

**Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, April 10, 1995 at 8:00 P.M.**

Present: Basil Piazza, Mayor  
Joseph Frese Trustees  
Barbara Schofield  
William Wutz

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

Absent: Yvonne Kaye, Trustee

The Administrator read the Notice of Public Hearing which was being held for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the proposed 1995-1996 Sewer Rent rates per Section 78-2(A) of the Sewer Rent Code.

On Motion by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, the public hearing was opened at 8:00 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Piazza stated the Sewer Rent rates reflect the amount of money we pay Amherst for processing our sewage. The cost has increased greatly during the past several years for several reasons. One is that we do not get our billing from Amherst until after the budget is adopted so we are always guessing at the amount to be raised. The other is the large increase in leakage in our sewer system. We are proposing raising the rate to \$2.32 this year (35¢) in anticipation of a \$375,000.00 sewer project which will address the worst infiltration areas based on testing by the Town of Amherst. The grant writer has been working on a low interest loan for the Village which would save us about \$34,000.00 in the first two years of the project. After that time, principal and interest would be repaid in the usual manner. These repairs are sorely needed since the amount of sewage processed from the Village has increased 269% from 1987 to 1991. This while the population of the Village has declined and no large scale users were added to the system.

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Jim Tricoli, 4 Columbia Drive, asked if this repair cost would cover all the streets or only a portion of the Village. Mayor Piazza stated this is about 25% of our system.

On Motion by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese, the public hearing was closed at 8:05 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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Patrick Kelly, Village Attorney  
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Theresa L. Cummins, Vlg. Admin., Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Yvonne Kaye, Trustee

The Administrator read the Notice of Public Hearing which was being held for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing the proposed 1995-1996 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Glen Park Joint Activities Fund and Debt Service Fund budgets.

On Motion by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese, the public hearing was opened at 7:32 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Piazza stated the General Fund tax rate had been \$5.07 for the last several years and the Board had attempted to keep it the same but a number of revenues had been decreased and some expenses increased which resulted in a \$5.28 rate (up 21¢) in spite of several cost cutting proposals. However the Glen Park Fund which impacts on the General Fund has taken some dramatic increases over the past several years. Some of this is a result of shared grants and this Board will be looking at that fund in greater detail in an attempt for some cost savings.

Trustee Frese stated he has been scrutinizing the budget since his appointment and has found that many areas such as Parks, have been cut whereby Glen Park has been increasing. He is concerned about three items and if they are not explained fully, he will find it very difficult to vote for the Glen Park budget.

Bob Krieter, 26 Monroe Drive questioned whether the Glen Park budget reflected the Village and Town share of the grants. If this is the case, then really the actual budget is \$35,000.00. The operation of the park runs pretty tight excluding the grants portion of the budget.

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Mayor Piazza made these general comments regarding the General Fund budget.

(1) Overall revenues are anticipated to go up \$9,000.00 this year, which is a lot less than they could have been. Mortgage tax is down about \$16,000.00.

Appropriated surplus is down because we have to take a long range outlook for the surplus. Chips is down slightly and state aid overall has dropped.

(2) On the appropriation side, we will be doing more road work this year. Retirement costs are going up because of the changes in funding the system and insurance costs may also be going up. Additionally, the pool costs have increased for next year because we may have to replace a whole slab of concrete. Bonding costs are increasing because the first payment for the garbage packer will be due this year.

(3) Cost cutting which has already taken place include a \$5,000.00 cut in the allocation for the pools, \$5,000.00 from fire truck reserve and \$2,500.00 from shortening the minutes. The potential for health insurance for elected officials has saved the Board at least \$6,000.00.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street, asked about the debt service which looks like our highest cost. She wondered whether the cost was projected projects or only our current debt.

Robert Krieter, 26 Monroe Drive, asked about the Tree Grant which had been applied for and whether that area had been cut or left as requested.

Dan Chase, 157 Highland, would like to see a more expanded view of the categories in the future so the budget would be more understandable. He commented that the Board should give some thought to raising their salaries during the next two years because he considers them to be extremely low for the amount of work they do.

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Mayor Piazza stated the Water rate was increased in January when Erie County Water Authority raised our rates so there will be no rate increase at this time. In addition, we have done a number of improvements to our Water system during the past year.

On Motion by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, it was moved to close this public hearing at 7:59 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
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Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main  
Street, Williamsville, New York on April 10, 1995 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Basil Piazza, Mayor  
Joseph Frese Trustees  
Barbara Schofield  
William Wutz

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

Absent: Yvonne Kaye, Trustee

Mayor Piazza opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese, the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on March 27, 1995 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, the minutes of the Reorganization meeting held on April 3, 1995 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Piazza announced that in the future "Guidelines for Public Participation at Board Meetings" would be posted at the entrances to the Auditorium. In order to have an efficient, businesslike meeting, the Board is asking that everyone participate in a businesslike manner and follow the normal rules of decorum. Mayor Piazza then read excerpts from the guidelines for residents information.

Mayor Piazza also announced that starting at this meeting, public participation will be moved from the end to the beginning of each meeting.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese it was moved at 7:32 P.M. to open a public hearing being held for the purpose of discussing the 1995-1996 General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Glen Park Joint Activities Fund, and Debt Service Fund Budgets. (The public hearing was closed at 7:59 P.M.)

Unanimously carried.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, it was moved at 8:00 P.M. to open a public hearing being held for the purpose of hearing all persons discuss the 1995-1996 Sewer rent rates per Section 78-2(A) of the Sewer Rent Code. (The public hearing was closed at 8:05 P.M.)

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese it was moved to suspend rules for public participation.

Unanimously carried.

John Robshaw, owner of the building at 5672 Main Street asked the Board about the construction along Main Street including the work being done at Union and Main Streets.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street asked whether pedestrians were being allowed to walk across the south side of the Ellicott Creek bridge because it looks unsafe with only the wooden railings and no other protection or screening for safety reasons. She also commented on the signal at the intersection of Essjay and Evans Street and the need for additional signage on Evans Street indicating that a person is entering the Village of Williamsville which has different rules and regulations from the Town of Amherst.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese it was moved to close public participation and return to the regular meeting.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Piazza stated it is a great pleasure to be sitting here as Mayor of the Village of Williamsville and he is quite proud to be representing the Village residents as their Mayor.

Mayor Piazza reported the following:

1. The Local Government Committee has recommended meters for Sanitary Sewage coming in from the Town of Amherst on Wehrle and on Union Road. These would provide hard data rather than estimates.
2. He is recommending the Sewer improvement and would like Board input.
3. The Board has started a top-down review of Committees which will be finished by the end of May. This will be an educational process for the new Board.

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4. Resolution by Legislator Rusk requesting proper drainage  
 before College Park is built.

5. Correspondence from Adelpia Cable regarding changes in their  
 service. He asked residents to call Adelpia with questions.

6. New agreement from Erie County Water Authority which is being  
 referred to Attorney Kelly for comments.

7. Proposed signage for the entranceway to the Village of  
 Williamsville.

8. Plans which were just received from the State regarding Main  
 Street reconstruction east from the bridge over Ellicott Creek.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, vouchers in  
 the amount of \$97,016.55 covering the period from March 23, 1995 -  
 April 6, 1995 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 4/1/95	\$ 19,659.44
General Fund	34,997.92
Water Fund	33,272.78
Sewer Fund	750.00
Glen Park Fund	371.10
Trust & Agency Fund	5,234.47
Comm. Dev.	2,730.84
*Grand Total*	<u>\$ 97,016.55</u>

Large Vouchers:

Erie County Water	\$ 31,938.81
J.W. Carney, Inc.	8,466.96

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Trustee Barbara Schofield is hereby authorized  
 to attend the 1995 NYCOM Municipal Official's Workshop in  
 Syracuse, New York on April 22, 1995 and the cost, not to  
 exceed \$100.00 to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Frese thanked Mayor Piazza for the appointment to the Trustee's position. He reported on the Planning Board meeting of April 3rd.

Trustee Frese stated his resolutions deal with bringing the Village Hall into compliance with ADA requirements.

ON MOTION by Trustee Frese, seconded by Trustee Wutz the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville has advertised for sealed bids for Village Hall Reconstruction, and,

WHEREAS C & A Painting Contractors, Inc. West Seneca, New York submitted their low bid meeting specifications;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the contract for Village Renovations is hereby awarded to C & A Painting Contractors, Inc. for their low bid of \$133,200.00.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Frese, seconded by Trustee Schofield the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that a Bond Resolution is hereby adopted authorizing the partial reconstruction of Village Hall, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$144,000.00 appropriating said amount thereof, including the expenditure of \$84,000.00 Community Development Grant Funds received or to be received by the Village and the expenditure of \$10,000.00 of Village funds currently available therefor, to pay a part of said appropriation and authorizing the issuance of \$50,000.00 Special Bonds of said Village to finance the balance of said appropriation.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Schofield stated she is also happy to be on the Board and looks forward to working with her committees.

Trustee Wutz reported he has already attended a Glen Park meeting and he had several discussions with the DPW to which he is the liaison.

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ON MOTION by Trustee Wutz, seconded by Trustee Frese the following  
resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville advertised for sealed  
bids for (1) one 1996 Refuse Truck & Packer, and,

WHEREAS Buffalo White GMC, Buffalo, New York, submitted a bid  
meeting all specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the contract for the  
purchase of one (1) 1996 Refuse Truck & Packer is hereby  
awarded to Buffalo White GMC for their bid of \$125,340.00 less  
\$41,500.00 trade in.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Trustee Wutz, seconded by Trustee Schofield the  
following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that Bond Resolution is hereby adopted which  
authorizes the acquisition of a 1996 Refuse Truck & Packer for  
use by the Village, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof  
is \$126,500.00, appropriating said amount therefor, including  
the application of \$41,500.00 to be received as an allowance  
on the trade-in of a 1990 Refuse Truck currently owned by the  
Village towards the cost thereof, and authorizing the issuance  
of \$85,000.00 serial bonds of said Village to finance the  
balance of said appropriation.

Unanimously carried.

Administrator Cummins welcomed all the new members of the Board.

Superintendent of Public Works Dave Laubisch reported that regular  
trash pickup will be started tomorrow and will be continued until  
all trash is picked up. The next pickup is scheduled for April  
25th. He also reported on the Snow Removal Conference which is  
being held presently in Buffalo.

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

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer