

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, March 27, 1995 at 7:33 P.M.

*Present: Ronald Daniels Mayor
Larry Hillebrand
Mary Lowther
Basil Piazza*

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

Absent: Yvonne Kaye, Trustee

Also Present: Sherry Brink, Recording Secretary

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

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hillebrand, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 13, 1995 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, the minutes of the Special Meeting to accept Village election results held March 21, 1995 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Piazza, vouchers in the amount of \$261,192.34 covering 03/10/95 - 03/22/95 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 03/18/95	\$24,606.71
General fund	226,330.74
Water fund	1,662.29
Sewer fund	500.78
Glen Park fund	1.45
Trust & Agency fund	<u>8,090.37</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$261,192.34</u>
Large Vouchers:	
Paine Webber Incorporated	\$110,000.00
Hutchinson Hose Company	79,819.60

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Mayor Daniels stated to please note that the Large Vouchers include \$110,000 to Paine Webber Incorporated which represents this year's payment for the Fire Service Awards program which is an incentive for firemen to remain in the service and pays for a pension after so many years of service.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated his second resolution is a bookkeeping one. As most people are aware, there was a Village election and in the process of reorganizing all the volunteer committees, we have about 12 volunteer committees-probably 100 people or more who are appointed each year to those committees. There will also be an appointment to a Trustee position which will be vacated by our Mayor-elect, Basil Piazza. At that meeting the Village will be sort of reorganized in great part for the coming year.

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

RESOLVED that the annual Village re-organization meeting is hereby set for Monday, April 3, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Conference Room, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated this is a busy time of the year because our annual budget gets discussed at this point and finally passed. The Village budget year is from June 1st to May 31st. At the next meeting we will have the public hearings to discuss all the different Sewer, Water and General fund budgets that we have for the Village. We will have already have had our work sessions to determine the rates for each of those categories, trying to pair it down to as tight a budget as we can. We have not had a property tax increase for the General fund budget in the past three budget years. We are very tight with the dollars and we will see what happens this year.

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

RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held April 10, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the 1995-1996 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Glen Park Activities Fund and Debt Service Fund Budgets.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk publish a notice of public hearing to be held April 10, 1995 at 7:35 p.m. in the Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in expressing an opinion on the proposed sewer rent rates for the 1995-1996 year per Section 78-2(A) of the Sanitary Sewer Rents Code.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated his next resolution is in regard to the first annual PERMA conference which is an insurance loss reduction type of agency which we have retained in the Village. To look at the ways in which we handle especially the DPW part of the Village operation in regards to the safety factors that we need to be aware of. This helps us to cut down on our insurance premiums, it cuts down on accidents in the work force as the DPW go around picking up garbage or trash, paving the streets, maintaining the parks, etc. We've been very pleased with the way PERMA has cooperated and worked along with the Village. This is their first annual conference and we are very excited about sending Administrator Cummins and Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch to this conference.

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

RESOLVED that Village Administrator Theresa L. Cummins and Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch are hereby authorized to attend PERMA'S Annual Member Conference in New Paltz, New York on May 11 & 12, 1995 and the cost, not to exceed \$275.00 to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of introducing three additional resolutions.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Hillebrand stated the Village has been approached by a property owner who would like to purchase a piece of property adjoining his existing land. This is a piece of property belongs to the Village and was originally allocated for a street for possible use of a street. This is up on Pfohl Terrace.

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Attorney Kelly stated just because there are legal ramifications to that, it was never used for street purposes. The Village acquired it through a foreclosure.

Trustee Hillebrand stated that the property owner has asked that the Village sell him this piece of land. The Village has agreed. There are two resolutions related to this. The Village has had the property independently appraised and are confident that we are receiving mark value for this small piece of property.

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

RESOLVED that Village owned real property at the end of Pfohl Terrace, size 50 x99' is hereby declared to be surplus property.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized on behalf of the Village to execute a contract dated 3/13/95 for sale of a vacant lot at the end of Pfohl Terrace to John A. Tuyn for the sum of \$1,500.00.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated that for those interested, Dr. Tuyn is interested in building what we know will be a very beautiful home there and that will take one small parcel out of the commercial zoning as well and put it into the residential area. It will be a nice addition to the Village. We wish him well with his project and we are happy to allow that to happen by the transfer of this property for its sale price.

Trustee Lowther stated it is her understanding that by selling this strip to Mr. Tuyn, we will have two new building lots in the Village, one on which he is going to build and another one eventually another home will be built on. We will be increasing our tax base by two additional homes and we have also picked up \$1,500 by selling this little piece of land that we can't build anything on anyway. It is a win/win situation all the way around.

Mayor Daniels stated the next resolution has to tie into the budget which we always try to tighten up as much as we can. It is also an issue that has not only been discussed here in the Village for several years but elsewhere. When Trustee Jim Hayes was on the Board, he was pursuing this and Mayor Daniels believes he took it to the Town as well, the health care coverage for elected officials.

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In this capacity, we questioned whether elected officials who are truly part-time in nature, deserve full coverage if they so opt for the health coverage that is getting quite expensive. In regards to its universal application we have a problem justifying it as well since none of the part-time people that we employ in the Village, and there are quite a few, are able to qualify for coverage from the Village, although they have the option to purchase it on their own. Mayor Daniels thinks this resolution brings it more into line with what is probably correct and has the potential to save the money on the budget. It will not include anyone serving now who already has the insurance coverage. It will only include newly elected officials after today's date.

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

RESOLVED that all elected officials shall not be entitled to health benefits, paid for by the Village. This resolution shall apply to all elected officials taking office after the date of this resolution. (March 27, 1995).

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Lowther stated she has no resolutions this evening. She is pleased to see that we have finally deleted the health coverage for elected officials. She thinks it has finally become a time when a perk that probably years ago didn't amount to that much, now is worth more than the salary we earn as Trustees. It's gotten way out of whack and it was time to get it back into line. She thinks that by not deleting people who currently have it, which would include Trustee Kaye who has the coverage and who, at this point because she is ill, would not be able to buy additional coverage. Trustee Lowther thinks it is important to note that Trustee Kaye would still be included until the end of her term unless she chooses to run again. Trustee Lowther felt very pleased that we would be able to make sure that her coverage would be continued; however, that we would drop this for future, for two years and she thinks it is a good thing for the Village to be doing.

Trustee Lowther announced the Glen Park Joint Board will be meeting on April 4th here in Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. They will be meeting the night after the reorganization meeting next Monday. So whoever the new Trustee will be that will be handling the Glen Park assignment, she will be happy to work with them because she has huge files amassed over the last four years. They do an enormous amount of work down there and there is a lot of information she would like to share with that person who will be taking over that assignment. Hopefully that person will be in touch with Trustee Lowther and will be jumping right from the frying pan and into the fire by becoming a new Trustee on Monday and then having their first committee meeting the following day. Trustee Lowther will be happy to help them along and give them anything and any information they may need.

Board Mtg
Date

Name

Complaint

May 12 1997

V. Lattin

conditions on Los Robles

June 9 1997

V. Lattin

sidewalks, the Los Robles water line and downspout

June 23 1997

V. Lattin

village sidewalks

June 23 1997

Robert Krieter

sound system of ice-cream truck very loud

June 23 1997

Paul Krieter

same complaint for ice-cream truck

July 14 1997

V. Lattin

village sidewalks

July 28 1997

V. Lattin

harassment by a town official

July 28 1997

M. Rogers

traffic on side streets /
no 30 mph ~~side~~ signs

April 29 1996

M. Carr

construction ~~to~~ starts too early wait until at least 8:00 am

April 29 1996

D. Unkrich

N. Long drainage ditch #0

Date	Name	Complaint
April 29 1996	B. Boardman	N. Long Drainage ditch #9 & sewage in basement
April 29 1996	W. Spence	N. Long drainage Ditch #9
July 8 1996	V. Lattin	unsafe sidewalks
July 8 1996	S. Maraszek	parking lot & speed of cars on Garrison road.
July 8 1996	K. Measer	to many people out- side the area using Garrison pool.
July 22 1996	V. Lattin	unsafe sidewalks
September 23 1996	V. Lattin	meter maid giving tickets & sidewalks
January 13 1996	J. Hahn	snowplowing, in Glen Park leaf pickups, trash pickups & sinking pavement
March 24 1996	V. Lattin	downspouts emptying from buildings & reconstruction of Los Robles.

Date	Name	Complaint
June 12 1995	M. Lowther	increased traffic on Belmont st caused by signal at Essay
September 25 1995	B. Lucia	high manhole in front of house
October 23 1995	W. Spence	N. Long storm sewer problem
June 13 1994	C. Schifke	sewer bill very high

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Trustee Lowther stated she has a couple of notes, this being her last meeting after four years, that she considers unfinished business, the first one being the sidewalk situation. We have talked about sidewalks over and over in this community and she thinks it is really important that we provide sidewalks for our residents. As some residents may have heard at past meetings when we have had votes about sidewalk consideration, it is her hope that the new Board coming in will consider looking at three areas that the Traffic and Safety Committee, to which she is the liaison, has identified as really important areas that we need sidewalks on. Everyone is in agreement that they need to be put in and finished up on Garrison Road because we have a park right there. It's really crucial that our kids have a way to walk to get to the park and that they aren't walking out in the street. The secondary is South Union Road-that is a very busy, heavily trafficked area and we need sidewalks on there desperately. The third one that the Traffic and Safety Committee identified that she felt was important was Belmont. With the opening of Essjay Road and the increased traffic on Evans that everyone is aware of, many people are choosing to cut through Belmont, which she guesses is a normal type of thing. She wouldn't be happy to live on Belmont because of it but we are getting heavier and heavier traffic there. There is no continuous sidewalk on either side of the street that leads from Mill along Belmont to Evans and we really do need sidewalks there. It is her hope that the new Board will work toward some kind of equitable decision to have the homeowners participate in putting sidewalks in even if it is an unpopular move. As elected officials, we sometimes have to do things that are not popular and she thinks this is one that won't be particularly popular but she thinks is important.

Trustee Lowther stated she is hopeful that the new Board will be able to work with Jim Mills and the students at Williamsville South to come to some resolution on the Jerry Gordon property on Rinewalt Street. She is hoping everyone has the ability to look past any previous political problems that perhaps have reared their head and resolve one way or the other what we are going to do with that property. Mr. Gordon has wanted to donate it to the Village. Mr. Mills and his students have worked on it for the last year doing numerous things there. They've done a wonderful job and have been very committed to it. He's got class after class. She believes this is either the third or fourth class of students that have been involved in this particular area. She is real hopeful that we will be able to come to some resolution, whether we can come to Jerry and say we aren't going to do it as a Board or Mr. Mills can come up with some proposal, something in writing, something formalized that this Board can take a look at and move ahead on this project or get it off the burner and proceed with other things.

Trustee Lowther stated another thing she would like to see happen that she thinks we have had a problem and she thinks everyone recognizes the last four years is that she thinks the Board needs to work a little more closely with the Building Department and Planning Department. The few problems that we have had she thinks have been communication problems and as we go along there have been more and more things that are happening along Main Street. There is more and more need for our Building Department. They are a truly professional Building Department and she thinks we need to work very closely with them so there aren't misunderstandings and there aren't problems, there are things that happen after the fact that everyone isn't aware of.

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We go again back to communication. She thinks it is really crucial within all the departments of the Village. She is really hopeful that this will improve.

Trustee Lowther stated she would like to see the new Board set up some rules for the Suspension of Rules which is when the public has the option to participate and speak to the Board. The last few meetings we had before the election were, in her opinion, extremely unruly with unnecessary badgering, from the public from the Board. It was a very unpleasant type of communication between the public and the Board and she doesn't think it is necessary. She doesn't think we should be making up rules as we go along and telling people they have to sit down. She thinks the public is well served by having the opportunity to come up to the microphone and speak to the Board about any matter that concerns them. That is why we are here, that is why we are elected by the public. She knows she wants the public to talk to her as an elected official and she knows the Board coming in will want the public to talk to them but she thinks we need some guidelines and she thinks it is something perhaps the new Board would like to sit down and say, this is what we are going to do, we are either going to have time limits or a limit to the number of times a resident can approach the microphone. We have to have some rules that we can enforce and keep everything very orderly and very businesslike because that is why we are here, we are running business on the public's behalf.

Trustee Lowther stated after four years there are a lot of people she would like to thank, volunteer committees in particular. The people who are on these volunteer committees are marvelous. They work and work and work and are so involved in what is going on in this Village. One that she has dealt with as liaison has been the Glen Park Joint Board. The chairman for the last four years has been Joyce Troy. They have done a wonderful job. She is sure there probably isn't a person sitting in this room that hasn't been to Glen Park and hasn't enjoyed what we have there. It is a treasure and a jewel and this committee works at keeping it like that. It is something that she hopes is here forever. The Traffic and Safety Committee, which she has also been liaison to for the last two years, and a member of before she was elected, is a very hard working group of people. They know the vehicle and traffic safety lines from the State inside and out. She has worked with Chairman Dick Hill and Chairman Doug Sandburg and they do a wonderful job. They are very dedicated people and it has been a pleasure to work with them. She has also worked for the last four years with the Meeting House Management Committee who was lead by Gartley Weller. We have had more and more meetings being held in the Meeting House every year. She thinks last year they had over a hundred dates set that they had filled that building and had it in use. One thing she would like to suggest and we haven't done it in the past and she thinks it would be a wonderful thing to do, is once or twice a year have a meeting in the Meeting House. She thinks it would get people in there, let them see it and let them be aware of what a treasure we have there plus it would get the Trustees in there too. She thinks they ought to see how wonderfully well it is run and how beautiful it is and just expose the public to a little bit more. Trustee Lowther was also the liaison to the Beautification Committee for two years. This is the group of people who go around every year and plant all of the flowers all over the Village and maintain the shrubbery in front of all the public buildings and in our parks. They do a phenomenal job. Everybody who drives past the corner of Main and Evans sees their work. It is in front of Garrison Park, Island Park, in front of the building here.

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It is just always beautiful and always beautifully maintained. These ladies, which basically it is ladies, there are a couple of men who are on the sidelines, she never saw any men, it was always women- but they do a great job. When residents see that, realize that they are volunteers who do that. The Village doesn't hire landscapers. It doesn't spend any money for that. The only thing the Village does is buy the flowers and they plant, maintain and tear them out in the winter. They do a great job.

Trustee Lowther reported she spoke to Trustee Yvonne Kaye today. She was taken back to the hospital yesterday. She is in Buffalo General. She has had a set back and is hoping to only be there for a couple of days. She was having a lot of difficulty walking and her doctor requested that she come in and check into the hospital. She, as well as Butz and Lois Avery who are in the audience, Jerry Gordon, Peggy Santillo sent Trustee Lowther this symbolic bouquet of roses which she supposes is supposed to tell her to stop and smell the roses as she goes along now that she is out of this business. Trustee Lowther thanked them publicly and said that was a very nice thing for them to do.

Trustee Lowther thanked Administrator Cummins and her staff. They have spent innumerable hours helping the Trustees and Mayor. Without them, we would walk in here and not have the faintest idea what we were doing. These women have been tremendous. They have helped us, they have guided us along. They have showed us who we need to talk to in order to get things done, where we need to go and are crucial to the operation of this Village and she hopes no one ever forgets that. Trustee Lowther personally thanked Administrator Cummins for the clock in the conference room. She has complained for four years because she never knows what time it is and Administrator Cummins actually went out to Hills and bought a clock and now she is not going to be a Trustee anymore but she at least gets to see it tonight. She is real happy we have a clock in there.

Trustee Lowther stated she thinks it goes without saying but will mention David Laubisch and the DPW. They are a group that is really easy for us to all take for granted. Every time a resident walks out and their sidewalk is plowed in the winter and every time their street is plowed, every time their recycling is picked up, the garbage is picked up, the trash is picked up, these guys do a fantastic job. He does it with a small budget and a minimum of people. The job he manages to do is just absolutely amazing. He has done a fantastic job. The DPW is always there. They are always welcome to answer questions. Every time she has had a comment, question or complaint, it is always immediately taken care of. They are just super guys to work with. She really appreciates everything they have done to make her job easier.

Trustee Lowther stated she would like to salute our Village Board meeting regulars. She hasn't seen a crowd like this since Centerpointe days, with standing room only. This is really delightful tonight with all these people. But we have snow storms and we have four or five people in the audience, they are usually Butz Avery, Maryanne Avery, Caroline Schlifke and usually Cliff Horey, who she doesn't see here tonight.

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You guys are always here, you are the people who know what is going on in this Village and Trustee Lowther strongly recommends incoming people, if they have questions about things that have happened in the past or they need to know a little history about something, these are people who would be happy to answer their questions. Ms. Schlifke, being a former Trustee, has lots of information she can share. It's always wonderful to walk in here and there are only a couple of people and know somebody is here and appreciates the fact that the Board showed up to do their job too.

Trustee Lowther stated lastly she would like to thank her family for their support. They have been really great these past four years. Unfortunately, there have been times when because of her Village job, she hasn't been able to participate in family things. When you come from a large Irish family, you are expected to show up no matter what is going on. They have been very understanding about the fact that sometimes she just can't be there because she had to be somewhere else because she had that commitment to make. Trustee Lowther thanked everyone. It's been a pleasure being a Trustee here in the Village and like it or not, she will still be around.

Mayor Daniels commented on some of the things Trustee Lowther hoped would happen. They don't stop with one Board and begin with another. There really truly are no good byes or hellos in the Village. They are just continuing ongoing projects. He is very glad that we are able to have a very soft transition in the Village this time because the projects that we have been working on have been ongoing projects and will continue, the lighting projects, the water projects, the sewer projects, things that we do all through the Village are really on track now and he is very glad and pleased. He doesn't believe in saying good-bye. If you close the door you immediately open another and you just continue. He would say in regards to the sidewalks, because one Board is ceasing, it does not mean we are not going to consider sidewalks on Garrison, Union and Belmont. He asked Bill Whitehead on Garrison, who made an offer of money, to put in sidewalking, to do a sidewalk measuring. On Garrison Road the right of way is 66' from the center line and there is only one property with any problem with a tree. He sees that moving very quickly ahead with Mayor Piazza to have sidewalks installed there. Brian Rusk, our Erie County Legislator, has given the Village \$2,500 toward that project last year and Mayor Daniels believes that is going to be on the agenda for this spring. The money that Mr. Whitehead has promised the Village and will give us is close to \$9,000. He thinks that will go toward other sidewalks in the Village and he know that the Board will look first of those priorities on Union Road and Belmont. That really is not just stopping and to wish that these things continue is a "give me" type of proposition. It is going to happen. Regarding the Jerry Gordon situation, it has been an ongoing question about what is going to happen with that. The last communication Mayor Daniels had with Mr. Mills, the teacher at South High School, is that he needed to talk to the Board of Education to get their endorsement on this so that there would be some continuation between the classes that will come and go at South so that there will be a sense of responsibility on the school's part, not just the student's part because as we know, these students leave from senior year and will be leaving for a college situation or some other part of the country. There is a gap in the summer there, some gaps in there. This was quite a while ago and he is not sure what the status is. The ball, truly, was in Mr. Mills court to get back to the Board on the school board's reaction to a joint project between the Village and the school system.

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The other thing that sort of bothered Mayor Daniels was the comment that this Board was not receptive to people who would come during Suspension of Rules for Public Participation and offer their views at the microphone and we will get a chance to experience that again this evening. As always, this Board has always been very receptive, very respectful of the people who come here and in only the most dire of circumstances where people start calling individual members "slimeballs", for instance, that we ask for them to please sit down and in a very polite way. When they refuse to do that, those things he thinks we might need to look into, perhaps a Sergeant of Arms situation. It's a shame that people have to resort to name calling on occasions in order to get points across rather than dealing with specifics and we always hope that the people of this community respect the Board as much as we respect them. He thinks we have tried to do that as a Board. He is sorry that there would be some people that would misconstrue our reaction in any kind of a negative sense.

Trustee Lowther stated she didn't mean that we reacted poorly on the Board. She did not mean that personally about anyone on this Board but she thought if we went into this having rules, that people were permitted to speak once and if we wanted to enforce a time limit we could. It may be very helpful to control the meeting which she thinks we found that we needed to have some controls during this last election period that unfortunately we didn't have.

Mayor Daniels stated it is on the agenda and he thinks it is going to be reconstituted. As it turns out, Suspension of Rules for Public Participation is not even a required part of a meeting but it is something that we want to retain.

Trustee Piazza stated he had mentioned at the last meeting that the Parks Committee had already started looking at the Savor the Flavor planning. That will continue at our next meeting this coming month. We are looking for a very successful Savor the Flavor this coming summer.

Trustee Piazza reported the Government Advisory Board meets this Wednesday. There hasn't been a lot of activity there but one of the things indirectly looked at through the Government Advisory Board is the water situation. Superintendent Laubisch has informed the Board that the second shipment of water meters has arrived which means there is about 1,000 meters on location here in the Village now so that the installing company will be notified by the Superintendent this week and perhaps they will start as early as next week. He doesn't want to make a promise on how quickly they will react. We know they are looking for at least six weeks of work on hand so that once they start, they won't have any down time and it looks like that will be achieved. The committee is also looking at the larger water meters and although he doesn't have any hard data tonight, he knows a new water meter was put in at Christian Academy School. Already we realized that the old meter was so inaccurate, it missed so much, that the new meter will pay for itself within the year. We are assuming that other large water meters, and there are a few of those, will probably end up doing pretty much the same thing. The overall projection is that this water meter program which we are just beginning, is going to be a very cost effective move for the Village and will lead to further improvements in the water system and then indirectly, the sanitary sewer system once we get a handle on the water system. The committee will be looking forward, and others are too as far as these improvements are concerned.

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Trustee Piazza stated Superintendent Laubisch was talking about Main and Union. Some of the residents who have been driving down Main have been hitting some terrific traffic jams and are not going to end very shortly. There was a series of snafus. Originally, when the contract company began cutting into the pavement, they hit the telephone lines and did some damage, he guesses somewhere around \$200,000 to \$300,000 of damage. The telephone company had to come in to repair that. He thinks that part has been done.

Superintendent Laubisch stated that has been repaired.

Trustee Piazza stated but now as they are digging down to look at where they are going to put in a new storm sewer line under Main Street, they are finding they are running into the Village's water line location and so the Superintendent is recommending that we hire an engineering firm to look into this before they take the next step in order to protect the Village's interests so that probably Main and Union is going to be messed up for a while. He would rather we put up with traffic jams for another two or three weeks rather than have some kind of water line problem a year or two down the road when at that stage of the game it would be the Village's problem. Now it can be solved by the State because they are the ones creating the problem.

Trustee Piazza reported we are in the process of ordering a new garbage truck. We are finding that the cost of the new garbage truck is less than we had anticipated. Superintendent Laubisch is recommending also that we have one safety feature added to the truck, which Trustee Piazza finds a unique plus and that is some kind of TV monitoring system in the back of the truck because they do a lot of backing up. He thinks all the Board agrees, this is an additional safety asset that we should have.

Trustee Piazza reported we learned that the Northwest Solid Waste Management Plan was approved by DEC on March 23rd. This is a major plus. This is the only solid waste management plan that has been approved in Western New York.

Superintendent Laubisch stated it is the only one that has been approved in Western New York. The only other one in this immediate area that he knows of is Niagara County but in the Erie County area, Cattaraugus, Chatauqua County area he knows that are so it must have been approved up to this point.

Trustee Piazza stated he doesn't mean to take his thunder away but Superintendent Laubisch was describing the size of this document. It's the size of two phone books. It took a lot of work. Paul Bowers was the driving force in the Town of Amherst and it just shows that when the Village working with the Town, we are able to be major beneficiaries of some activities. We are very happy that this has been approved.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves an agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for the modernization of Village lighting per Niagara Mohawk's proposal of March 13, 1995 in the amount of \$53,345.00 plus \$11,000.00 for the purchase of 20 additional poles.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves a bond resolution in the amount of \$65,000.00 which authorizes the acquisition of street lights for Various Village Streets and authorizes the issuance of \$65,000.00 in Serial bonds to finance said appropriation.

Mayor Daniels commented that this is the result of a lot of work between Niagara Mohawk, the Village and two manufacturers. What we wanted to do was preserve the look of the old street lights on the older streets in the Village including Columbia, Monroe, Scott, Oakgrove and Cadman. We have now in place the cast iron green lights, they are converted gas with acorn glass fixtures on the top. We didn't want the new high pressure sodium's with those black standards that look so impersonal in the Village. We worked very hard to get two things to have Niagara Mohawk agree with and that is first of all they would allow the Village to use the replica fluted poles in aluminum now instead of cast iron and also that we would be able to get them to approve and include in their architectural class an acorn style glass luminaire on the top which is identical to what we have in the Village. We were able to do that through a period of about two years. He wants to thank Marsha Chase from the Town who is also very anxious to see some of that kind of lighting happen in the Town and Niagara Mohawk actually did bend in the Village's favor. This is the result and culmination of that and he is really excited to see that although the new lighting will look just like the old, it will allow 120% more illumination than the existing structures.

Trustee Piazza stated we are going to be having a lot of old light poles that will be coming down and these are the kinds of things people might want to buy as souvenirs for their back yards or something of that nature. He believes that through the DPW these will be put up for sale sometime later this spring.

Superintendent Laubisch stated he thinks what we will do is establish some type of bidding or value system and they can be made available to the Village residents. The value of those poles would be established by the Board if he imagines it would be open to Village residents first.

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Mayor Daniels stated there will be about 80 of those poles give or take. He knows that some people have them already. They make nice back yard poles or front yard poles.

Trustee Lowther thanked Marsha Chase. She came to the Board and really gave it a lot of good solid information on lighting which Trustee Lowther knew absolutely nothing about and when Ms. Chase left, she knew an awful lot more. She appreciates it.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated his third resolution involves a solid waste disposal agreement. This is something the Village worked through the Town of Tonawanda as a lead agency on this particular item. If they bid a lower price, the Village automatically becomes part of that and because of that our rate for solid waste disposal has been reduced by \$17.90 per ton under the new bid. It's amazing that we are actually able to reduce various costs and this will pay for itself in a sense that it affects each one of us.

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

RESOLVED the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a five-year Solid Waste Disposal Agreement effective April 1, 1995 with Browning-Ferris Industries of New York, Inc. for the disposal of the Village's non-hazardous refuse.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated his next resolution deals with Robert J. Miller & Associates. We feel that progress is being made on various fronts as far as grant requests are concerned. It is something that demands patience on our part and on resident's part as taxpayers. If any one of the grants comes through it will pay for itself many times over but it is a matter of pushing the various levels of government in order to achieve some of these grants successfully. We are moving in that direction.

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

RESOLVED that Robert J. Miller & Associates, Inc. Tonawanda, New York is hereby appointed Grant-Writer for the period April 15, 1995-July 15, 1995 at a fee of \$3,000.00.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated his next resolution involves the South Long Street ball diamonds.

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Two years ago the Board made the decision to have the Town of Amherst take over the South Long Street ball diamonds. In so doing, it has saved the Village several thousand dollars in equipment that it didn't have to buy, certainly a lot of money in manpower that would have had to go into the maintenance of those fields. The income from those fields is really negligible. It's under \$1,000 so that we are the winners in this situation.

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

RESOLVED that the Village of Williamsville hereby authorizes the Town of Amherst to maintain the South Long Street ball diamonds for the 1995 baseball season. As a part of this authorization, the Town of Amherst will collect all fees and be responsible for scheduling all games with the understanding that any Village of Williamsville team will be given first preference in the scheduling of the games.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated his next resolution is for Superintendent Laubisch to attend a Snow Conference. We have found that at the various conferences that the Superintendent has gone to or our Village Administrator has gone to, their knowledge level has increased and the Village has been beneficiaries in various ways.

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

RESOLVED that Supt. of Public Works, David Laubisch is hereby authorized to attend the 35th Annual American Public Works North American Snow Conference, to be held in Buffalo, New York on April 9-12, 1995 and the cost not to exceed \$300.00 to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Hillebrand stated that this is his last opportunity to be on the Board this session. Like Trustee Lowther, he would also like to thank publicly all of the great people in our Village who make our Village the great place it is. To reinforce Trustee Lowther's comments what a pleasure it is to work with the volunteers who work so hard and really are dedicated to the betterment of our Village and work with the professional people. He doesn't think residents realize how fortunate we are to have the professional excellence that we have. Trustee Hillebrand wants to spend most of his time in his remarks to dedicate to the next generation who we have here this evening. He spent most of his adult life in the service, in the military, and lived in many places in our country and in the world.

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You have no idea, absolutely no idea how unusual it is to have this meeting where you are here and we are doing the things that we are doing for you to see and comment on. You have no idea what that means and how fortunate you are and we are and he hopes so much that you will take that to heart and you will all realize that in your turn and in your time, you will probably be sitting on this side of the table and it will be your responsibility to carry on. It is very easy for us to decide that someone else in the Village is going to do the work and someone else in the Village is going to join the professional staff and someone else is going to serve. It is not the way it is in reality. He hopes all the next generation will take that message home with them and think about it, realize how fortunate they are that they can serve, that people do care what they think, they are interested and they are allowed to say and speak and be listened to. Trustee Hillebrand thanked everyone.

Superintendent of Public Works, David Laubisch, reported starting in April we will start our twice a month trash pick up. The first regularly scheduled trash pick up will be the week of April 11th. We will begin trash pick up on Tuesday and continue until the entire Village is picked up. The next regularly scheduled pick up in April will be April 25th and will be on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month thereafter throughout October. We have had people come up to the Village Board meeting in the past and mention that people are putting trash out at curbside before it is either called in to be picked up or we are not on our regular scheduled pick up or before regularly scheduled pick up. The DPW has sent notices to 134 residents about trash being out at curbside and only 15 people called in. He wants to make people aware that they should call the DPW for a pick up.

Superintendent Laubisch stated there are some problems with relocating some of the utilities at Main and Union and he is sure that the contractor is going to endeavor to get that project done as fast as humanly possible because that directly affects the profit motive when they are working on the project. He is sure they are going to expedite that along.

Superintendent Laubisch mentioned about the Northwest Solid Waste Board of which the Village of Williamsville is a member. The Town of Amherst acted as the lead agency for the Northwest Solid Waste Board. Mr. Laubisch publicly thanked Paul Bowers for all the hard work he put into assembling all the information for the member communities for which we will all benefit. The Solid Waste Agreement that was on resolution tonight represented a \$17.90 per ton savings. That is a 30% decrease. That is not a very common thing today. We are reaping the benefits of these projects that we have been working on for the last two and a half to three years. Again, our thank to the Town of Amherst, Paul Bowers and all the other communities for all the hard work that went into that. Mr. Laubisch said good-bye to the outgoing Trustees and Mayor. It has been a pleasure working with them.

Mayor Daniels stated it has been a pleasure working with Superintendent Laubisch.

Mayor Daniels stated one of the reasons a village is a village is the nuts and bolts people, the people who do all the work for us, the administrative staff. We operate this entire Village on just about 10 laborers and no one can lean on a shovel here. The work just can't get done.

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We have a great staff. He had the pleasure of eating lunch with them down at the DPW and they are all great guys. We are also very fortunate. Very few people ever leave the service of the Village. They certainly are not paid a ton of money but they are very dedicated employees. To a man and to a woman, he wants to especially thank them.

Administrator Cummins reported on the Government Finance Officers Association conference that she went to last week in Albany. Some of the classes that were covered were the U.S. and economic outlook, growth, inflation and interest, the New York State budget for 1995-1996. We had a fellow from the Assembly come in and another from the Senate and they can't come to any agreement there on the budget. We did cash management and investments. We discussed New York State retirement, pension costs, the incentive program for early retirement this year. They touched on accounting for employee benefits and we had a presentation by Audit Control on common errors on state-reports and what to do about them and how to file correctly for it. Administrator Cummins also said good-bye to everyone. It has been a pleasure working with all of them.

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

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Piazza stated he has some plaques he would like to present to the outgoing Mayor and the outgoing Trustees. Then if anyone would like to make any comments beyond that, they can feel free to do so. This is in his capacity as Deputy Mayor that he has the opportunity to present three different plaques. Trustee Piazza started with the plaque for the outgoing Mayor. It reads "Ronald Daniels, Mayor 1991-1995, Trustee 1989-1991. In grateful appreciation for your dedicated service to the Village of Williamsville, dated March 27, 1995". Trustee Piazza commented as Deputy Mayor and past Trustee for the last two years, he hopes everyone realizes what a tremendous asset Mayor Daniels has been to the Village. The number of hours that Mayor Daniels puts in cannot be matched, please note that. Because of that and because of his innovative approach to government on many occasions, he has actually saved us as tax payers a good amount of money. He has looked for new ways of doing things. He has pulled us forward, in Trustee Piazza's case as a Trustee two years ago and he has made the Village of Williamsville a better place. That is one of the truly remarkable things we can say about anyone, that he has left the world a better place for having been there and certainly Mayor Daniels has done that. Trustee Piazza personally wants to thank Mayor Daniels for all that he has done and applaud him in many ways for all that he has done and certainly wishes him the best. The Town will be the beneficiary of a person with a tremendous amount of energy and we all look forward to Mayor Daniels continuing in that line. Again, thank you very much. Trustee Piazza presented the plaque to Mayor Daniels.

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Trustee Piazza stated he also has the opportunity to present one to Trustee Lowther. It reads "Mary Lowther, Trustee 1991-1995. In grateful appreciation for your dedicated service to the Village of Williamsville, March 27, 1995". He realizes that Trustee Lowther and him are on opposite sides politically and get probably 99% of the time that they have worked together it has been for the benefit of the Village. Actually 100% of the time we both felt it was for the benefit of the Village but 99% of the time we really did agree on everything. On one or two rare occasions where we had difference of opinions here on the Board, it was rationally thought out, it was presented logically and he can only respect Trustee Lowther for all that she has done for the Village over the past four years. He knows she came into this Board already having been a volunteer, knowing that it takes a lot of work and she did just that. She gave it a lot of work and a lot of energy and because of that, again, the Village is a better place for her having been here. Many thanks for all that Trustee Lowther has done and we are not going to let you go, we want you back as a volunteer on something. Trustee Piazza presented the plaque to Trustee Lowther.

Trustee Piazza stated the philosopher on the Board, some residents may not realize that but Trustee Hillebrand does have some good philosophical insights. It reads "Lawrence J. Hillebrand, Trustee 1994-1995, In grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the Village of Williamsville, March 27, 1995". Trustee Hillebrand has really done a lot in this past year. Trustee Piazza thinks Trustee Hillebrand's biggest contribution has been to make Trustee Piazza stand back a bit and try to look philosophically at where the Village is and where it is going and perhaps how it can be organized for more efficiency in the future. Trustee Hillebrand has given Trustee Piazza many thoughtful "Larrygrams" and they are well thought out, they are helpful and Trustee Piazza is hopeful that he can fulfill some of his expectations because he has put a lot of thought and insight into the way a village should be run. It's probably good that the Village has somebody come in from the outside with all of his military background, realizing how bureaucracies already function and taking a look at another one, a municipal bureaucracy and looking at ways in which we can be improved. Certainly Trustee Hillebrand has done that. Thank you for that.

Elroy Avery, 75 Rinewalt, stated that four years ago he had the honor of swearing Trustee Lowther in to this office by giving her the oath. He was very pleased at that time. She can't imagine how pleased he is that she has dedicated four years of her life to this Village and to the residents. We love you. Those flowers, they are red and they mean love. We are looking for your return.

Mr. Patel, 109 Troy View Lane stated he is here on behalf of the Williamsville South DECCA Chapter. DECA is one of the biggest high school organizations in the nation, dedicated to cultivating leadership, business, public speaking and social skills. On March 20-22nd our chapter sent almost 50 representatives to the New York State DECA conference. We had the greatest success in our chapter's history winning 91 medals in all and qualifying 12 members for National DECA conference in Saint Louis this April. Last year we sent two people. This isn't why he is here today. The cost to attend the Nationals is \$500.00 per person not including food and entertainment. All of us have spent almost \$300.00 just to compete at the New York State level. As a matter of fact, most of us who have qualified to compete on a national level won't be able to because of insufficient funds.

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This is why we are asking the Village Board to donate \$300.00, \$25.00 a person in hopes of cutting down costs for all 12 members who qualify can attend the conference in Saint Louis. We are also asking other local businesses for aid and assistance. We feel it is important to represent Williamsville on a national level and show the whole country what Williamsville schools have to offer. All the students who have reached this level have worked extremely hard and we believe it is important to send a message to all the students out there that strong performance and academics will be rewarded. He thanked the Board for their time and consideration and they look forward to representing Williamsville on a national level.

Mayor Daniels commented on the Williamsville schools and how proud we are. Business First every year puts out a report on the schools. Also, in the paper on Sunday, residents saw the problems that Buffalo schools are having. There is a series this week on it. It really adds and contributes to the stability of a community and the quality of life and it is essential. If you don't have a good school system, your community is in big trouble. Buffalo is losing hundreds of people on a month on the average and we are gaining people. It's because Amherst in this last poll repeated last year's, tops in every category as far as the education we provide. Williamsville moved up from 5th to 2nd. Three years ago it was number one. Every year they jockey and trade positions but every year Williamsville and Amherst, Sweethome and those area schools are always on the tops of the list and it's because of the support that the community gives the school, the parental support which is absolutely critical and the type of environment that we have in this area. The budget of the Village is very tight. There is no money to donate to charities per se. The young gentleman asked each member to contribute and he thinks the way that they can do that is personally if they want to contribute. He will personally donate \$50.00 for that. He thinks it would be up to each individual member because this cannot legally be done by the Village out of the Village budget. He is in total support of his request and Mr. Patel has just gotten \$50.00 for his speech.

Trustee Lowther stated she would just add that she was a member of DECA. She was a graduate of Williamsville South High School before we had a North and East. She graduated in 1966 and she was a representative from the Williamsville schools. In the job interview competition she came in second in Western New York and she ended up going to the Concord hotel which was the furthest away she had ever gone away from her home in her life when she was 16 years old. She would be happy to make a contribution on DECA's behalf as long as they tell her how to make it out. She thinks DECA is wonderful and thinks that they are really dedicated. It is a real useful service for the students to get that kind of background and education.

Jim Hayes, 437 Rambling Road, stated on behalf of the Town of Amherst he thinks our residents owe a great deal of gratitude to Mayor Daniels for the administration that he has put into place over the last four years, specifically for the intermunicipal cooperation that he has brought to his duties as Mayor, in working together between the Village and the Town to enhance the quality of life for all of our residents, whether they live in the Village or in the Town. Certainly, while many people restrict the certainties of life to two words, death and taxes, Councilman Hayes thinks those of us who are more than casual observers of community affairs would add the word "meaningful change" to that list of certainties of life.

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It is a certainty that Mayor Daniels has brought meaningful change to the lives of many people here in the Village and in the Town of Amherst. Four years ago Mayor Daniels brought change to Mr. Hayes' life when Trustee Lowther bested him by about 7 votes in the Village election and Mayor Daniels lifted him up and appointed him to a seat on the Village Board that was his seat that he vacated to become Mayor when he won the mayoral election. After that, Mayor Daniels really changed the course of life in the Village for so very many people. He thinks that it is very fitting that his colleagues on the Board, former colleagues take just a moment tonight to thank Mayor Daniels for everything he has done. It's very difficult being in public service, as only public servants know, that sometimes the hard work and the dedication goes unnoticed. He thinks for the Village Board to take time tonight to thank it and congratulate it for a job well done is very fitting indeed. He wants to add his voice to those who offered thanks to Mayor Daniels. He wants to offer felicitations and good words from the Town Board. We're ready for some change in the Town as well. The Town looks forward to having Mayor Daniels join it and to continue his work on behalf of all of the residents. Thank you for all you have done.

Maryanne Piazza, 186 North Long Street, stated as unaccustomed as she is to public speaking and she is not very comfortable, she felt she wanted to get up and thank Mayor Daniels for all he has done. He has not only been a great Mayor, he is an honest, hard working, energetic man. He's watered the flowers, put bulbs in when the ground was freezing, painted, got right down there with the dirt, and she means soil dirt. We do appreciate everything he has done and wish him good luck and are glad he is our friend. Thank you.

Justice Victoria D'Angelo, the current Village judge and thank you to the Village voters, the future Village judge. She thanked Trustee Lowther, Trustee Hillebrand and Mayor Daniels. Mayor Daniels did a stupendous job. It was just great. She can't speak politically except while she is running so she is taking this opportunity. Mayor Daniels was every place. He was doing everything for the Village. He was so dedicated and it was so nice to see and she thinks everybody appreciates that. Thank you. She looks forward to working with Basil Piazza and continuing on for a great Village of Williamsville.

Mayor Daniels thanked Justice D'Angelo also for running a very good court. We are seeing a lot more case as Amherst is too. There are a lot more problems coming this way. We have drug problems, theft problems. We have some things coming this way that the court system is absolutely critical to uphold the arrests and make sure the convictions stick for. The police are so good and on top of everything in the Town and that is something that he would like to continue to work on in some way no matter where his future goes because he thinks that is other than the schools, the next most important thing that we have in this community.

Molly Nibloe, 101 Garrison Road, stated she came to the meeting as a spectator but she didn't want to go without saying as just a plain old resident that she wants to second the motions with Jim Hayes and Victoria D'Angelo. Ron, you've been a terrific friend to the Village. She would miss him except she knows we will have him as a friend in the Town. We've been the better to have Trustee Lowther and Trustee Hillebrand also. Thanks so much and Ron, we will see you in the Town.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Daniels stated he would like to thank the residents for these six years for having the opportunity to work with all of them. We leave but we don't really leave.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to go into Executive Session at 8:45 for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Unanimously Carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Lowther, it was moved to go adjourn the meeting at 9:31 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Daniels, seconded by Trustee Hillebrand, it was moved at 9:30 P.M. to return to the regular agenda.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer