

**Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, April 11, 1994 at 7:33 P.M.**

*Present: Basil Piazza, Deputy Mayor  
Larry Hillebrand Trustees  
Mary Lowther  
Basil Piazza  
Yvonne Kaye*

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

*Also Present: Sherry Brink, Recording Secretary*

*Absent: Ronald Daniels, Mayor*

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing being held by the Board of Trustees on Monday, April 11, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the reallocation of Prior Years Community Development Funds in the amount of \$29,000.00.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:33 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated that at this hearing we will discuss the ways we may reallocate prior years Community Development funds which have not been expended from the following:

\$ 355.83	from 1991-1992 Water Study
5,000.00	from 1992-1993 Architectural Barrier (Bathrooms in Island Park) Survey
<u>\$29,008.53</u>	Total to be reallocated

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated the Board has discussed reallocating these funds for ADG requirements. One suggestion is to install a new elevator in Village Hall since the current one does not conform to the current requirements. This will cost approximately \$65,000 since a number of other changes will have to be made to the building to accommodate a larger elevator.

Trustee Lowther agreed that this should be considered since we are required to make the modifications by July 1995. She would also like to see funds allocated for the curb cuts which will be required and any modifications which will have to be made to the Village Meeting House to make it fully accessible.

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Trustee Kaye asked if there were any funds remaining in housing rehabilitation since in prior years these funds had been fully exhausted.

Administrator Cummins stated that as of December 31, 1993 there was \$2,871.70 left in the 1992-1993 account and the full \$12,000 left in the 1993-1994 funding.

Trustee Kaye stated she would like to see some funds allocated for sewer repair in the target area because she feels that is one area of great priority since we are proposing to raise the sewer rates again and have not started rehabilitation of the system.

There were no further comments from the public nor from the Board members.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Kaye, it was moved to close the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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*Also Present: Sherry Brink, Recording Secretary*

*Absent: Ronald Daniels, Mayor*

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing being held by the Board of Trustees on Monday, April 11, 1994 at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 1994-1995 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Glen Park Activities Fund and Debt Service Fund Budgets.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:42 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated this hearing is to discuss the 1994-1995 budgets. For the General fund the board is proposing a \$5.07 tax rate which is the same as the current year. There will be no increase in the General fund rate for 1994-1995.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated for the Water fund, the Board is proposing a 5% increase in the wear rate, or 14 cents per 1,000 gallons of water consumed. The increased revenue which we receive from this change will be used to purchase new water meters, which are currently about 20 years old and starting to slow up, and to start some much needed renovations work on the Village water system.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated in the Sewer fund, the Board is proposing a 43 cents increase in the portion raised based on water consumption. The rate would increase from \$1.54 to \$1.97 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed. The rate for the portion of the sewer bill based on assessed value will remain the same. We know we have some infiltration of storm water into our sanitary system so this increase will fund some much needed repairs.

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Trustee Kaye commented she wants to make sure the sewer problems are addressed. She is very concerned about raising the charge by 43 cents per thousand gallons last year and this year and yet not having any work done on the sewers.

Trustee Lowther stated she agrees. At this point, the holdup is with the Engineering Department in the Town of Amherst. They have been looking at our sewers but have not gotten back to us with a report. It is incumbent on the members of the Village Board to contact the Town and push them for this report so we can have accurate fiscal information for our budget process.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street, asked about the \$160,000 surplus figure which was being used to finance the budget. She wondered what percentage of the total surplus we were applying to the budget.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated that inasmuch as our surplus at the beginning of the year was \$347,000.00 we are using approximately 45% of the total surplus.

Trustee Kaye expressed several concerns with the General Fund budget. These included the \$100.00 additional over last year in Mayor's Miscellaneous lowering the new Village Attorney's salary by 20% and the question of whether funds should be provided in the budget because of a possible lawsuit by the former Village Attorney, Tom Troy. Regarding the decrease in salary for the Village Attorney, there is a precedent for this inasmuch as the new prosecutor was paid about 20% less than the former prosecutor because of his lack of experience.

Walter Pacer, 87 Monroe Drive, asked whether the Board has had any serious discussions about allocating money to defend the possible lawsuit from Village Attorney, Tom Troy, who was removed from his position at the reorganizational meeting. Mr. Pacer thinks it is incumbent upon the Village to allocate some funds in defense of this suit.

Mary Ann Avery, 64 Garrison Road, stated one of the areas that should be looked at when researching sewer repairs is the area near Columbia and Wehrle where the sanitary sewer seems to be bubbling up.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to close the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

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*Also Present: Sherry Brink, Recording Secretary*

*Absent: Ronald Daniels, Mayor*

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing being held by the Board of Trustees on Monday, April 11, 1994 at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in expressing an opinion on the proposed sewer rent rates for the 1994-1995 year per Section 78-2(A) of the Sanitary Sewer Rents Code.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to open the public hearing at 8:05 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Since this issue was discussed during the budget hearing, there were no comments made by the public nor Board members.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to close the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

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*Also Present: Sherry Brink, Recording Secretary*

*Absent: Ronald Daniels, Mayor*

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing being held by the Board of Trustees on Monday, April 11, 1994 at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in expressing an opinion on a proposed water rate increase per Section 107-9(A) of the Water Code.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Kaye, it was moved to open the public hearing at 8:07 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

This proposal was discussed during the budget public hearing, so there were no comments by the public or Board members.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Kaye, it was moved to close the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

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Deputy Mayor Piazza called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 P.M.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 28, 1994 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Kaye, the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 4, 1994 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to open a public hearing at 7:33 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the reallocation of Prior Years Community Development Funds. (The public hearing closed at 7:41 p.m.)

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to open a public hearing at 7:42 P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 1994-1995 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Glen Park Activities Fund and Debt service Fund Budgets. (The public hearing closed at 8:04 p.m.)

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to open a public hearing at 8:05 P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in expressing an opinion on the proposed sewer rent rates for the 1994-1995 year per Section 78-2(A) of the Sanitary Sewer Rents Code. (The public hearing closed at 8:06 p.m.)

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to open a public hearing at 8:07 P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in expressing an opinion on a proposed water rate increase per Section 107-9(A) of the Water Code. (The public hearing closed at 8:08 p.m.)

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$77,340.16 covering 03/26/94 - 04/06/94 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 04/02/94	\$19,087.83
General fund	21,864.17
Water fund	31,292.37
Sewer fund	-0-
Glen Park fund	285.47
Trust & Agency fund	<u>4,810.32</u>
 Grand Total	 <u>\$77,340.16</u>
 Large Vouchers:	
Erie County Water Authority	\$30,704.06
Niagara Mohawk Power	\$9,189.54

Unanimously Carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the following liaison appointments are hereby made:

- Trustee Hillebrand-Zoning Board of Appeals
- Trustee Piazza-Community Development and Utilities

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED THAT the following transfers are hereby made in the General Fund:

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
3400-3410-4440		3400-3410-4160	
Central Fire Alarm	3,000.00	Truck Expense	2,000.00
		3400-3140-4180	
		Radio Expense	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>3,000.00</u>		<u>3,000.00</u>

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye stated her first resolution deals with a recycling grant the Village submitted in March of 1990. The grant was approved in December 1990 and since that time has been undergoing technical review in Albany. We have finally received a contract which must be signed by the Mayor and requires a certified resolution he attached to the signed contracts. The grant is for \$74,818. - and covers 50% of the cost of our recycling containers, DPW computer, leaf boxes, chipper, two recycling vehicles and leaf machine.

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

Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for a State Grant-In-Aid for Resource Recovery and/or source Separation Equipment for a Municipal Solid Waste Management Project and Signing of the associated state Contract, Under the Appropriate Laws of New York State.

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for resource recover equipment, source separation equipment, or both, for the implementation of small scale, low-technology approaches to resource recovery; and

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville herein called the MUNICIPALITY, has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the MUNICIPALITY deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

WHEREAS it is necessary that a Contract by and between THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, herein called the STATE, and the MUNICIPALITY be executed for such STATE Aid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Board of Trustees

1. That the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the state of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized.
2. That Mayor Ronald W. Daniels is directed and authorized as the official representative of the MUNICIPALITY to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract if said application is approved by the STATE.
3. That the MUNICIPALITY agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of said Solid Waste Management Project.
4. That the MUNICIPALITY or MUNICIPALITIES set forth their respective responsibilities by attached joint resolution relative to a joint Solid Waste Recovery and Management Project.

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5. That five (5) Certified Copies of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12233-4015, together with a complete application.
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye reported she has been speaking at length with Joe Frazer, who lives on Rein Road in the house where there have been a number of cases of cancer reported. His wife also has cancer and it is felt that it was environmentally induced. Therefore, she wants all the affected agencies to reopen the Pfohl question about the water toxicity of Ellicott Creek. Mr. Fraser has been a very strong advocate to have that done. Trustee Kaye has been following it and doing some research. Today, there is an international toxicologist in the area looking at Aero Lake and Ellicott Creek and he is quite concerned about what may still be in there. He has helped an individual come forward who was looking for "whistle blower" status. This individual who did some of the testing of Ellicott Creek in 1989 and has talked about some of the test results showing adequate levels as being misleading. He is looking for "whistle blower" status in order to be able to share the full story of how that information came to be misleading and possibly incorrect. What Trustee Kaye would like to see done is to have the water in Ellicott Creek retested and past test results reviewed even though we are not sure about the validity of them at this time. She would like to see the State Department of Environmental Conservation and the County of Erie both do the retesting so that we have some comparative testing as well. Joe Frazer was hoping to be here tonight but had another commitment dealing with this international toxicologist. However, he would be happy to address this Board at another time and address the Environmental Committee and Trustee Hillebrand regarding the complexity of this ongoing issue.

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

WHEREAS, the Williamsville Village Board is concerned about the impact of toxins flowing downstream from Pfohl Dump into Ellicott Creek and its effect upon the safety of Williamsville residents;

RESOLVED, that the Williamsville Village Board urges the State Department of Environmental Conservation and the County of Erie to review the test results of water and sediments that were conducted in Ellicott Creek during the late 1980's and immediately re-test the water and sediments now to see if additional chemicals have leached into Ellicott Creek in the intervening years since the initial tests and

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FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Richard Tobe, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Town of Amherst, Senator Mary Lou Rath and the Town of Cheektowaga.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye stated her last resolution deals with approval of some minutes that the Board missed approving along the way in terms of having them accepted. There were some corrections in terms of having the minutes be verbatim that she had asked for and somehow we never moved those onto the agenda to have those approved.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the August 23, 1993 Board of Trustees meeting (as attached to this agenda) are hereby approved.

**Roll Call:**

Trustee Lowther	yes
Trustee Hillebrand	yes
Trustee Kaye	yes
Deputy Mayor Piazza	no

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated he feels that the Board had a pretty complete set of minutes after this particular meeting and that the additional cost of having the minutes reworked isn't justified in his mind. It probably cost the tax payer an additional \$100.00 or so to rework them and he just feels that that was an unnecessary amount of money just for a few paragraphs and a set of minutes. That is why he is casting a "no" vote tonight.

Trustee Kaye stated to it is her understanding that Administrator Cummins primarily did this work within her salary structure. Is that correct?

Administrator Cummins stated Ms. Brink's work was not.

Trustee Kaye asked if she had an estimate of how long that was.

Administrator Cummins stated she didn't look it up because she didn't know the question would come up tonight. Ms. Brink makes about \$6.00 an hour.

Trustee Kaye asked Ms. Brink if she had a guesstimate about her time. Are we talking about 20 hours work?

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Ms. Brink stated it didn't take her that long to correct it. It was about an hour or two hours.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated he stands corrected but his vote won't change.

Motion carried.

Trustee Lowther stated she just received notification that the Old Home Days Committee will be holding their annual organizational meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. here in Village Hall. This is generally the only public meeting that they do have so if anyone has any comments that they would like to pass along to Trustee Lowther or if they would like to attend the meeting they are certainly welcome to be there. Old Home Days will be held July 19th to July 22 this year.

Trustee Lowther reiterated about the public hearing that is going to be held tomorrow night, sponsored by the New York State Department of Transportation regarding the widening of Main Street from Garrison/Evans Road out to Youngs Road. It will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in the South High School auditorium on Main Street. There's a number of questions that have been raised. We had some public input at the last Planning Board meeting from members of the public and from members of the business community that will be most affected, property wise, by this widening on Main Street. The State has submitted a number of plans that range from five lanes to seven lanes, to seven lanes with parking and with bike paths. There's any number of different types of construction that they are reviewing at this point. So the input of all the citizens of the Village who have an interest in this is going to be very important. Nothing is set in stone at this point. From the number of people Trustee Lowther has spoken to, no one seems to be in favor of a seven lane highway which would mean a complete loss of trees all the way down Main Street from Garrison Road. It would be unacceptable as far as many of businesses and buildings are concerned along Main Street. The businesses would be vastly affected by a seven lane widening. If residents have anything they want to add and want to pass it along to her or one of the other Trustees who will be there tomorrow night, feel free to do so.

Trustee Lowther stated the Traffic and Safety Board will be meeting on Thursday, April 21st, here in Village Hall. Another meeting that is not listed on the agenda this evening is a meeting of the Meeting House Management Committee, which meets infrequently, usually only when they have a concern or a problem that has to be addressed. They have scheduled a meeting for Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Meeting House. She is not exactly sure what is on their agenda at this point; however, that is also a public meeting that the public is welcome to attend.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated Trustee Lowther commented that there needed to be some work done at the Meeting House.

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Trustee Lowther stated there is some work on the front doors and she is wondering if there is work that needs to be done to accommodate ADA. She thinks we have to have David Sutton take a look at the building and at the accommodations and see if there is anything that has to be done to come into compliance with ADA. Perhaps Trustee Hillebrand would be able to have Mr. Sutton go over there and take a look and see if they are in compliance.

Trustee Hillebrand questioned whether they were exempt because the building is historical but we will have to have Mr. Sutton take a look at it.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated they might want to get in contact with Mayor Daniels who has received a \$20,000 historical grant. Maybe we could use that funding for that. He doesn't know. He hasn't talked to Mayor Daniels about it yet.

Trustee Lowther stated she doesn't know what the parameters of the historical grant are; however, that is a good thought. She would like to have David Sutton take a look at the building and see if he sees anything that immediately needs to be dealt with at this point.

Deputy Mayor Piazza reported as of now we do have three different playground equipment proposals, one from the Berg Company, one from the Universal Company and one from a company called Leisure Products. The bids are within about \$1,500 of each other and as soon as the Parks Committee takes a look at their specifics, a decision will be made along those lines.

Deputy Mayor Piazza reported the Savor the Flavor planning is still in the process. There is nothing new and unusual in those lines at the moment.

Deputy Mayor Piazza reported the Arts and Crafts show is concerned about all the construction that is happening on Main Street and probably we are going to have to move it off of Main Street, maybe onto Island Park. He will talk to Mrs. Schlifke later about location. The Arts and Craft show probably cannot be on Main Street if Main Street in late August is down to two lanes and that is probably is what it will be at that time.

Deputy Mayor Piazza reported regarding the Local Government Advisory Board, the Board discussed tonight some items that the cable company has brought up and the Village Attorney and maybe even the Cable Committee will take another quick look at it in order to iron the problems out so we can have that contract approved fairly soon.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated the Board had discussed at the prework session that there was a meeting this past Wednesday with a company that makes water meters and the water meter proread system. The two gentleman discussed their water meter system. It involves having an outside read. The person doing the meter reading would walk around with a hand held computer. He would just touch the outside read and that would give an automatic read for that particular house. That would speed up the meter reading tremendously. It would eliminate the need for calling the Village with meter readings. The meter reader would simply take the reader into the

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Village and give it to Administrator Cummins. She would plug it into her computer and generate billing that way. It's a vastly more efficient system. Obviously it is not cheap and that is one of the reasons why we are having the water rate increase but we are hoping we can get that system on line fairly soon and at the same time in the future, cut our costs.

Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch, stated the last time the water meters were updated was 1974 through 1976. That is when Building Inspector Chester Lehr was here. He spear headed that program so most of the meters in the Village are now, 20 years plus old. Their life expectancy is roughly 20 years. When they reach that age and malfunction, they malfunction in favor of the consumer. So in order to keep our system efficient and effective, it is time to replace our meters. That's what made us look into the costs of meters and how meter billing is handled in 1994 versus 1974 when the meters were last installed.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated regarding the Local Government Advisory Board, he brought up a potential for looking at reduced versions of our minutes. He feels strongly about that and the Board will be discussing that in the future as well as looking at some additional cost cutting procedures.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated he hasn't had a chance to discuss public works with Superintendent Laubisch as of right now but he is usually in frequent contact with him so he is sure he is going to enjoy working with him and his crew over the next year.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated Trustee Larry Hillebrand was appointed by Mayor Daniels at the Reorganizational Meeting. He is a Village resident and lives in the Cadman Drive area. He is a 25 year veteran of the Air Force. We are looking forward to working with Mr. Hillebrand over the next year. He has a lot of experience and the Board is hoping that we will all profit from that here.

Trustee Hillebrand stated he is very interested in being on the Board and working very hard to make the Village an even better place to live.

Trustee Hillebrand reported on the Planning Board which Trustee Lowther was the former liaison to and has done a very fine job describing what happened. Something important is happening which has to do with widening of Main Street. We did have a preliminary meeting here and all of the citizens who spoke were not happy. We have a situation where the Village does not have a lot of choice in terms of not widening Main Street at all. The State has the right to widen it and they are going to be doing some work on the water and sewer systems at the same time. The meeting we had was just an informational meeting to inform the residents of what we understood the State was about and what options they had and tomorrow night the State will speak in their own behalf. An important point about the presentation tomorrow is that we have up to 10 days following the State's presentation to make a formal report or view. Any citizen can make their view to the State or they can make it to the Village Board. The Board intends to put together a resolution after it has some of the facts as to what alternatives we have or what citizens of our Village would like.

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This will be a big event and then coupled with the paving of Main Street from the expressway, it is going to be a busy year for Main Street. We're hoping it will be better than it is now when it is done.

Superintendent Laubisch reported the regularly scheduled trash pickup begins on the second and fourth Tuesdays in May. There is no regularly scheduled trash pickup at the present time. The weather was real nice over the weekend so if any residents have any material that they would like picked up, they can call the DPW and make arrangements to have it picked up on Friday. He brings that up because when he came into work today there was a bunch of debris out in front of the DPW. There was some brush and some old lumber was dumped there. Apparently people think if they leave it there the DPW is going to clean it up when they come into work. Besides being against the Village code, it's just not what the Village is about. Just because the gate is there and it is locked, material shouldn't be just dumped at curbside out in front of the DPW. There is a "No Dumping" sign on the fence and on the building and we are going to be putting up some more because this problem has gotten worse. The DPW is available to the residents to pick up the material curbside so there really is no reason for this dumping.

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

Unanimously carried.

Dan Chase, 157 Highland, complimented Superintendent Laubisch and the DPW for the fine job that they do. He has had some personal experience with Mr. Laubisch helping him out in some instances. Mr. Chase thinks a lot of people take advantage of the DPW as Mr. Laubisch just alluded to it where they dump their rubbish at the front of the gate but they do worse than that sometimes. They dump it in front of their sidewalk whenever they feel like it. We have rules, regulations and ordinances, Mr. Laubisch alluded to that. He would like to bring it to the Board's attention that perhaps we should be addressing the illegal dumping of garbage in front of people's houses when it can not physically be picked up by the DPW. The DPW does an excellent job and he thinks some people just take advantage of them.

Mr. Laubisch stated he got a call from someone on Highland Drive last week. The DPW immediately went out and handed out notices to the people who had not called the DPW. We first checked the list for pickups that Friday, the people had not called the DPW for pickup service. There was material out in front of their residence and they were given notices. This has been a continuing problem and they were informed at that time that this would be the last written notice and that the DPW would be taking formal action. It would be different if the DPW didn't make themselves readily available to pick up material curbside. He could see it if the people who put the material there had a complaint, that is not the case at all. Weather permitting, we try to cooperate and he thinks this past winter the DPW did fairly good job considering the type of winter we had.

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Mr. Chase stated he thinks the DPW does a great job. He thinks it is a matter of informing the citizenry that we have these rules or laws on the books. If they are not written on the books, perhaps they should be written on the books and enforced a little better so that the quality of life in the Village remains what we are accustomed to.

Mr. Chase stated his second comment is not meant to be a form for debate. He thinks when you address the Board it is not meant to be that. He is Chairman of the Harmony Party and as we all know of the events of the last several weeks, we've been in the press. He wants to make a couple of statements to set the record straight and he wants to be sure that he is on the record. The decision to replace the Village Attorney was a governmental decision. Be it right, be it wrong, however you feel about it, it was strictly a governmental decision. It was not a party decision, it never was a party decision. It never will be a party decision. Government has functions and they exercise those functions. He thinks it is time to put that to rest. A decision has been made at a governmental level. Whether legal ramifications come about, we just have to watch and see. We're a nation built on laws and those laws will come to the fore and whatever decisions are rendered are rendered. Bear in mind, these were governmental decisions that were made and that is where it should rest until such time as whatever legal ramifications come to the fore.

Superintendent Laubisch stated this Thursday night, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kenmore Village Hall we will be conducting the public hearing on the Solid Waste Management Plan by the Northwest Solid Waste Management Board of which the Village of Williamsville is a member. We did give official notice two meetings ago at the Village Board meeting.

Trustee Kaye stated she was looking over Deputy Mayor Piazza's comment earlier which prompted her to give a little more thought to the minutes that she had asked to be accepted and Deputy Mayor Piazza had made a comment about not spending additional money on that and as we found, it wasn't nearly as much money as Deputy Mayor Piazza anticipated but she thinks those minutes, as Trustee Hillebrand noted in our work session, was a lively meeting on August 23rd. She thinks that it was an important meeting. We have items that are of concerns to Trustees. She thinks that we do and she feels strongly the prerogative to go back and make sure that they are verbatim. This particular meeting talked about the Mayor and was it really appropriate use in a private situation for the Village Mayor's position to sign a lease agreement and use the Village's tax exempt status for a private venture without the knowledge of the Board and that was on page 17. She thinks that is very important and she did want that information about that conversation on the record. She hasn't read Deputy Mayor's Piazza's recommendation from Government Studies yet about changing of the minutes but she thinks that as Trustees we should have the prerogative to make sure that when we have critical items that we have verbatim minutes. She knows that Administrator Cummins does keep the tapes for a number of years but tapes have a way of sometimes being lost. She thinks it is important for the record to make sure that it's accurate.

Deputy Mayor Piazza stated it is not something we will agree on this minute.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Kaye, it was moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:45 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to close the Executive Session at 9:15 P.M. and return to the regular agenda.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer