

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, February 14, 1994 at 7:36 P.M.

*Present: Ronald Daniels, Mayor
Patrick Kelly Trustees
Yvonne Kaye
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

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing being held by the Board of Trustees on Monday, February 14, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the proposed expenditure of \$55,370.00 of 1994 Community Development funds. Special emphasis will be placed on projects which will benefit low and moderate income residents.

ON MOTION by Trustee Piazza, seconded by Trustee Kaye, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:36 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated the target area has been changed and it tends to be more towards the southwest corner of the Village, although that is not the only area. Trustee Piazza held a map up to show the audience the new areas. He said the green areas are the areas proposed for the next decade. The Lion's share of our money will be going into those areas. This is Main Street going along through the Village and quite a bit of it is in the southern end of the Village and over to the western corner. There are other parts of the Village also designated in the target category. One of the guidelines that we have to adhere to is that the monies expended have to be limited to those areas specifically. It has to benefit the households in those areas primarily, not secondarily. If we want to do some sewer work that leads into one of these zones, that wouldn't count. It has to be done within that zone and there is plenty of work to be done in these zones, whether it is sidewalk work or sewer lines or water lines. We have enough work there to spend all the money and then some over the next ten years. So it involves a change of area from what it was and we have to be more specific in our allocation in future years.

Trustee Kelly stated one of the areas that he would really like to see some money spent on is Village Hall. There has to be better accessibility for handicapped persons and the elevator needs to be replaced. He has talked to Administrator Cummins about it and she is putting together some dollar figures for what needs to be done. That is one place he is going to strongly push for those funds to be used.

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Mayor Daniels stated he wants to put in his request for funds for sewer work. Money has typically been spent on water lines and he would like to balance that with some sanitary sewer work. We are presently having them scoped by the Town of Amherst. He has asked the Chief Engineer, Paul Bowers, of the Town to give us a recommendation on an area that we might address in this next budget year to see if we can't reduce the infiltration of rain water into the sanitary sewers. He would like to see some money put aside for that as well.

Trustee Kaye stated she agrees. She thinks it is important to address the sanitary sewer infiltration problem. We are looking at the fact that over three years we are raising the tax payers' rate \$1.20 per thousand on a problem the Village hasn't, in her estimation, sufficiently addressed in the past year. She thinks it is really critical to put some of this money in the sewers to correct them.

Trustee Kaye asked Trustee Piazza how much money is he setting aside for the residential portion.

Trustee Piazza stated traditionally it has been around \$10,000.

Trustee Kaye stated last year we had increased the amount to \$10,000. She asked Trustee Piazza if he has had an opportunity to check with the Town to see if all of that money was used or if they needed more money. She knows in the past they needed more money.

Administrator Cummins stated she talked to Rich Leinback last Thursday and he was putting the figures together. We will have them shortly.

Trustee Kaye stated she wants to know if the Village denied anyone because we didn't have enough funds to help them rehabilitate their residences.

Trustee Lowther thinks over the last several years we have overspent the residential portion and we ended up using some of the Town money for it.

Administrator Cummins stated Mr. Leinback was going to get that today but she hasn't received it yet.

Trustee Kaye stated she thinks that is important information to have to make sure that we provide adequate funding for residential rehabilitation so we don't turn anyone away taking into account that Amherst no longer has the ability to help the Village with the funding.

Trustee Lowther stated possibly some of this money can be used for the ADA requirements other than our Village Hall building. She is thinking specifically of curb cuts in the Village which we are going to have to comply with. She understands that they can run into a substantial amount of money and there are going to be a number of them within the district that we can probably take a look at. There is also the ever present concern if the funds can be used in the areas where we don't have sidewalks too.

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She thinks that is something we may want to consider too because we do have some serious safety problems in certain areas and she thinks some of them will fall within the target area.

Trustee Piazza stated we will have to do some prioritizing as we go along. We are all looking at areas where money needs to be spent and possibly some of these things can come from additional grants also. We do have a grant writer working for the Village and we are hoping he can help us on some of these areas in addition to the Community Development Block Grant Fund because these monies no where near fulfill our needs on an annual basis.

ON MOTION by Trustee Piazza, seconded by Trustee Kaye, it was moved to close the hearing at 7:45 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 24, 1994 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees held January 24, 1994 regarding an opinion on the proposed contract between the Village of Williamsville and Adelphia Cable Company were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to open a public hearing at 7:36 P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the proposed expenditure of \$55,370.00 of 1994 Community Development funds. (The public hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.)

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated Niagara Mohawk is requiring the Village to convert any existing municipal incandescent street lighting in the Village to high pressure sodium. It's about the third phase in improving efficiency in lighting and output. There was incandescent and mercury vapor, sodium halide and now high pressure sodium. In the back of the room is a reproduction of a very typical light standard that is now in the Village. Those are the original lights that were converted from gas years and years ago. Now they are incandescent. They need to be converted within the next four years. We have 99 of those, mostly from Oakgrove, Highland, Scott, Monroe and Columbia, in that area of the Village. Those need to be converted.

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We are looking at manufacturers in anticipation of either owning those street lights ourselves or becoming involved in a lease agreement with Niagara Mohawk who would convert them for the Village and provide the lighting standards, the poles and the luminaires. The one in the room is from a company that provides that type of lighting for many of the areas in the United States. In our case, they would be available in Forest Green, the poles would be painted and blend in with the lighting as it was. Speaking for himself, he would like to see it preserved in the Village so it still looks like a Village. As we get into the budget process we will be looking into all the things we need to money into and lighting is one of them. That is going to be a large expense in the future.

Mayor Daniels stated we also had two meetings before this meeting. The first one was with BFI, who does our recycling. They are the ones that collect the items from the boxes that you put at curbside. They are offering the Village a renewal contract along with several others that we are considering. They've increased the number of items that can be recycled. As time goes by, less and less will be actual garbage and more and more will be in those boxes and set on the side. Phone books will now be acceptable as well as colored glass, wine bottles. We collect our own garbage and the less we have to collect, the less expensive that part is. The bid cost figures that came in are very good. We are considering all of those options right now.

Mayor Daniels stated a second meeting was with Nussbaumer and Clarke, who presented a proposal for engineering services for the Village on a contract basis but to be paid on an as needed basis. What prompted that is the work that is going to be started this Spring on the bridge over Main Street. We realized that when working with the Department of Transportation, who's doing that project, that it is very difficult for the Village to look at their documents and sign off on them without having some engineering expertise to advise us.

Mayor Daniels stated that in the interim between the last meeting and this meeting, we were fortunate to have some plastic sheeting donated to the Village by BFI, which in no way will hinge on whether the Village will accept them as its recyclers. It was a nice gesture on their part to create an ice rink on the Island Park area. In addition, we had a \$500.00 check donated to us by the Lions, thanks mostly to the work of Butz Avery. The Board thanked them both, especially the Lions for their generosity. However, because of the conditions of snow and ice now in the park, we can't get the ice rink in. It's just too late in the year. It is very frustrating but it came a little late in the season after too much snow was on the ground. We would have to scrape it all away to get down to bare ground in order to get the ice to set up correctly.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$187,126.37 covering 01/21/94 - 02/09/94 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 01/22/94	\$23,735.06
02/05/94	19,659.18
General fund	83,206.08
Water fund	32,799.31
Sewer fund	348.72
Trust & Agency fund	12,522.97
Glen Park fund	2,671.63
Community Development Fund	1,826.80
Capital Fund	<u>10,356.62</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$187,126.37</u>

Large Vouchers:

Depositing Trust Company	\$23,247.50
Erie County Water Authority	31,789.92
John R. Schuler, Inc.	12,183.42

Mayor Daniels noted that one of the large vouchers is to John R. Schuler which is all but approximately \$8,000 of his funds for Garrison Road and Swan Place water line project. We will be withholding that final balance until all the work has been thoroughly checked out.

Unanimously Carried.

Trustee Lowther reported that at the last meeting we had a resident who brought up some questions about Glen Park and an injury to his child. Two days after that meeting the DPW did remove the two trees in question that were in the middle of the sledding hill. She is looking forward to the \$2,500 tree grant that the Village has received to fund the replacement of those two trees in the park. She is sure that can be arranged. She doesn't want all \$2,500, she just wants two trees to replace the two that were removed. The Glen Park Joint Board discussed this because it has planted many trees and all kinds of plants and it is very difficult to take down trees that are surviving and growing but were unfortunately planted in an area that created a safety hazard. However, the safety hazard did override the fact that we had to remove the trees and they did come down. We hopefully will be planting two more to replace them in the Spring.

Trustee Lowther announced that the Glen Park Joint Board has applied for and received a \$10,000 matching grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. We applied for this last year and based our need on the education programs that we have put into the Nature Center and on the problems that we have had with the retaining wall along the Ellicott Creek.

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We know that we are going to have some serious expenditures and some serious problems. The only problem is that the grant that is a matching grant and we are in the process now of finding out if In Kind Services can be used as a portion of that money. Due to budget constraints, we may not be able to accept the entire \$10,000 because we are not going to be able to come up with the \$10,000 to match it. She is hopeful that during our budget process, which the Village will be entering very shortly, that we will be able to come up with a portion of that money and that the Town will match a portion of that money in the budget program we have set up between the two municipalities to manage the park. This money could go a long way toward continuing the educational programs we have set up and repairing the walls that need to be addressed. She is very happy to be working with the Department of the Interior and the people there. They are very helpful and they are very excited about working with the Joint Board on the grant and projects. The next meeting for Glen Park will be March 1st at Town Hall.

Trustee Lowther stated the Traffic and Safety Committee will be meeting this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. here in Village Hall. We have two items for discussion at this meeting. One will be the Castle Creek plot plan that has been expanded by two additional lots. We are also going to be discussing the New York Telephone renovations on their building at Glen Avenue and North Cayuga. She has spoken to Administrator Cummins who has spoken to the Department of Public Works about moving the "No Standing" sign closer to North Cayuga on Glen Avenue in order to afford them an extra couple parking spaces, which they really need based on the number of people they have in the building. Trustee Lowther has mentioned to the Board that the Committee was interested in doing this and there is no indication of any history as to why the "No Standing" sign was moved so far back. So that's in the process of being changed also.

Trustee Lowther reported the Environmental Advisory Council will be meeting February 24th. They will also be taking a look at the Castle Creek project as an exceptional development project that they had initially looked at when the project was first presented.

Mayor Daniels stated it is good news to hear about \$10,000 matching grant. He knows in the case of the matching grant for the trees that In Kind Services are acceptable. He is hoping that that is the case here because we can show a lot of In-kind not only from volunteers but from staff people which could offset at least half of that extra \$10,000.

Trustee Piazza asked about the wall and if it is something the Village does or does the Army Corp of Engineers have to become involved.

Trustee Lowther stated it is the Village's responsibility but we are going to have to deal with the Corps of Engineers and the DEC. We have already been in contact with them.

Trustee Piazza reported the Parks Committee has a meeting tomorrow night. We had some responses from a questionnaire that was sent to the residents of South Long Street playground area. We invited them and are inviting anyone else to come tomorrow night.

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We are also having a representative, a salesperson of play equipment to give us some ideas since we pretty much made our decision that we want to put something into the South Long Street playground in an area of about 30'x 60' plus or minus. We could put the equipment and a drinking fountain into that area. There are many people who play tennis and basketball there on hot summer days and it is pretty dry over there. We are also looking at some new picnic tables. We'll have this gentleman tomorrow give us a presentation.

Trustee Kaye asked what playground manufacturer was coming.

Trustee Piazza stated Berg.

Trustee Kaye asked where the specific area is at South Long Street and if there is a piece of play equipment there now.

Trustee Piazza stated it is at the end of Milton. There is one small piece of equipment there now. The Parks had talked with parents of small children and they said no one ever uses it.

Trustee Kaye stated it's a climber. The Youth Committee bought it a few years ago. She asked if Trustee Piazza if that piece of play equipment could be moved someplace else.

Trustee Piazza stated if we move it, we would move it toward the other side of where the slide is. The Committee was talking to a couple parents last summer and they had a little boy and girl both under four and according the father, neither of them had used it. We are going to keep it but not leave it in the same spot.

Trustee Piazza reported the Government Advisory Board and has its Oversight Committee will now make sure that the cable contract is adhered to. That contract has several provisions for oversight on our part. It's really up to us to vigorously insure it is followed through. Over the next couple of years if anyone notices that the cable company is not doing as well as they think they should, they should contact Village Hall. We do have the Oversight Committee and the system is in existence now in contract to insure that they do adhere to what they have written up.

Trustee Piazza stated we also have a Water Subcommittee looking at various water problems in the Village. There is a ton of work to be done on the water side, whether it is replacing all the meters which are getting too old or replacing valves which are also getting too old or aren't working correctly. There's a lot to be done and we are going to try and work at that systematically and perhaps the Board might recommend that we go at it more than systematically and try and upgrade the water lines but that is a continuing item also.

Trustee Piazza reported at the last Senior Citizens meeting on February 2nd, they are in the process of making Easter favors which will be for sale. There is a luncheon coming up later this Spring on June 6th but he is announcing it today so residents can start planning to attend. There is a "Showboat" day trip on Wednesday, May 4th. It may have been sold out by now.

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They are going to the York Theater in the Toronto area and it is a tremendously nice show. The cost is \$70.00. If anyone is still interested in that, there might be one opening. Some of the things that are still continuing are line dancing and exercise classes which are still a very active item. The senior citizens asked Trustee Piazza to thank the DPW for the job they have been doing on the streets. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 23rd.

Trustee Kaye stated that earlier tonight we met with BFI about our upcoming contract and what they are offering. We will be accepting the low bidder for recycling at our next meeting. Also, we will be notifying residents about including the additional items such as junk mail, computer paper, bound books, phone books and additional plastics.

Trustee Kaye thanked all the volunteers who worked on Winterfest as well as the Chairman of Winterfest, Kathy Kelly. She did a wonderful job, especially for her first time out. We had more people than in the past four or five years. She thinks that the day really helped. It was cold enough yet not too cold and we had a little sun so it was a great day for everyone. Trustee Kaye thanked Trustee Lowther for the removal of the trees.

Trustee Kaye reported that a discussion about Castle Creek was held at the last Planning Board meeting. There is a revised subdivision plan adding two additional lots and we will be having a public hearing to hear residents' comments at our meeting on the 28th. The Planning Board did have four additional comments for the subdivision and the Fire Department submitted theirs as well. We will be reading those into the record. Primarily, the Planning Board was concerned about some buffer zones that were discussed in the past but never seemed to be defined in the final resolutions.

Trustee Kaye reported on the reconstruction on Main Street. There is not only the reconstruction of the bridge over Ellicott Creek in this '94-'95 season but also there are pavement improvements on Main Street from the Youngman Highway to Mill Street in the same time period. So we will have lots of chaos and confusion. In '95-'95 they will be going further down Main Street including a lane addition from Mill to Youngs.

Trustee Kaye stated there are two new establishments coming into the Village. One is "Positively Pasta", a restaurant and "Fowlers Candies". Yesterday the owner of Sweet Jenny's Ice Cream asked Trustee Kaye to share with the residents that Sweet Jenny's did have a robbery there yesterday. The police told them that this team has been working the Village and Amherst area quite frequently and the police seem to be just behind them on their tails. They are mostly quick change artists. There are no weapons involved but they said it was a scary experience for those who were involved. The police are aware of it and asked that residents be made aware of it and these people have targeted this Main Street Village area and a little farther up on Harlem.

Trustee Kaye asked Mayor Daniels about the status of the TV monitoring of the sewers.

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Mayor Daniels stated he is not sure exactly where that has gone lately. Paul Bowers told him that he could definitely identify some areas that we could address in this budget year.

David Laubisch, Superintendent of Public Works, stated the operation of the TV camera portion of that, inspection, is very difficult during the winter months especially when the weather is cold because the water that flows through the sanitary sewers is much warmer than the air and that causes the lens on the camera to fog. When you take the camera in extremely cold temperatures and you put it down in the manhole there is steam, the camera lens fogs and you don't really get an accurate picture. He has talked to Paul Bowers about that. The severity of the winter this year has affected not only what is going on above the ground but also some operations below the ground.

Trustee Kaye asked if they have actually done any TV monitoring of the sewers.

Mr. Laubisch stated they have completed the inspection phase which means they inspected every manhole in the Village.

Trustee Kaye asked if they pop the covers and stick their head in.

Mr. Laubisch stated yes. The next phase will be the actual line inspection.

Trustee Kaye asked if they have any idea when that might commence.

Mr. Laubisch stated because of the severity of the weather there is no schedule right now.

Trustee Kaye asked Mr. Laubisch when he thinks Paul Bowers might identify those areas to us since we are moving quickly into the budget process. Will Mr. Bowers be able to identify those before we have to put a budget together?

Mayor Daniels stated just from the visual inspection he was able to note some irregularities in the flow and those would be areas that could be addressed in this budget year. What Mayor Daniels thinks Mr. Bowers should do is identify those areas which would be a subject of sleeving. This is where they put a flexible plastic sleeve inside the existing pipe to close up any of the fissures in the pipe. It works very well. There are areas that are very obvious even without the televising although he would imagine once they identify an area through the manhole covers, that is where they are going to put down the TV monitor. These are areas where they've seen some activity, some extra flow showing where that problem is, to know how many feet of plastic they need to insert.

Trustee Kaye asked if Paul Bowers will be sending the Village a written letter prior to the budget process.

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Mayor Daniels stated Paul Bowers said he would do that but Mayor Daniels will follow up on it with a letter requesting it officially. Mr. Bowers needs that to justify his time. At this point, the Town Engineering Department is understaffed. We had also asked if Mr. Bowers could comment on the bridge project for us rather than going to another firm such as Nussbaumer and Clarke. Mayor Daniels' understanding from Administrator Cummins is that Mr. Bowers needs a couple more people. Everyone at the Town offices, although they will be getting more staff soon, are just swamped. One of the reasons that everything has been put on back burners is that there is just not enough hours in the day for them to cover all their projects. At this point he would have had to gone out to bid for it just like the Village does because he does not have the manpower. Mayor Daniels thinks that is what we are running into with the sewer project. There are just not enough people on staff there. Somehow the budget got cut too much in engineering and they don't have enough people.

Trustee Kaye stated her continuing concern is that it now a whole year and we've made very little progress in trying to identify, let alone fix those areas in a sanitary sewer where we have that infiltration. We've had to raise the taxes. She is looking for setting a concrete time frame that we can tell residents, yes, we are effectively dealing with this and we will be able to allot some money to either finding where the problems are and identifying or hopefully fixing some of them so we don't continue to have this infiltration problem. She can appreciate the constraints of the Town but if they are going to have those kind of constraints, she thinks that we need to go out and do something as we are doing for the bridge project so that we don't continue to have these kinds of tax increases for the sanitary sewer.

Trustee Kelly stated he thinks one of the biggest problems is that for years previous boards just stuck their heads in the sand and didn't bother putting money into the budget as a continuing maintenance. That's not to say we haven't done anything in the past year. Just based on our billing we've seen that, in fact, it is not as serious as we thought it was. Stage one, the visible inspection has been done which has designated the bad areas in the Village.

Trustee Kaye stated if we really made a priority and set some goals, in terms of dates, we might find that we are accomplishing more than we have been able to in the past year.

Mayor Daniels stated we are at the mercy of the Town Engineering Department unless we propose to bid out this engineering service. The problem there is that the cost involved in doing that is high compared with the fact that so far the Town Engineering Department is doing this without charge to the Village, it's included in our tax rate. Hopefully it will be done as soon as the weather gets decent enough to do it and we'll have it in plenty of time to address this budget year. He doesn't see it going another year without it having been inspected.

Administrator Cummins stated in another month or so Mr. Bowers should be getting some junior engineers on staff. Right now he doesn't have anybody.

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Trustee Kelly stated last time he looked utilities was on his list and he plans on having it addressed in this year's budget. We all expect to have a large amount put in there for bonding. The exact amounts are not known at this point in time but certainly it's an area that he has been talking about for a year that needs to be addressed. We started to address it last year when we raised the rates dramatically because they have been ignored for so long and in all probability, they are going to be raised again. It's based on usage and it has got to carry itself.

Trustee Lowther stated we raised the rates to cover the loss that we had experienced.

Trustee Kelly stated now we are going to have to do the repairs. When you don't budget regular repairs and maintenance for 15 -30 years, you can't expect to solve the problem anytime.

Trustee Kaye stated we did have some major sewer reconstruction in that time frame. Maybe we need to budget for the DPW to go out and do that kind of regular sewer inspection that they are not able to do because of not having adequate maintenance. We are mandated by the State to do that and we are not because we don't have enough bodies to do that. When Trustee Kelly is talking about ignoring it, that's an area we need to deal with. She would feel much better if she knew for sure that Paul Bowers would be sending us the areas that he has identified that we can at least start the process of fixing the problem. It's very frustrating to her to keep throwing money away and not be identifying or starting to fix the problem.

Mayor Daniels stated he has already asked Mr. Bowers verbally to give the Village that and he will follow up with a letter that Mr. Bowers needs to justify his time for the Town.

Trustee Kaye asked what the status of the flood gates are.

Mayor Daniels stated the DPW is going to try and get those out as quickly as they can and work on getting rid of the ice that has trapped them in. He suggested to Mr. Laubisch that maybe we could hook up a pump and play water on the ice that is on the downstream side of those gates, which is the real problem. Given some weather that is slightly above freezing and playing water on there, he thinks we could probably free up one unit so that we could pull the gates and that would break everything else up once the water level changed.

Trustee Lowther asked if there has been some concern expressed by the Town about possible flooding.

Mayor Daniels stated not by the Town but there have been some residents on Lehn Springs that have called here and the Town wondering what we are going to be doing with the gates. It looks like the thaw is going to be very gradual.

Trustee Lowther stated normally we don't have the gates in to the extent that we have this year and during the full winter months.

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Trustee Kelly thanked the DPW for all the work they have been doing in trying to keep the streets plowed. For someone who travels a little bit for business going in and out of municipalities and comparing it to our own, he thinks that we are well served by the people that are working there. His hat is off to Mr. Laubisch and the other people in the DPW.

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

RESOLVED that Penflex, Inc., Rensselaer, New York is hereby appointed to Administer the Fire Service Award Program for the 1993 Year-End at a base fee of \$1500.00 plus \$6.00 per participant as per their proposal of February 10, 1994.

Unanimously carried.

Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch, reported that he received a call at 8:15 a.m. this morning that our supplier of salt under the Erie County bid no longer has any salt because of extremely bad conditions not only in the northeast but up and down the eastern seaboard this winter so far. There is an extremely bad shortage of salt in this immediate area. He spoke to Mayor Daniels this morning after he talked to a company in Ohio, the corporate headquarters that supplies the salt to this area. They are working on a solution to this problem. It is not going to be immediate and because of the size of our facility, we don't stockpile tremendous amounts of salt. In the next week and a half to two weeks if residents get out and they see that just the intersections have been salted and the middle of the block may have some snow on it, he asks them to be patient. The Village of Williamsville cannot get any salt at the present time. We do have enough salt in the DPW right now to probably see us through two relatively minor snow storms. They are working on a solution to this problem and it doesn't just effect the Village of Williamsville but all the people in Erie County that buy under the County bid. The weather conditions were such this year that it totally exhausted the salt in the northeastern section and eastern seaboard in the United States. If you do run into some slippery road conditions in the next week and a half, please be patient and we will endeavor to keep the streets safe and passable for all Village residents.

Trustee Kaye asked if it is a question that there is no salt available or is it a question of the price of the state bid that it is not available.

Mr. Laubisch stated the salt is available but it is the economics of moving it from one part of the United States to the other. They are endeavoring to bring salt into the area and he thinks right now the logistics and economics of getting the salt back into Western New York will be worked out but he thinks it is going to take a little time.

Trustee Lowther asked if the County is out of salt also.

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Mr. Laubisch stated the salt we purchased this winter was under the County bid. Yes, that is the case. There is no salt on Furhmann Boulevard.

Trustee Lowther asked so we can look forward to the County roads also being not as well maintained as they have in the past.

Mr. Laubisch stated we do purchase our salt under the County bid and if they are out of salt on Furhmann Boulevard, they probably do not have any salt either. So they will be in the same predicament we are in.

Mayor Daniels stated the businesses on Main Street have asked that the Village to start removing snow along the curbs, which we really like to do. The intersections are probably more dangerous because of the fact that sometimes you have to creep out quite a ways to see around some of the snow mounding. The real problems for the Village in removing the snow, are that all of our budget for highway has really been exhausted because of the intense winter we have had and the manpower situation just hasn't been there either for removing the snow that is on Main Street with high lift and dump trucks. The other question is where are the most critical areas to remove snow, is it Main Street or is it every intersection in the Village with snow piled equally at risk. He can't see financially or even time wise a possibility of us removing all this snow and where do you put it from every intersection in the Village area. The Town does not remove snow although Pat Lucey told Mayor Daniels today that they are freeing up the snow at NFTA bus stops where it is difficult to get from the enclosure to the bus or there is just no place to wait off the street for the bus. So they are clearing areas where there is a real safety concern. He believes they are going to remove the snow from in front of Town Hall tomorrow morning so that they can more easily accommodate people who are paying their taxes. Mayor Daniels also apologized for the way Village Hall looks with all the water damage received from the snow. The Senior's room roof has been leaking and there's been some damage to the elevator and into the Fire Department below. It's really due to some very poor roofing work that was done when this Hall was built where no flashing was installed. We are having to wait until the snow goes away and better weather comes in order to fix it. We can probably expect more of that same kind of leakage when the snow starts to melt again. Hopefully we can get this working right. This roof has leaked ever since the building was constructed.

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

Unanimously carried.

Elroy Avery, 75 Rinewalt, stated the Lions will accept the upkeep on the Memory Trail.

Trustee Piazza thanked Mr. Avery.

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Mr. Avery stated we do have two new flags that will be flown at Evans and Main on the Lions Dedication Pole. We do have a problem once in a while. We have to have a 10' ladder in order to get up there. Mr. Avery asked Mr. Laubisch if he had anything the Lions could use.

Mr. Laubisch stated no problem. There is a 15' step ladder at their facility and he would be glad to transport it up there for him.

Mr. Avery stated they don't want the flags to get stolen. The new flag is going to be flown in honor of Jack Bronkie who was one of our past presidents. Mr. Avery would like to get together with Mayor Daniels to take a picture of this flag going up.

Mr. Avery asked what happened to the \$500.00 that they donated. Can they get that back in hopes of redonating it next year?

Mayor Daniels stated they haven't gone that far in the process. He asked Joe Frese, who was in charge of the ice rink, to give Mr. Avery a call. Mayor Daniels saw him today and Mr. Frese said he had tried calling Mr. Avery and there was no answer. Mayor Daniels was very disappointed in the fact that circumstances prevented the Village from actually building the ice rink this year.

Trustee Kaye asked if we could snow plow it.

Mr. Laubisch stated it would rip the grass up. The snow is such there that even in the parking lot in order to push a pile of snow it would literally tear up what is underneath. That snow hasn't been moved and it is very dense even when we just plow the trail open. We tried doing it with the pickup truck and we had to send the highlift in there. After what we went through last summer trying to restore the grass, when he weighed one against the other, it just didn't make a lot of sense to go ripping up that area.

Mayor Daniels stated he guesses we could do it either way. Mr. Avery can take the money back and re-present it or it can be rolled over into the next budget year and then we can do it then.

Mr. Avery stated his problem is that this is all donated money. They want to know what's going on.

Mayor Daniels stated we will write a check to the Lions for the donated \$500.00.

Maryanne Avery, 64 Garrison, stated a neighbor recently asked her what was going on with Warren Miller's house.

Mayor Daniels stated he can give her an update on that based on a letter we received from Jim Nesper to our Building Department dated January 31st. (Copy attached). There is the demolition permit and he believes one other form to be completed.

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He had a conversation with Warren Miller who is moving as quickly as possible to get this all to happen in 4-6 weeks while the ground is frozen, which is the best time to move that building. We will coordinate the demolition of the remaining portion of the building at the same time as the move of the front portion and then the very shallow foundation will be covered at the same time also.

Trustee Lowther asked if the demolition permit has to be issued before the museum can remove the portion of the building from the existing foundation. Trustee Kaye stated yes. Trustee Lowther asked if they can get the demolition permit quickly.

Trustee Kaye stated Mr. Miller hasn't filled out the application yet.

Mayor Daniels stated there was an insurance question, a liability which is supposedly set by the Village Clerk based on the exposure to the demolition. It can be anything from several hundred thousand dollars to two million dollars of liability insurance and he thinks that had to be set or waived all together. Did we set a limit for Mr. Miller?

Trustee Kaye stated that is up to the Administrator. It is the Administrator who sets the fee.

Ms. Avery asked once it is removed are they going to immediately come in and fill it all in.

Mayor Daniels stated yes, that is a requirement of the permit. The exposure time will be very limited.

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

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Administrator return the sum of \$500.00 to the Williamsville Lions Club which had been donated for the purpose of building an ice rink. Due to the excessive snow in Island Park this year, it was impossible to build the rink. The Village Board hopes the Lions will make the donation next year.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated we are going to be starting our work sessions a half hour earlier at 6:00 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m. in the future, in case anyone is interested in attending those. The feeling is that we may be able to dispense with our after meeting session when it is typically difficult to concentrate and give each issue the amount of care it deserves.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer