

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, June 13, 1994 at 7:34 P.M.

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

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

Also Present: Sherry Brink, Recording Secretary

Absent: Larry Hillebrand, Trustee

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:34 P.M.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Kaye, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 23, 1994 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Piazza, the minutes of the public hearing of the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed law which would amend Sections 107-7(B) and (C) of the Water Code regarding installation and maintenance of Water Meters May 23, 1994 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated that Trustee Hillebrand is on vacation celebrating a very important family function.

Mayor Daniels reported the federal government periodically requires the Village to publish and update our flood plain map. Since we are located next to Ellicott Creek, some of the areas are protected, some cannot be built on, some can be built on with no basements. There are several areas that are outlined on a map. Some work was done a few years ago on the Wehrle Drive bridge, and due to the excavation work and the widening of that span, the flow of Ellicott Creek was improved so that some areas around the Lehn Springs, Oakgrove, Wehrle Drive area were taken out of the flood plain. That is important to people when they pay their homeowner's insurance. Also when one sells a home, it's generally considered a good feature if it is not in the flood plain. Because some of those areas have been removed from the flood plain, Mayor Daniels has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Town of Amherst who have the capability of providing the figures that the Village needs in order to redo the map.

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Mayor Daniels had a meeting today at the Town with several people from both engineering departments. We are trying to find a way to most efficiently and inexpensively get that map produced. We believe there may be a matching grant available through a specific program of the Army Corps of Engineers has, not for production of the maps but for interest in knowing where flood plains are in a particular vicinity with the idea of improving those areas or trying to limit the flood damages in there. We hopefully will be able to produce this map at half the cost that would normally be required.

Mayor Daniels stated we have been working on improving our infrastructure, in the Village such as water, sewer, lighting in some ways trying to play catch up for years of neglect. Specifically tonight, we are looking at our sewer system. We asked the Town to help identify some areas where our sanitary sewer system was receiving inflow of rain water due to cracks in the pipes, etc. One of their first steps was to lift manhole covers and look in and see if there was any running water in the system that was attributable to rain and not to sewage. They identified some areas in the Village by this method and their second step was to flush out those sewers and send a small television camera through the pipes. Last week, we received a video tape which Mayor Daniels found so fascinating that he thought everyone would enjoy seeing a video camera of an eight inch sewer pipe traveling several hundred feet inside a sanitary sewer.

Mayor Daniels showed the video of the cameras filming the 8" diameter pipes of the sanitary sewer lines.

Mayor Daniels stated this was Stanton Street and Chalmers Street, manhole 184 to 208. Right now we are processing a lot of rain water.

Robert Krieter asked if the processing of the water is from the Town or the Village.

Mayor Daniels stated anything that leaks from the storms into the sanitaries, goes into the sewage treatment plant.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, vouchers in the amount of \$331,047.06 covering 05/21/94 - 06/09/94 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 05/31/94	\$19,866.98
General fund	211,231.21
Water fund	61,518.44
Sewer fund	29,528.22
Glen Park fund	808.38
Trust & Agency fund	<u>8,098.83</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$331,047.06</u>

Large Vouchers:

L.R. Frank & Associates	\$33,094.00
Key Trust Company	\$133,550.00

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther reported the Traffic and Safety Committee will be meeting here at Village Hall Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Lowther reported the Glen Park Joint Board met last Tuesday evening. They had a discussion with Morgan McCosh, who is a representative from the Department of Interior and Fish and Wildlife Section who helped the Village get the matching grant for use in Glen Park. Part of the discussion was how we would use the money that we received and we haven't come up with anything concrete yet. We have many ideas and a lot of information the Glen Park Board has developed on restructuring some areas in the park and how to best spend the money. Part of it will go for the education that we began last year at the Education Center. We just got our new brochure which outlines 18 new programs this year. We've got programs that cover environmental alternatives, ecology hikes throughout the park, geology hikes, why Glen Park was formed and how it was formed, when the falls along the escarpment were formed, wood carving demonstrations and discussion on pesticide alternatives. All these programs are free and are through grant money so it doesn't cost any tax dollars. If anyone would like a copy of the brochure, it available at the counter. Some will also be sent out with tax receipts.

Trustee Lowther stated her resolution deals with a salary increase for our part-time laborer in Glen Park who has been working for the Village for about a year and a half. He has done an excellent job and we are very happy with the work he has done. It is often difficult to get people who are good employees on a part-time basis. This person has to work independently. We are not there to supervise him and he has been an outstanding employee.

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

RESOLVED that the hourly rate of Paul Smith, Part-time Laborer in Glen Park be raised to \$5.50 per hour effective June 12, 1994. Funds to be paid from the Glen Park Joint Activity Fund.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther stated her second resolution calls for a public hearing to straighten out some problems we have with traffic signs on Glen Avenue. Near the rear of Saints Peter and Paul Church there is a crosswalk. During the winter time the cross walk lines were covered with snow and there is a problem with conflicting signs as far as "no parking" and the legalities of parking near a cross walk.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish notice of public hearing to be held on Monday, June 27, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would amend Section 103-16 of the Traffic Code regarding Parking on the north side of Glen Avenue.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza reported that the parks are the most active area he is involved with now that they are open. Pools will be opening on Monday, June 27th. We have interviewed potential pool attendants for this summer. One of his resolutions does involve those individuals that we are hiring. Another resolution deals with changing our schedule. Other years we have run continuously from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This year we are running from 11:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. with one 15 minute break and one 45 minute break for the pool attendant. There will be one person at the pool site during that 8 hour block and that person has to have two breaks by State law. Once the schedule is established, if most parents who use the pool find that the 45 minute break takes place at a time that is not good timing, Trustee Piazza asks them to call the Village office or tell the pool attendant what kind of schedule they would like to see and we can make some alterations.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Piazza, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to suspend the rules several resolutions not on the agenda.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the following people are appointed as Pool Attendants for the 1994 pool season.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<u>Two full-time workers:</u>		
Jessica McKee	291 Red Oak Drive Williamsville, N.Y.	\$5.00/hr
Kevin Dehn	9 Arty Drive Williamsville, N.Y.	\$5.00/hr
<u>Three part-time workers</u>		
Kelly Bakelow	298 Patton Place Williamsville, N.Y.	\$5.25/hr
Phyllis Groholiak	347 Highgate Ave Buffalo, N.Y.	5.00/hr
Garth Groholiak	347 Highgate Ave Buffalo, N.Y.	\$5.00/hr

Trustee Piazza stated as he went through the interviewing process he found that several people who had applied this year were thinking in terms of the schedule we had in previous years and their schedule did not fit our schedule so he was able to come up with three definite people, two full-time and one part-time that would be available right through Labor Day. That is an important concept. Last year the last two weeks of the pool season were a scramble to find people to work for the Village whereas these individuals this year are available. He would have had to run another ad just this past week unless he was able to find several more part-time employees so he asked his daughter, who is Mrs. Garth Groholiak, if she and her husband would like to do it on a part time basis. They are both Buffalo school teachers, so they were looking for a little something for the summer. Two of those part-time workers are his daughter and his son-in-law. He is not trying to hide that fact. If anyone feels that this is not a good position, please let him know.

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

RESOLVED that the hours for the Island Park and Garrison Park pool for the 1994 season are as follows: Dates open from Monday, June 27th through Labor Day, September 5th. The hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. with two breaks, one 15 minute break and one 45 minute break.

Trustee Kaye stated she is pleased to see that we are trying something new this year and she hopes this works because in the past we have had problems with the pools being open. Her only suggestion is to change the tentative time for the 45 minute break from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. since more people would be home, possibly having dinner at 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. rather than 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. If he looks at the charts from the past years when pool attendants track the number of people in the pools maybe that would give us some good indication as to when to apply it. Being a pool user herself, she has seen many people still at the pool at 4:30 p.m. Usually by 5:00 p.m. it is pretty well cleared out.

Trustee Piazza stated it is definitely not cast in concrete. We're going to make it as user friendly as possible. If we find that 4:00 p.m. -4:45 p.m. is not as good as 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. -5:45 p.m., we'll make a schedule adjustment once the users are on sight. Once we make the adjustment, we will set it so the summer people will have a schedule that they can plan on. He agrees with Trustee Kaye that it still needs a little more looking into.

Trustee Kaye asked if we will have permanent sign with the hours posted outside on the gate.

Trustee Piazza stated yes, he has already talked with Superintendent Laubisch about a sign.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated his third resolution involves the purchase of a stage. At length at its pre-meeting the Board discussed the need for a stage during Savor the Flavor and Old Home Days for this year and future years and potentially using it at other times within reason during the summer season in Island Park. What is especially appropriate, at the moment, is that the combination of Jolly Boys and Old Home Days Committee, Inc., which is the same group of men but they have formed into two groups, have volunteered to donate \$4,600.00 for a stage so they could use it this year for Old Home Days. This is a very generous offer on their part. However, it will still cost another \$4,600.00 plus to purchase the stage. The Board discussed the kind of stage we would like and the particulars of it. Our concern is that we don't want this to turn into something that goes up and down on a weekly basis because it would overextend the DPW. On the other hand, we don't want to leave it up permanently because it could become an attractive nuisance so we're looking at a stage that does have easy up and easy down capability. At the same time it is one that can take the weather.

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It is basically aluminum and pressure treated lumbar with special coating to protect it so that if it does get rained on, if it is up for a day or two, it won't get destroyed. We had looked at another stage that was less expensive but it was made of a treated hard board and even the salesman admitted that damp weather or rainy weather might have a tendency to soften it.

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

RESOLVED that the following equipment has been purchased by the Village- one Versalite 5,000 Platform System as set forth in Wenger customer quotation for the sum of \$9,349.60. Said platform to be paid out of existing Parks Department funds and a \$4,600 gift from the Jolly Boys and the Old Home Days Committee.

Trustee Kaye questioned the existing Parks Committee funds. It was her understanding it was coming out of the fund raising money.

Trustee Piazza stated correct. This is not budgeted tax money. This is primarily a large chunk of money that was raised over the last two years by the Parks Committee who are still looking at potential playground equipment with the hope that this summer their fund will also be successful.

Trustee Kaye asked if Trustee Piazza will be talking to the Jolly Boys/Old Home Days Committee about the possibility of installing a back on this stage next year.

Trustee Piazza stated the stage we are getting is just a stage with railings. It doesn't have acoustical backing to it. The Jolly Boys have already indicated to him that they would love to have some kind of acoustical backing and even some kind of covering over it similar to what you see in a band shell. The company does have portable, acoustical backing; however, he is not 100% sure how impervious that backing is to the weather. We will look into it.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated now that Island Park is open and the bathrooms are open, we have twice already had some kind of vandalistic action in the bathrooms where people, we don't know who, plugged up the bathrooms. This happened the second day it was open, Saturday the 28th. Superintendent Laubisch and Paul McMenamin spent their Sunday morning, on their own time, getting it unplugged. That was not a pleasant task. Just this past weekend it was plugged up again and the person who opened it on Saturday morning had to work at unplugging it again.

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Vandalism is against the law. Trustee Piazza reminded residents that if there is any vandalism going on, he calls upon them to bring it to the Board's attention immediately because it is costing the Village money. It's not right that we have a facility there for all Village residents to use and someone is abusing it from the very first day practically. He is quite upset about that.

Trustee Piazza stated that residents have been to Island Park will see that flower beds have been fixed up. Our DPW people have done an excellent job this spring not only with the grass but with fixing up the flower beds and he thinks Island Park looks especially nice this year. The DPW folks did that work.

Trustee Piazza stated the planning for Savor the Flavor is continuing. We have at least eight restaurants as of today so it looks like it is going to be a very successful event. We are just counting on Mother Nature that day. It will be held Tuesday, July 12th.

Trustee Piazza stated we have the Main Street Water project and the Cadman area Water project work that will be carried on this summer. Don Dehn did a lot of the work on our part. We requested proposals from engineering firms to oversee both of these projects and this resolution involves the engineering firm that we felt was the best one with the lowest and most intelligent bid.

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

RESOLVED that URS Consultants, Inc. Buffalo, New York is hereby appointed to perform engineering services for Main Street and District #1 water system improvements at a cost not to exceed \$7,328.00, as per their proposal of June 2, 1994 and

FURTHER, URS is authorized to prepare the necessary topographical map for this project at a cost, not to exceed \$400.00, per their verbal quotation of June 7, 1994.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated the next resolution involves the water meters that we discussed at the public hearing. This local law change will give the Village the authority to purchase and pay for all water meters in the Village of any size. This gives us the right to make sure everything, therefore, is in line with all the other parts of the system. We won't have a water meter that is not the same product, not of the same capabilities of that which we want to have in the Village.

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

RESOLVED that Local law #2-1994, Amending Sections 107-7(B) and (C) of the Water Code regarding Water Meter Maintenance and Installation which was the subject of a public hearing on May 23, 1994, is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated his next resolution involves a piece of equipment for the DPW.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville has advertised for sealed bids for one (1) Four Wheel Drive Articulated Wheel Loader, Model 544 G, for the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS Mecca-Krull Corp. submitted their low bid, of \$49,824.00 with trade,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the contract for the Four Wheel Drive Articulated Wheel loader, Model 544 G, is hereby awarded to Mecca-Krull for their bid of \$49,824.00.

Trustee Lowther asked if that was budgeted this year and is bonded.

Trustee Piazza stated yes, that is correct.

Trustee Piazza reported on the Local Government Advisory Board. Two gentleman in from the Cable company were at our pre-meeting tonight. We discussed several changes they wanted before they would finally agree to a contract and we, as a Board, and they, as a company, still didn't agree 100% tonight. They are concerned that the taping and broadcasting of items are very expensive and they wanted to eliminate both of those items totally from the potential contract which is going to last 10 years. We, collectively, aren't quite happy with that. We will probably settle on a much lower number than what was originally in the contract, may be even just one. He thinks he speaks for the Board when he says that we are all insistent that there is some number in the contract to make sure that the company can't say for 10 years, no, we don't have to do this, it's not in the contract. That is close. They still agreed that when the contract does go into effect, the Village will receive its proper monies retroactive to the end of the old contract. We are not losing money by waiting for the new contract, it's just that this one item seems to be a sticky point.

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Trustee Lowther stated she spoke to them after the pre meeting and they were very comfortable with putting something in the contract to allow the Village some of that flexibility that we all feel very strongly should be in there.

Trustee Piazza stated hopefully at our next meeting we will have a resolution to finally pass the cable contract.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated he would like to officially welcome back Trustee Kaye to the Board.

Trustee Kaye gave a special thanks to everyone for their cards and letters of support and dishes of food that were sent to her house while she was having her bone marrow transplant. She really appreciates it and it is wonderful to be back.

Trustee Kaye reported the Youth Committee has a meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. As in other years the Village Youth and Recreation Board has a very full summer schedule. We had our Fishing Derby on June 5th and we had approximately 150 people in attendance. We had about 20 fish caught and the largest was over 15 3/4". It was a wonderful day and terrific weather. We also had two that were over 14" that were also native versus the fish that we stock. The next Village and Youth Recreation Board program will be a folk sing-a-long in Garrison Park with Nan Hoffman on Thursday, July 7th at 7:00 p.m. At Savor the Flavor there will be several events that the Youth and Recreation program will put on, such as character picture taking, pony rides, petting animals, face painting and many more which continue throughout the day of Savor the Flavor. Then there will be two movie nights. Flyers on all activities can be picked up here at Village Hall. The Amherst Bee will also be printing the information.

Trustee Kaye stated this year the Amherst Youth Board will be having a full after school latch-key program at the Academy school site where they run a drop off for children right now. They did test the latch-key program this year and had several people sign up but they started in the middle of the year so their success rate was not as good as they anticipated. For those residents or those who know someone who may need day care services, the Amherst Youth Board will be accepting applications from July 18th through July 22nd for this upcoming Fall latch-key program. It runs Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and begins the first day of school, September 8th. The fee is on a sliding scale based on income and the number of children attending the after school program. If anyone is interested, they can call the Christian Central Academy where the Williamsville Youth Center is now located and a pamphlet with all details will be sent out.

Trustee Kaye reported that Hutchinson Hose now has a full cast of volunteers as well as a waiting list with two people on it. The new rescue truck that we ordered is going to be here early and that is exciting news for all of us.

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Trustee Kaye stated she has two resolutions regarding the Fire Department. One is an authorization for a fireman to attend training school and the other is to create a position for part-time clerk in the Fire Department. This is something that we have budgeted for this year and we have been interviewing for that individual who, over the years, has come to be needed and requested by the Chief. This individual will be processing vouchers, doing manual updates, memos, updating the personnel files, handling the recording of the physicals, the TB shots, the mail and the appointments for all of these technical classes. It is different from the positions of Recording Secretaries and other secretaries the Fire Department now has. This is a different kind of role than those individuals who are volunteer firemen who serve.

Trustee Kaye stated we have had an opening on the Seniors Committee and we had a resident step forward who said that she would like very much to be on the committee. She has been very active in other Senior Citizen committees in the Village of Williamsville.

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

RESOLVED that Rita Breen, 313 N. Ellicott Street, is hereby appointed to the Senior Citizens Committee until the end of the official 1996-1997 Village year.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that James Schiferle, Williamsville Firefighter is hereby authorized to attend the Simon Ladder Tower Service School in Ephrata, PA from June 26, 1994 - June 28, 1994 and the cost of \$250.00 to be paid by the Village of Williamsville and further,

RESOLVED that Christopher Overcamp, Michael Vogel and Charles E. Martin, Jr. Williamsville Firefighters are hereby authorized to attend the Advanced Firefighting Skills - Structural Burn Classes at Edinboro University, Pennsylvania, from June 10-13, 1994 and the cost, not to exceed \$150.00 each to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the position of Clerk, P.T. is hereby created in the Village of Williamsville Fire Department effective June 12, 1994.

Trustee Lowther stated we're talking about hiring someone to work 10 hours a week for the Fire Department. Who previously did that work?

Trustee Kaye stated Chief Zymanek did.

Trustee Lowther asked if it was done by Village Hall employees.

Trustee Kaye stated no.

Trustee Piazza stated Chief Zymanek has pointed out that there has been a tremendous increase in various regulations that impact on firefighting activities. It has created a mound of paperwork and it's much more than what the Chief had to do just a few years ago. This need is something that will most likely be continuing.

Mayor Daniels stated the Fire Service Awards program and tabulating all of these credits has increased the need.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Kaye stated we have another part-time position open in the DPW. If there is someone in the community who knows someone who is very skilled, they might have them give the Board a call.

Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch, reported the regularly scheduled trash pick up is scheduled for June 14th and June 28th. The DPW has received some calls because there were almost three full weeks in the beginning of June since the last pickup but it is the second Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Laubisch reported since our last meeting the DPW has repaired numerous water breaks throughout the Village. One was a highly visible one in front of Home Town Cleaners on Main Street. Main Street was dug open and part of Main Street was shut down for about six hours during the course of the day. We also repaired a water leak on East Spring Street by the Carriage House apartments. In both those cases the leak was not coming to the surface and the new leak detection equipment authorized by the Board in last year's budget made it possible to find these leaks, especially the one on Main Street. Main Street has a two-foot concrete cap underneath the paved area. It is very difficult to locate water breaks there because most of the time, unless it is a very severe water break, the water does not come to the surface.

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It runs away on the rock shelf. This is now the second time that Mr. Laubisch has reported regarding the piece of equipment which cost the Village taxpayers about \$4,500.00 and probably saved the taxpayers in excess of \$30,000 in leaks that never came to the surface. We also fixed a water leak on Wehrle Drive near Brookside and one this morning that definitely did come to the surface. At about 4:16 a.m. when he got to the scene, the water was shooting approximately 50' into the air. It was a rather large water main. The top of the water main simply blew out and blew a hole in the road and the water looked like Old Faithful on Chalmers Street between Gordon and Mill Street. Because of the velocity of the water, which is downhill from Main Street, there was some property damage involved. It was not severe. That is basically what the DPW has been working on. In conjunction with the proposals that the Village Administrator put together with our help whereby we supplied the technical data, we have requested proposals for a very extensive Main Street water line rehabilitation to coincide with the repaving of Main Street from Union Road to Mill Street and in the Water District #1 which basically is the Cadman Drive, Brookside/Wehrle area water line rehabilitation.

Mayor Daniels stated that Mr. Laubisch has been up since approximately 4:00 a.m. this morning and is holding up very well.

Administrator Cummins reported that since the last meeting she showed Trustee Piazza our new computer system and he was very impressed. We now have at the counter, a new system of verification for water bills or tax bills. It automatically brings up the tax bills on the computer when the employees put the information in. It posts the collection automatically right to the person's account and then they verify that the tax bill has been paid. The water bills will be handled in the same way. Right now we put them into the system but they still have to be posted manually. Within the next few weeks the system will be updated so collections will be posted right to the person's account. Eventually all of our residents will be posted that way so that once the information is entered at the counter, the work is complete. It will all be automatic and handled only once. It's one of a kind right now. The fellow that is doing the work for us is using us as a guinea pig. Sometimes it is good and sometimes it is not so good. It is working out really well. He is writing the programs specifically for our use and then he will use it as an example to other Villages throughout the State.

Trustee Piazza stated we are really a prototype for Villages throughout the State.

Administrator Cummins stated he is hoping to sell this entire system throughout the State. There are some people that have part of the water and some that have part of the taxes but nobody has the entire system.

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

Unanimously carried.

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Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street, stated regarding the tax bills that residents received this past week, she was quite shocked when she got hers due to the fact that her sewer tax was \$100.00 more than it was last year bringing the total for her tax bill to \$596.00. She lives in a medium sized house which is assessed at \$77,000. It is not the largest and it is not the smallest in the Village of Williamsville so therefore, she has to think that if her bill went up \$100.00 some other people's didn't go up as much and some went up a lot more. She understands from the presentation earlier that the Village is planning on doing some sewer work on two streets that would be addressed. Just two streets.

Mayor Daniels stated this was only the first television cameraing that Amherst has done. They are now working on the Main Street sewers and are televising those as well. The ultimate project will be extremely expensive and widespread before we are done. This was just the first of the televising and he thought a report on that would be worthwhile. At the end of the letter the Town Engineer goes on to say that "we are also currently gearing up to televise the Main Street sanitary sewers. I have ordered DOT approved traffic signs to be used to control traffic. I expect to start the actual inspection in about a week or two." This is going to be an ongoing compilation of the whole sewer system as identified by inspection through the manholes which indicated where televising would be advisable. At the end hopefully there will be a tighter system so that the chargers that we have to pay the Town will once more be under control. It's partly a rise in the consumption and also partly a rise in the costs from the Town.

Ms. Schlifke stated she knows how it is computed. She also noticed that on this bill it is just one figure where in past years it has been broken down, operating and maintenance, and capital. This time it only says operating and maintenance. While it probably is a good thing the Village is trying to do with the sewers, it certainly is not going to be completed in a one year period. She is talking about the tax bill this year, about the \$100.00. That's only \$100.00 for her. There are 2,000 actual tax payers and at \$100.00 or more per person this is a lot of money. Just how much money is the Board planning on putting into the sewer system and can she look forward to another \$100.00 next year?

Mayor Daniels stated yes.

Trustee Kaye stated all this money is to go to pay the bill rather than to pay for any work on the sewers.

Ms. Schlifke asked if it is to pay the Town bill.

Trustee Kaye said yes.

Mayor Daniels stated the sewer work will be a combination of trying to find grant money and bonded money and we have also looked into low interest loans through a revolving State program that is applicable to this.

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Trustee Kaye stated this has been one of her concerns that we, as a board, during the past year because this happened last year that we knew the bill was this amount and that tax payers for the next three years would be receiving this kind of bill to pay for the Town of Amherst charges.

Ms. Schlifke stated the sewer situation did not happen overnight. Mayor Daniels said it was here when Ms. Schlifke was on the Board. Ms. Schlifke stated she knows it was and when she was on the Board her sewer tax was \$80.00 and now it is \$231.00. If it was in bad condition then, she knows that some sewer work was done by every Board. Nobody has just closed their eyes to it. The sewer tax bills varied from \$80.00 in 1985 to \$130.00 in 1993. That was 9-10 year period. In that period of time, the Village of Williamsville was paying the Town of Amherst. What caused this humungous jump in one year's time that all this water is infiltrating into the sewer system so that now all of a sudden we owe all this money to the Town of Amherst. While it is happening continually, it certainly doesn't seem logical that it all happened, to a much greater extent, in one year's time.

Mayor Daniels stated we projected our loss, in ability to pay our Town bill over a three year period so we divided the increase in the sewer tax over three years. This is the second year of a \$.43 increase and hopefully we can reduce that \$.43 projected increase for next year.

Ms. Schlifke asked if the Town bill had been left unpaid.

Administrator Cummins stated the Town bill is paid every year. She thinks it cost an additional \$75,000 this year.

Ms. Schlifke stated it seems very illogical.

Mayor Daniels stated those are the facts and he doesn't know what alternatives Ms. Schlifke is trying to offer the Board.

Ms. Schlifke stated she is not trying to offer any alternative because she doesn't sit in and know all these facts. Mayor Daniels is talking about a very large Village tax for people who are already paying two other taxes and yet pay for the privilege of living in the Village of Williamsville.

Mayor Daniels stated when a system ages, the last real sewer project was the mid 70's, it's like an older car. All of a sudden all of the systems start to go. You need engine work, transmission work, etc., With the sewer system, all the pipes that were replaced then are of the same age. They all start to disintegrate and have the cracking problems pretty much at the same period of time. He believes that could be part of the reason the bill has escalated plus the fact that the Town charges have been higher per thousand gallons as well.

Ms. Schlifke stated she doesn't know how other people felt when they got their bill or whether they keep track of prior bills and don't just look at it and say, oh well, it seems like I paid that much last year.

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Mayor Daniels stated we ran into the same thing with the sidewalk project that former Mayor Brenton was involved in when we went throughout the entire Village and inspected every inch of sidewalk and replaced it. It was an incredible number of squares. Had that been done gradually, so much a year over all the time that it hadn't been done, we wouldn't have had such a massive two year program to replace it all. What's happened to the sanitary sewer system is that it has really not had any major work on a rotational basis because what you don't see you tend not to address. If this were a road in the Village, it's obvious that it is starting to deteriorate so we put it on a rotation basis. Mr. Laubisch is very good about going around the entire Village and putting the streets on a rotational basis instead of all of a sudden realizing every road needs to be repaired and we have to throw tons of money all at once. With sewers it is hard to know what is happening at this point, until it is almost on the verge of too late. What we should have addressed over a ten year period we are going to try and do in two or three and it is unfortunate that it wasn't done on a maintained basis before but it was just not something that other Village Boards paid attention to. Who wants to put money into something you don't see?

Ms. Schlifke stated she has to disagree because she sat on a Board for four years. Nobody closed their eyes.

Mayor Daniels asked how much sewer work was done by her Village Board.

Ms. Schlifke stated we didn't raise the taxes \$100.00 per property. Sidewalks have absolutely no relativity to the sewers because the sidewalk program was something that was done only after the State of New York gave us a grant to start it. It's a reference that is trying to put blame on someone else for something that the Board is now faced with. Any elected official inherits the whole municipality and Mayor Daniels has been here for four years and only now he is looking at sewers. She wanted to know why she is paying \$100.00 more.

Mayor Daniels stated because our bill from the Town requires that we do or we can't pay it.

Trustee Lowther stated when the Board first got the information for what she thought was an extremely dramatic increase, we did have someone come out and check our meters that are out at the Village limits to make sure they were registering properly because everyone was just floored when we got the information. It was verified that the meters were recording properly.

Steven Azzarella, 130 North Ellicott Street, stated approximately a year ago his father brought up to the Board that some work needed to be done on the sewer system on Orchard at the dead end which leads into his back yard and two other yards. Since then the Village did drill a well and it didn't work. He thinks the problem has gotten worse. This Spring has been horrible. We just got new neighbors to the left of us and they haven't been able to mow their lawn since they moved in. When the last house on the street was just built, the end of the road was a dead end. His driveway is now the dead end. Before there was a dead end sign and the actual direction of the water that it would go into the woods.

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Now his driveway is there and there is just grass so his driveway is an even flow for the water to go right over his driveway, right over the grass and into our neighbor's and our yard. He knows that the well was expensive and it didn't work but something needs to be done and it has to be done soon. Each year that it waits, his family and the families around them are losing soil from their yards, not only from the water coming through, but he and his father and dug a ditch along the side of the yard and they are losing soil from that each year. An idea that he came up with is in the newer housing developments they use a concrete curb that is shaped like a "v" and he was wondering why can't we go between the yards with a curb like that directing the water into that sewer that goes over to Mill.

Mayor Daniels stated that is probably the next thing that we will try.

Trustee Lowther asked if that sewer is functional. She thought it was disconnected years ago because it was private.

Mayor Daniels stated it does work.

Trustee Lowther stated she understood that the Mill Street end was private and it was closed off by the resident on Mill Street.

Mr. Laubisch stated he thinks a better option would be to get some kind of easement. There is a very functional one on Belmont. He would encourage use of that line as an active functional line.

Mr. Azzarella stated another idea is the installation of grates with wells under them similar to those at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Mayor Daniels stated you would need quite a huge reservoir in order to solve what is happening. There are no storm sewers on Orchard and the storm water really starts its trek almost from Main Street. By the time it gets to Mr. Azzarella's house, when it rains like it did this afternoon and evening, you've got a torrential downpour of water coming down to his back yard. There just isn't the room to intercept it into a pond. There is a potential for one more house to be built in the area as well. The whole situation has to be addressed in some way before anything like that could happen. The house that was built with the huge driveway pad probably shouldn't have been allowed to be configured that way.

Mr. Azzarella stated his brothers have a paper route and when they walk down the street, they look for the down spouts and have found that the majority of the down spouts are either pointing towards the street or are actually into the ground. Somebody mentioned to him that it was illegal to put their downspout right into the system and he noticed that a few people have it on the street.

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Mayor Daniels stated depending what's at the street that is acceptable. When they were talking about redoing Garrison Road and redoing the storm sewers there, there would have been a pipe that each resident could have tied into and that is perfectly acceptable to do. On Mr. Azzarella's street, there are no storm sewers.

Mr. Laubisch stated the homes in that area are very old. Some of the back drainage pipes or even some of the front drainage pipes might be hooked into the old septic system. Without going down and looking at the site, it would be inappropriate to comment further except that the drain pipes are not to be connected to the sanitary system. It would also be extremely bad for the homeowner because they would be overburdening and overtaxing their line going out to the sanitary sewer. Those could simply be going out to bubblers, where the water goes out to the street and bubbles out at the road edge.

Mayor Daniels stated we did try a dry well and it was expensive. It worked on Farber but Mr. Azzarella is on the other end of the escarpment where there are many springs. When the company drilled down they came up with even more water. It would have been Old Faithful had we pulled the rig out. They had to pour concrete into the hole to cap the spring that they hit. There was no way this would have been an acceptable way to drain the water, no matter how far down they dug at this location. Farber, that is above the escarpment, the well works draining 75 gallons a minute which would have been great at Mr. Azzarella's location, so we lost one and won one. Mayor Daniels would like to work with Mr. Laubisch at intercepting that water into the 30" sewer and we will look and see how we can accomplish that and we will get back to Mr. Azzarella. Mayor Daniels promised Steven's mother and father that he would look at it again this budget year.

Jennifer Matusiak, 97 Columbia Drive, asked if the Board had discussed or formed any impressions of the project. They saw an article in the Buffalo News which addressed some of Attorney Kelly's concerns when he was on the Board. He was concerned about pocket parks being a problem in Buffalo. Ms. Matusiak gave a copy to each Board member. The parks that Attorney Kelly stated were being neglected are now being reclaimed by the residents themselves.

Mayor Daniels stated that Trustee Hillebrand is not here and he wants to read Trustee Hillebrand's comments and then invite the Board members individually to state their views. Also, Trustee Kaye was not here for the first part of our discussion so it will give her an opportunity to state her views as well. Mayor Daniels read Trustee Hillebrand's comments. (Copy attached) Mayor Daniels said that Trustee Hillebrand mentions a large number of items and he will make copies.

Trustee Kaye stated she read the material and it was wonderful. Much of it she has seen before. It was her understanding that Mayor Daniels was going to have information for this group.

Mayor Daniels stated there are some things that he would like to see done. He is not against this idea. He thinks that the Village, with the five parks we have, certainly has enough greenspace for its residents to enjoy. Each park has a specific purpose which compliments the others.

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If someone were to have an interest as Ms. Matusiak does in this particular section of land, he doesn't believe, personally, that the Village needs to be involved at all. We have a defined task of duties for the DPW which is at its maximum now in providing those services. In some areas, especially the first few trash pick ups of the Spring, when this park would need a great deal of attention because of the grass growing even more, etc., we wouldn't be able to detail any of the Village forces to maintain that park. We have enough to do with the existing facilities. Each current park could stand more improvement than it already has. We are always looking for creative ways to do that. To add another park to a system in a tax base that is going to be stressed by such things such as the sewer system which we already discussed, is probably not a prudent way to spend the money available. The initial cost of developing the park cannot be borne by the Village.

Mayor Daniels said the Historic Preservation Committee, with that grant from John Sheffer and of which Ms. Matusiak is now a member, needs to be assured that this property is of historic value. It is Mayor Daniels' understanding in talking to the people at the museum, that after an inspection of the house, there were some questions about its historic value. They chose Warren Miller's house over that one. He thinks there were some structural problems. One of the Building Inspectors told Mayor Daniels there had been an active beehive in the house for years and the residual chemicals from the beehive tend to tear down wood which made that part of the building structurally unsound so moving the building was going to be difficult. Although Ms. Matusiak's research into that particular parcel is valid, there is no real pinpointing as to how old that house is or how architecturally or historically significant it is. We are also faced with the situation that the longer it remains in that lot vacant, the more it becomes an attractive nuisance for the Village and the more we are going to have to require it to be demolished or moved so that it is not an attractive nuisance. It is a fire hazard and it is also prone to break ins because it is an abandoned home. That will have to be resolved soon. We don't have the funding and documentation to move Historic Preservation Funding into a removal. Even if it were removed and taken to another site, we would need money for the renovation of the land. He agrees in great part with the points in Trustee Hillebrand's letter and would encourage an approach to the School Board. If it's going to be a school function by the students, most of Ms. Matusiak's classmates won't be around when the park needs work. If 50 students who are not going to be here next year are saying they want to maintain that park, how much confidence can the Board have in the fact that it will be maintained on a long term basis. Some permanently ensconced group is needed to take over the ownership or the caretaking of this parcel. This could be the Rotary, the Jolly Boys or even the Business Association or some main group to work with students who are going to be off to college or services or move to different areas and not be Village residents because this is an idea of the senior class and senior classes don't stay in the Williamsville area. Then who will do all the maintenance when the senior class is in college? The Board needs to be assured that this would happen. We're not sure that it, as a Village park, is the best way to go. If this is to be a function of the school, then it should be school property and the proper Board to address would be the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, Francis Murphy.

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Our contribution to the project would be encouragement and we could use our volunteer committees, the Parks Committee and the Beautification Committee to help the projects along because there again, tax dollars would not be used in the upkeep of the park. Mayor Daniels has no objection if they want to do that. Our contribution to it monetarily would be that the tax revenue would not be realized from the parcel whether it were a school building, which is tax exempt, or a Village park. If it is \$220.00 a year, or whatever, that would be a \$0 but that is a small price to pay. As far as the maintenance and the overall caretaking the Village already has five parks which percentage wise is a greater amount of land than most square mile villages have in their system. If you look at the map on the wall, you are in walking distance of a large expanse in back of Academy School. You are in fairly good walking distance of Glen Park and Garrison Park. Farther off are the Long Street diamonds and Lehigh Memory Trail. It's not a case of a dire need as in the City of Buffalo where there are no parks. They are critically important there but here he doesn't see it as such here. It just looks like more of a project for the school to do. It's great from horticulture aspects and the projects that might be done there. He doesn't see it as something the Village necessarily has to get involved in. If the school wants the park to be a school system project, it should be the owner of it. If Ms. Matusiak can show the Mayor Daniels a plan that takes the Village out of the mix monetarily and does not tax any of the employees and guarantees long term stability, as Trustee Hillebrand said, it is absolutely fine with him, whether it is a park or not. He is not against it being a Village owned park as long as we can be sure it is not going to be a burden on what we already have at this point.

Trustee Lowther stated she is in favor of preserving this as a greenspace. She has been from day one when Ms. Matusiak first approached her with this idea. She very much likes the idea of the school joining forces with one of the service organizations. She thinks that may be an appropriate way to go to have someone who would be the overseer of this and then have the kids work in conjunction with that group. There are a lot of groups around and there may be someone who would have that interest.

Trustee Lowther stated she is concerned that the Mayor said the DPW is taxed to the max so they can't do anymore when, in fact, tonight we went off the agenda and voted to purchase a stage which is going to require the DPW to erect it and take it down whenever the mood strikes that we need a stage. We are getting away from having volunteer work sessions that we have had in the past, such as when we put up the Big Toy in Garrison, and when we did enormous amounts of work on Lehigh Memory Trail to get it started. We never see this anymore from the new Parks Committee and from the new leadership on this Board. She is very disturbed about that. We are talking about erecting new playground equipment in Island Park or the South Long section and we are going to hire people to do it. All over this community and all over Western New York and in other municipalities volunteers are getting together and do these sort of things. She didn't bring this up during the work session because she didn't know what the conversation was going to be this evening.

Mayor Daniels stated Trustee Lowther asked why we couldn't have volunteers put up this equipment and he said it was not a Big Toys equipment and doesn't lend itself to volunteers.

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Trustee Lowther stated that overall the leadership on this Board, since she has been on it, has turned away from the use of volunteers. This is her observation. She feels it is true. She has worked on many volunteer projects that have saved thousands of tax payer dollars since she has been involved in this Village. This just doesn't seem to be happening as often as it used to be. She is talking about community projects.

Mayor Daniels stated there are more volunteers than ever before. We've increased the size of the committees. The Beautification Committee is more active than ever before. The program that he is working with the courts involves volunteer labor, 20 of which he has now scheduled tentatively and are actively now working. This weekend he worked along side two people. One completely weeded the left bed at the Meeting House and another that did the entire center of the triangle, weeded the front of Village Hall in back of the flower planting and tilled up the soil in back of Village Hall. It didn't cost the tax payers a nickel. On the Beautification Day that the Village Business Association held, the Beautification Committee was out there and volunteered their time along with the Business Association, all volunteered, and swept the sidewalks and cleaned their store fronts. Our Beautification Committee cleaned around Glen Park bridge. There are more donated free things than ever before happening now. On the other hand, you can't count on volunteers to sustain anything of a permanent nature and guarantee that it will exist forever. Volunteers are just that and there is no way you can enforce the upkeep of anything when you have volunteers, they can simply resign. The one exception to that is the free labor he gets from the courts who are given anywhere from 30 to 100 hours of community service which does not cost the Village a nickel. You are going to see a great improvement, especially to the Main Street, in the cleanliness and beautification of that area. What he is saying is that we need to guarantee the long term consequences of this project. As Trustee Hillebrand says, "perpetuity", is a very long time. It really means forever.

Trustee Kaye stated she thinks it is important in this discussion that we have had Board members talk about it as a park yet in reading the information and discussing with many of the students, her understanding is that Ms. Matusiak's vision is that this is much more of a rest area than a park. That is one of the things she wants to make sure the Board understands, that it is a very passive area. She agrees in terms of having service organizations work with Ms. Matusiak's group. She knows that the Scouts have undertaken projects like this. She understands there is interest from the Williamsville Garden Club to work with the group as well. She thinks Ms. Matusiak is on the right track in terms of gaining a service organization to help it to continue on as Ms. Matusiak's class has much turnover on an annual basis. She likes the idea very much of this rest area and she has been in favor of it from the beginning. Mayor Daniels talked about greenspace at Academy. Unfortunately Academy is private. It is not a public area and even though many people use it as a public space, it is technically a private area. She has personally witnessed the incredible hard work and determination that all the students have put into Mr. Gordon's property and it really looks phenomenal.

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She believes that the students have done a wonderful job in trying to prove a point to this Board and it is unfortunate that we don't have full commitment by this Board to make it happen. Hopefully we will eventually have that commitment from this Board to make a rest area possible.

Trustee Kaye commented she saw the look on Mr. Gordon's face when Mayor Daniels was talking about having Mr. Gordon's house demolished or moved at some future time. Simply, all he has to do is have his house occupied which will resolve that issue.

Mayor Daniels asked Trustee Kaye if she was volunteering.

Trustee Kaye stated she already had a home. She commented that maybe the Mayor might need something soon that is a little smaller if he doesn't get a new job.

Trustee Piazza stated he agrees that the students really have done a lot of homework on this. At the risk of sounding repetitive, he is going to say something he said last summer. His fear at the moment still revolves around money and if the students can more completely address those concerns, maybe they will have something that is a go. He sees the same kind of short term costs that were mentioned already about reconstruction or tearing down, etc. He knows we shouldn't always be thinking this way but the fact is that the piece of property is a potential income producer for the Village with a great amount of money perhaps. He thinks the Village has to look at that potential over the long term as one of its concerns. He is not saying Ms. Matusiak can solve that particular concern. It is just one of those concerns that he has. The Village is a fairly small area and if we are looking at a potential income producer for the Village, he hates to say good-bye to that forever. Part of his concern also is the concept of forever.

Tom Pecoraro, 245 California Drive, Congressional District Coordinator of the United Stand of America, which is a new volunteer organization stated his daughter is in Mr. Mills' class. Obviously the Village has a lot of concerns because of the costs. It seems to him that the students are getting a lot of lip service, "you've done a wonderful job, you're doing great". This is what he thinks is really wrong. These students really want to get involved. Just like you and me, we want to change something, we have to get involved. These students want to get involved. There are students that will be coming up after them and they will want to get involved. Let them do it. Right now the Board is not letting them do anything because it is worried about the cost and everything else. He suggests that we all sit down at a round table and figure out what the costs exactly are. Let's see if we can get an interested group like United Stand of America. Mr. Howard Lindow, who lives next door to him, always tells him how the Village of Williamsville was. On the bike path behind California Drive, in the '40's when the boys were coming back from the war, they had victory gardens and horse promenades. These gardens were done by the Village. Do we have a Veterans Memorial here?

Clifford Horey stated there is a memorial at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

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Mr. Pecoraro suggested that we all get together, students, scouts, and non-profit organizations and make this area a veterans memorial, call it whatever the Board likes, and make this area a memorial to the people who gave their life for their country. For the few dollars it will cost the residents of this community, he doesn't think there will be a problem with that. He truly thinks the Board is missing an opportunity in American History. The Board could table this for a while and sit down with the involved parties and work something out instead of giving lip service.

Trustee Kaye stated there are two votes to make this happen. All we need is one more vote.

Mayor Daniels stated he doesn't believe he gave anyone lip service. He told from his standpoint what he needed to see happen in order for this to occur. He is not against this. He is one of those votes. He can go either way on it but he will not saddle the Village with a sixth park at Village taxpayer expense. It is nice to say this is a wonderful thing to do. We need someone like Mr. Pecoraro to step forward, take it and give the Board a long range plan with guarantees that this is something that will be maintained, but not at Village expense. Otherwise, we can make a memorial in Glen Park, in Island Park, Long Street Diamonds, Lehigh or Garrison Park. You don't need another park to do a memorial. You can do a memorial in any of the public land that we now have. Glen Park alone is 9 acres. It's not that we don't have the room to do that. It's not that the students don't have the room on South High Campus which is acres and acres of just grass to do a garden there. Why can't they put benches there and flower plantings on school property. Why do they have to go a block away in a commercially zoned area which is pretty much screened from the street to do something they could very easily do right on school property. He doesn't understand why they need it. Mr. Pecoraro asked why not? Mayor Daniels stated because it is zoned commercial, it is out of sight of people and most people won't even know it exists.

Mr. Pecoraro stated he walks around the Village and it would give it another attraction. This seems to be a secular individual thing.

Mayor Daniels stated the size of it is so small it will just look like an attractive side yard of a residence. It's not a location that is set up to draw the center of attention to something.

Mr. Pecoraro asked what is the opportunity to have a referendum on the subject?

Trustee Lowther stated we had an advisory referendum to create Memory Trail.

Administrator Cummins stated it was a referendum on a bond resolution.

Trustee Kaye stated if two people really want to do business, the details would never stand in the way. If people don't want to do business, the details are never going to make it happen and that what she thinks we have right here.

Mayor Daniels stated no, we can work out the details but all the details are not in place.

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Trustee Kaye asked Mayor Daniels if he could put in writing exactly what his criteria and exact needs are from those concerned citizens so it is clear cut in terms of what his expectation is for him to vote yes on this.

Mayor Daniels stated yes. It is not a very long list.

Steven Azzarella, 130 North Ellicott Street stated he is a Boy Scout from Troop 85. Last week Mayor Daniels attended an Eagle Ceremony. He is no longer a Scout but is in charge of adventure patrol. After the ceremony he talked to Mayor Daniels and mentioned this meeting. Later on he got to thinking why don't the Boy Scouts help out? So he mentioned it to his Scout Leader, Steve Debua. It just so happens that his Boy Scout Troop is looking for community service in the Village. It couldn't have happened at a better time. The Boy Scout Troop has adopted almost all of Glen Creek. We are interested in adopting this rest area. We also are extremely interested in donating our time and donating our services as a Troop. That is a long term commitment. The Boy Scout Troop has been there for years. It is not going to dissipate. He is not going to let it dissipate in his generation. He is 19 years old and most kids have dropped out at that age. He is determined to stay in it until he is as old as people that are leading it right now. As far as commitment, if Mayor Daniels wants it on paper that we are willing to commit to it, his Boy Scout Leader will get it. However, he was gone on vacation this weekend.

Mayor Daniels stated it would be great if there was a struggle by six groups that wanted to feel ownership and long term commitment. That's one of the things he would like to see.

Katie Pecoraro, 245 California Drive stated one of Mayor Daniels' concerns is that it wouldn't be noticeable as a rest area itself. That's not true because there are many of businesses there where people are sitting in their cars for lunch. There is also a condominium right next to it where she is sure there are elderly people who don't want to travel all the way down Main Street to go to Glen Park or other parks. That is another idea that we had.

Mayor Daniels stated she is right. That would be something of a feature that people that work in the immediate vicinity would be aware of. As far as a casual visitor it would be very unlikely that someone would notice, "hey, look at that park" as they are walking or driving. It's pretty much shielded from view from Main Street by the building at the corner at Rinewalt and Main. It is a narrow lot without much width so that as you are going west or east, you don't get much of a view of it at all. Also, he was referring to it in the context of making it a memorial park. That usually is in a prominent location. It might be in the center quadrangle. This doesn't qualify as that. The flag pole that Mr. Avery maintains at Evans and Main is the type of place where you would do a memorial because it is usually in a very obvious prominent location unless some particular event happened. He knows the War of 1812 Cemetery is in an obscure place on Aero Drive, but that happens to be a historically significant location. He's not sure that this qualifies for that either. It would be a great rest site for the people working in the area to come down and have a lunch.

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Tom Pecoraro, 245 California Drive, stated he did meet with Legislator Brian Rusk. He said he would be willing to help with this project.

Jennifer Matusiak stated one of the concerns of Trustee Hillebrand was parking. If this area is turned into a rest stop, there will be no need for parking. It would be purely a walking rest stop for residents who walk in the Village. She thought this concern should be addressed because there would be no need for parking.

Mayor Daniels stated everyone is giving him great reasons why this would be a great reason to have a park. He is not objecting to that. What he is saying is we want to avoid expense and we want a long term commitment. If it is just a rest area, that is all well and good. He is all for flowers and hide-away rest retreat areas. It's just that right now maintenance of that on an ongoing weekly basis is not something the Superintendent has given him reason to believe he feels comfortable committing to. The volunteer aspects are great if we can have a long term commitment.

Mr. Azzarella stated that Mayor Daniels said that the rest area isn't visible. The rest area is visible. Another idea that our class came up with is we heard of a historical walk through Williamsville. If this house is proven by the Historical Museum to be historical, why can't this be added to the list.

Mayor Daniels stated if it is proven. According to what he has come to understand, it has not been proven.

Ms. Matusiak stated they are having a hard time because the library is in shambles.

Mayor Daniels stated if it is historical, maybe we don't want it taken then. The restoration would then qualify for Historic Preservation Funding which he would personally endorse. If it turns out that this is a historic building and worthy of restoration, he would work to find funding for it.

Trustee Kaye asked Mayor Daniels if he would restore it on the property?

Mayor Daniels stated he thinks moving it would be a wrong thing to do unless it is moved from some place to be there now. The original site always makes it more valuable. The White House wouldn't work if it were somewhere else.

Trustee Piazza stated he doesn't think the Board can answer all of their concerns and the students can't answer all the Board's concerns here and now. He realizes this is a problem because a lot of the students who are in Senior Government classes are going to be gone after the next couple of days as far as South is concerned. He is sure that there are people behind the students that might carry the ball on this and he agrees that there is probably more talking that has to be done. Maybe everyone involved getting together at a meeting could be a starting point to hammer out some possibilities. Mr. Gordon just said something that maybe the forever part of it isn't a necessary part of the ingredient. That is the kind of thing we need to sit and talk about.

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Mayor Daniels stated the problem is that the Board has different concerns. Even the people who are totally for committing to this, he is sure, would have some questions. Mayor Daniels will draft his concerns and then put it in the Trustee's boxes who can add to the list or comment on the list and then get it to Mr. Mills. It sounds like we need a meeting over the summer and hopefully we can find some people like the Scouts, the Business Association or some fraternal group to endorse this so that it becomes a permanent fixture of some permanent group. Right now you've got a nebulous idea of a senior class who will be gone very shortly. It worries him that this was just a project in Participation in Government which was a neat way to get involved in a political process. He needs more assurance than that that this can work on a long term basis. Whatever way it works. Restoring the house and making it a repository of artifacts is a possibility. Many Village items are now in the Amherst Museum which is so removed from the Village area because we have no place but the Meeting House to store Village items. The Meeting House has very limited space, only upstairs in the choir loft. We could use a whole house like Jerry's outfitted with things of antiquity and you could even charge admission to tour it. He is not against any of that. We need a group to really commit to that with confidence and then we will go for it.

Jennifer Matusiak asked if Mayor Daniels could set a date for everyone involved to get together?

Mayor Daniels stated yes and in the meantime he will contact the museum and talk to Administrator Beman and see if we can't do some more in depth research. A public forum was set for Tuesday, June 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Daniels stated we need an organization of some sort. It can't be based on the school year. It can't be part of the school because there is no school during the summer. We have the Rotary area in Glen Park near Main Street which was taken care of by the Rotary. It turns out that the fellow that was doing all of the work passed away and the garden went to weeds all in one year. We had thought it was a Rotary project. We had to chase down the Rotary to find someone else to maintain it. It's a lot of work to maintain anything in life and do it well. It's something that Mayor Daniels would be willing to see but not as part as the Village Park system because it would become neglected and then become a Village responsibility again. He is not against that if the Village had the option to do something else with it, if it turned out the organization involved was not going to commit and then the Village would have the option, if it were Village property, to use it for some other purpose. That gives us a buyout type of factor.

Elroy Avery, 75 Rinewalt, stated they are talking about an organization taking over. It could be a service rest area. All the service clubs could support it every year. It's better than to have on trying it because some of the service clubs are not doing that well right now too. Mayor Daniels keeps talking about the costs of the park. Trustee Piazza mentioned how much money we would lose on it. \$220.00 a year. We know it is not going to be an office building because Mr. Gordon said that. The Board talks about security. There is no security. How much security do you have in your other parks?

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Mayor Daniels stated there is security in the parks from May to October.

Mr. Avery asked Mr. Laubisch how much maintenance would it take to cut grass? The rest of these kids are hopefully going to take it.

Mr. Laubisch stated it depends on the final configuration.

Mr. Avery stated it couldn't be too much more than the water tower.

Mr. Laubisch stated he thinks that is a fair assumption.

Mr. Avery stated it would take 25 minutes.

Mayor Daniels asked Mr. Avery how much would it cost to cut his lawn in addition? Should the DPW come over from the water tower just to cut your lawn? It's just a few minutes. Then the guy next door asks the same thing. Soon every street in the Village wants a pocket park.

Mr. Avery stated you are not talking that much money wise. \$220.00 in lost taxes if that is a big amount is not that much. You're talking minimum as far as security, hardly anything in cutting grass because he is sure the DPW will do a good job or the clubs or the high school kids. If Mayor Daniels appoints a committee, he would like to be on it.

Mayor Daniels stated the problem he sees is that nothing individually costs money. Each person only pays a little bit to pick up the garbage but when the whole contract is settled, it is hundreds of thousands of dollars. Everything individually is not a lot of money but it is the sum total that keeps adding up.

Mr. Avery asked who was the authority that said the bees are ruining the house?

Mayor Daniels stated the Building Inspector. He can ask the Building Inspector what his authority on the subject.

Maryanne Avery, 64 Garrison Road, stated she is curious about Warren Miller's property. She understood that the garage was to be removed at the same time as the house. It's been sitting there. Is there some reason for this?

Attorney Kelly stated he doesn't know the date but he knows it is coming down shortly.

Ms. Avery stated Mr. Miller's house was assessed at \$90,000. Will the property be reassessed? She thinks the Board should keep that in mind when they talk about Mr. Gordon's property and here you had a house which was lived in and in perfectly good condition which will probably be reassessed to nothing. Now there is not going to be paid much taxes on that property unless it gets turned into commercial and she can guarantee that the neighbors will fight it.

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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 Kaye, it was moved at 9:56 p.m. to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer