press release states that the Village Board Tuesday will discuss an \$80,000.00 purchase offer from Centerpointe developer Frank L. Ciminelli for the half-acre site of the village's water storage tank and that is why I appeared at the meeting. Then I asked you why you

gave the 10/9/93 press release to the News if you were not prepared to discuss the topic, you replied, "Ciminelli did that." Therefore, the question arises, "Did Dick Dawson, of his own volition, print this paragraph without obtaining the correct information from you?"

Towards the end of the meeting when Trustee Mary Louther asked you if you were going to discuss the water tank, you stated, "no." However, right after your denial, the board went to the private meeting and I understood that you talked for two hours and wanted the board to vote on the issue immediately.

I hereby quote the fourth last paragraph of the 10/9/93 article, "The Mayor added, 'We're meeting with Ciminelli's bonding and finance people to see if we can come up with a package that will allow us to upgrade our system with as little impact as possible on the residents,' but you made no effort to explain this."

You told me that I looked "silly" when I suggested that Ciminelli pay the \$2.3 million to the Village as I think it should have been

a site development cost and that he would laugh at me but I think I, and many other intelligent people might laugh right back at him, if after several years, when he cannot sell these homes, he just realizes that it must be the water tank and he would pay \$ 70,000.00 for the lot and the village taxpayer would be saddled with an enormous debt for 20 to 25 years.

Also, I quote the following from the 10/9/93 article, "Realtors say the tank, even with the paint job, is not a good selling point when you're selling homes for \$500,000.00 and up." If Ciminnelli, after being in the real estate development business for many years, did not have the foresight to recognize this, then I think he will have to bear the burden of responsibility and pay for his own mistakes.

In the 10/20/93 issue of the Amherst Bee there was an article regarding installation of a traffic signal at Evans and Enjay and I quote the following: "The money has already been set aside by developer Frank L. Ciminnelli as part of the Centerpointe project." Consequently, I think the same application of funds should have been made for the water tank removal.

At the meeting, I asked Mrs. Cummins how many years the \$256,0000 water system cost, which appeared in the 10/12/93 News article, would run for and she said 20 or 25 years which equates as follows:

20 years	at \$256,000.00	=	\$5,120,000	total pay out
25 "	" "	" "	=	6,400,000 "

and every taxpayer in this village should be apprised of this total cost.

Also, I thought Trustee Kelly's reply to me was very inappropriate when he dictated to me what I should say at the suspension of rules. Trustee Kelly's first words to me were, "He is the Harmony Party." It is irrelevant to me whether he is the Harmony Party or the Communist Party as I was merely stating the facts as they exist whether he likes it or not. It is my understanding that at the suspension of rules, that I have the right to express my opinion, which I did and I told no lies. I have attended many Town Board meetings and have heard people speak out with opposing views and with much criticism and never did I witness a councilmember attacking them in the manner in which Trustee Kelly did to me.

Regarding Mayor Daniels alleged unethical behavior on signing the lease for the ice cream cart, I hereby list the following, which, in my opinion, are evidence of wrongdoing:

#1. Signing a standard lease form in the name of the village of Williamsville without obtaining the village Board's approval and denying execution of same when questioned at the village Board meeting.

#2. This lease provided liability insurance coverage for the rental of an ice cream cart that Mayor Daniels was using as a fundraiser for the Christos School on Academy Street. In my opinion, Mayor Daniels was using the power of his public office to obtain insurance coverage for a private affair with obvious intent of escaping payment for said coverage. In addition, I think the rule of separation of church and state was violated as the Christos School is church related.

In view of the aforementioned information, I think a thorough investigation should be

made by the proper authorities.

Mayor Daniels, your last words to me at the meeting of 10/12/93 were, "Cool it," but I think that you should apply those words to yourself!

Thank you

Very truly yours,

Isabelle M. Bodnar

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Williamsville, NY 14221

cc: Joanne Kaye  
Patrick M. Kelly  
Mary E. Louther  
Paul Piazza

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P.S. At the last meeting I asked what the minimum water usage was and no one knew but I found out that it is 4000 gallons for the village and 8000 gallons for the County.

# Traffic count in review for Essjay-Evans signal

by MICHELE DARSTEIN

Traffic counts from Essjay Road are being analyzed by the Amherst Highway Department to determine if there's enough volume to warrant a signal at Evans Street.

If the volume meets required guidelines, local government won't have to worry about coming up with the money for the signal's installation. The money has already been set aside by developer Frank L. Ciminelli as part of the

Centerpointe project.

Amherst Highway Superintendent Patrick G. Lucey said the traffic count must be at least 300 cars in two consecutive hours from any time of day or night to meet requirements for a signal. Counters were recently set up on Essjay Road.

"We'll be analyzing the data shortly to see if the warrants are met," Lucey said.

If the count is sufficient, the

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