

**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, November 22, 1993 at 7:33 P.M.**

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

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

*Absent: David Laubisch, Supt. of Public Works*

*Also Present: Sherry Brink, Recording Secretary*

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

ON MOTION by Mayor Kelly, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held November 8, 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 84-2 and 84-4 (B) (5) (a) of the Village Sign Code held November 8, 1993 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels reported we have retained a grant writer for the Village. We have applied for money for funds conjunction with the Railroad Historical Society for improvements to the depot that is positioned on the Lehigh Memory Trail park area on South Long Street. That process is moving along very well and has now received an endorsement, not only from the Village of Williamsville but also the Niagara Frontier Transportation Committee. This grant request is to cover request is to cover over \$100,000 for improvements to that depot which will eventually will be a very interesting historical area. The depot will be restored and there will be some railroad cars on site. There will also be times when the building will be open to the public. An area will be reserved for storing records of the Historical Society. It's part of a master plan area which the Parks Committee is involved in as well.

Mayor Daniels reported there are several items pending for the Village now including is the water tank issue and the water system in the Village and the tank off of Rinewalt Street. Also the Village is waiting to receive a grant in the amount of \$45,000 from the State to be used for Historic Preservation in the Village.

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Once we receive it, we will hold a hearing and discuss what type of implementation we will have for that money. The City of Buffalo has been preserving the Allentown district in downtown Buffalo as a historic area. Mayor Daniels stated he doesn't know if that will be the way the Village will decide to use this initial grant money which was obtained by Senator Sheffer before he left office. We shall wait and see what the residents decide.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$84,668.23 covering 11/05/93 - 11/18/93 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 11/17/93	\$23,602.25
General fund	47,870.52
Water fund	1,254.00
Sewer fund	175.00
Trust & Agency fund	7,652.56
Glen Park fund	<u>4,113.90</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$84,668.23</u>
Large Vouchers:	
Wellington Bros. Equipment	\$17,491.00
American Ref-Fuel of Niagara	7,753.14

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kelly announced on behalf of DPW Superintendent David Laubisch who is not here today, that he has had a number of requests as to when the holiday decorations are going up and Mr. Laubisch is pleased to announce that they will start putting them up on November 29, the Monday following Thanksgiving. It usually takes a couple of days to put them up.

Trustee Kelly also reported that the DPW is approximately 85% completed with the leaf pickup. There are still a few more streets left to be done but the majority of the streets have been completed. If enough leaves remain before the heavy snow sets in, Mr. Laubisch is going to attempt to do a blitz to get rid of all the brush that has been sitting out in the roadway.

Trustee Kelly reported the Fire Department is going to have a baby-sitter course for fire safety and first aid. It will be held on December 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon downstairs, for ages 11 and older. A number of fire safety items will be covered. People from First Aid and the Police Department will be there to talk about police safety. It's something we strongly encourage to have done. It is a little peace of mind, as a parent, to know that somebody that will be watching the kids knows what to do in case of an emergency. Anyone who would like to attend is more than welcome.

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

RESOLVED that the Village of Williamsville Board of trustees, Acting as the Fire Commissioners for the Williamsville Fire Department, hereby appoints Michelle Meldrum, 90 Brookdale Road, as a firefighter in the Williamsville Fire Department.

Mayor Daniels stated we now have two female fire fighters in the Hutchinson Hose Company.

Trustee Kelly stated that leaves us with 63 fire fighters and he believes that a few more will be added in the next month or two.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther reported the Glen Park Joint Board will be meeting on Tuesday, December 7th in the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. The Environmental Advisory and Traffic and Safety Committee won't be meeting during the month of December.

Trustee Lowther reported the Traffic and Safety Committee met last Thursday and is continuing to work on the sidewalk question in the Village. Since we have had the Community Development target areas redefined, we've encompassed a lot more of the Village proper than we had in the past. Also since we recently hired a grant writer, we'd like to coordinate all of that information and turn it over to the grant writer to see if there is going to be funding available to help install the sidewalks in areas where we have no sidewalks and where they are being prioritized.

Trustee Kaye asked when Trustee Lowther if that includes the grant writer looking at the ramps on the curb to meet the ADA requirements.

Trustee Lowther stated in our report we are also putting together the areas that don't have curb cuts now that are going to be required by the ADA. We have until the end of 1995 to comply.

Mayor Daniels stated when he was reading the Glen Park minutes he noted that Laura Kracker from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had been asked to prepare a grant for the Glen Park Committee. It looks like later in the minutes that it was an unauthorized request.

Trustee Lowther stated it was one of those situations which we, as a Board, have been faced with in past times that a grant comes up there is very little notice or time to prepare it. Under the authorization of both liaisons to the group it was prepared for approval and submitted to the Glen Park Joint Board. It was passed and accepted with the provision that the Glen Park Board would accept or reject any portion of the grant as it had been prepared and submitted. It looks at this point that the grant is not going to be approved.

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However, the one thing that was in our favor was that they would take services in kind as part of the challenge and we would be able to reduce or add to the monetary amount to make it work for us. If it comes through, great and if it doesn't, we will go from there.

Mayor Daniels asked if there was any money expended to Laura Kracker for pursuing this grant.

Trustee Lowther stated no. It was strictly volunteer.

Mayor Daniels stated there are many challenge type grants available, especially for exploring things. We got another grant writer for work in the park on the dam situation. There is money to be used with the Army Corps of Engineers for exploring improvements to the dam on a 50/50 basis and some of our share can be in kind, that is, labor or any kind of administrative work that we may need to do. However, none of that money is available for actual purchase of equipment or material for actually improving the dam structure itself. That makes it very difficult to implement.

Trustee Lowther stated one thing we might want to have the grant writer look at is the sink hole in Glen Park. They may be able to give the Village some advice on that problem because she thinks it is going to run into considerable money but if we can get an idea of what is necessary, even if we can't use any of this grant money for labor or material, she thinks the advice is going to be very useful to the Village.

Mayor Daniels stated the Glen Park Joint Board should be the one although he doesn't know who would be applying for any money in this regard. The initial studies that the Village had done on this dam were done by the Army Corps of Engineers at no charge at all. It was not a match. It was a service that they normally provide anyway. Maybe the first call would be to the Army Corps to see what they will do.

Trustee Lowther stated we are in contact with them. After our last Glen Park meeting, one of our Board members was going to contact them to see if there was any way they could come out and take a look at the problem.

Trustee Piazza reported the Parks Committee is still in the process of doing long range planning and looking at potential equipment for next year. We have a questionnaire out to those residents that live in the area of the Long Street playground to see if there is any specific kinds of playground equipment they would like to see in that area. If anyone would like to propose any specific type of playground equipment or any specific piece of equipment that they think should be in the Village's playgrounds, please give the Village a call and that recommendation will be passed on to the Parks Committee.

Trustee Piazza reported the Senior Citizens Committee is quiet right now with the holidays coming up. Trustee Piazza also reported there is a Christmas luncheon on December 6th at 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul's. If anyone would like to participate in that, tickets are available.

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Trustee Piazza stated the Government Advisory Board has several subcommittees. There is a water subcommittee which is indirectly becoming involved a bit with the water tower question. They are investigating exactly how important the water tower is to our water situation from several standpoints, which are water pressure and the effect the tower has on current fire insurance rates. The subcommittee will be investigating those questions. He will pass that information on to the public once they have completed their work.

Trustee Piazza reported there is still no progress on the cable negotiations. The contact was made with Adelphia. The proposal was presented to them. The Adelphia Company has not responded to the proposal. Part of the continuing pressure is that many towns are now requesting that New York State become more involved with the actual negotiations process through the New York State level FCC. He is not exactly sure how that is going to work. There is a meeting of the Amherst Cable Committee tomorrow evening and he intends to go to that meeting. At the next Board meeting, he will give more information to the public. As of right now, nothing has happened. He has a resolution to extend the time for completing our negotiations with Adelphia. We originally had anticipated that it would be done by January. Obviously it is going to be several months beyond that. This resolution requests a six month extension. He hopes that is sufficient. If necessary, sometime around May or June, he may request another extension. As of right now, his resolution is requesting one six month extension with the hope that something will happen before the winter is over.

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

RESOLVED that the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees hereby requests that the New York State Cable Commission extend the franchise period for an additional six month period of time for the Village and Adelphia Cable Company to complete negotiations; and for the Village to complete the necessary procedures including a public hearing.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye reported the Village Youth and Recreation Board's community holiday caroling party that will be in Island Park on Sunday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a bonfire and music, hot cocoa will be served, and Santa will be there distributing candy canes. The Williamsville Youth Center that has moved to Christian Central Academy will be opening on November 29th. They will be beginning their drop-in program on that day and they now have a flyer that is going out to the schools to parents so that they can register for "Camp W" which is a time to do arts and crafts, computer games, special projects, gym activities and game room activities for youths ages 5 to 12 years old. This is the first one of their programs they are introducing at the new center.

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It was a program they had at the Cayuga Center and are now continuing. It will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and there is a one time \$5.00 registration fee. Parents can register their children for one day or all three days for the drop-in but they do need to be registered by phone and for a 6 week session. The first session will run from November 29th to January 14th. Parents should call the Amherst Youth Board to register for that program. The Youth Committee will not be having their December meeting as it shows on the meeting schedule on December 14th but will be having their next regular scheduled meeting on is the second Tuesday of January.

Trustee Kaye reported the Village has received a check from BFI in the amount of \$961.68. This represents our 25% share of the proceeds that come from the sale of recyclables for the period of July 1, 1993 through September 30, 1993 and is pretty much the same amount that we have received in the past. The highest tonnage of items comes from newspapers, which was approximately 120 tons and the next was glass, which was 19 tons. The Board will be discussing how we will be handling the recycling when the contract expires in the spring of 1994 at our next few work sessions. Trustee Kaye has received some figures from our Administrator about the cost of the Village picking up its recyclables in the future versus contracting it out. Residents would still put out their recyclables the same way. It just may be a different truck that picks it up for the resident. That would be the only difference that the public would see.

Trustee Kaye reported the Planning Board will be meeting on Monday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m. One of the items on our work session will be a discussion of the signs in the business community and the possibility of grandfathering in some signs when their permits expire in 1994 and discussion about the fees for renewals of signs and whether or not that would be waived or whether it would stay in effect.

Trustee Kaye stated she has two resolutions on the agenda but the second one will be held because at the last meeting we were going to hold that proposed local law open until the meeting of December 13th so that we could have come additional input from the business community. She has spoken with Pat Reidel, the president of the business community and they are forwarding a letter regarding this particular resolution as well.

Trustee Kaye stated her resolution tonight was the subject of a public hearing that was held on October 12th and it deals with free standing signs. We will be reducing the maximum square footage allowed for free standing signs in the Village, reducing it to a maximum of 60 square feet and also will be requiring that a photograph of the sign be submitted to the Building Department within 30 days of the erection of that sign.

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

RESOLVED that Local Law #12-1993, Amending Sections 84-3(D) and 84-4(B)(5)(f)(2) of the Village Sign Code, dealing with free standing signs, which was the subject of a public hearing on October 12, 1993, is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street extended an invitation to the members of the Board to a bell ringing recital which will be held in the Village Meeting House on Tuesday evening, December 14th at 8:00 p.m. This will be the December meeting of the Williamsville Historical Society. Trustee Lowther is a member of that society and will receive a notice. The Society holds four meetings a year. At each one of those meetings a program of historical significance is put on. There have been slide shows, talks, presentations of various kinds, displays of historical items. Usually the membership receives a notice by card and a small article is placed in the Amherst Bee. She is bringing it to the Board's attention just in case they would miss the notice. It sounds as though it will be a very interesting evening and is open to the public. Our president, Gartley Weller, is planning on putting an article in the Bee, hoping that more people will take advantage of this. These are the bell ringers from Calvary Episcopal Church. It should be something that should be enjoyable.

Ms. Schlifke asked Trustee Kaye about recycling. She never did hear what happened to the Village's involvement in the recycling group that it had belonged to originally. She knows we changed from one group to another but what happened to the purchase of the property on Walden Ave?

Trustee Kaye stated Ms. Schlifke is speaking of the Northeast Board, which we still are a member, they have changed their name to NEST. The building was sold to Waste Management and Waste Management now houses a recycling kind of unit in that building.

Ms. Schlifke asked if any of the Village's recyclables go there. Are we strictly involved with BFI?

Trustee Kaye stated yes we are. Her understanding is that Waste Management does not take as many recyclables as BFI is able to process since they do not have as much equipment as BFI. She understands that Waste Management has just called us because they would like to bid on the Village's recyclables.

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Ms. Schlifke asked if the Village was ever reimbursed for any of the funds that were put into that building. She believes that the Village had to pay monies to belong to that organization.

Trustee Kaye stated yes.

Ms. Schlifke asked if anything ever came back.

Trustee Kaye stated no. We didn't own the building.

Ms. Schlifke stated so the funds that went in went strictly to the organization.

Trustee Kaye stated yes and for the engineering that went in and for the consultant's reports.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kelly, it was moved adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer