

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Village of
Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main
Street, Williamsville, New York on October 23, 1995 at 7:30 P.M.

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

Theresa L. Cummins, Vlg. Admin./Clerk-Treasurer
David Laubisch, Supt. of Public Works

Absent: Patrick Kelly, Village Attorney

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

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 1995 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

James Tricoli, 4 Columbia Drive, read a letter which he sent to the Buffalo News, Amherst Bee, the IRS and the District Attorney regarding the Village Building Inspector.

Mary Ann Avery, 64 Garrison Road, questioned the Board as to whether Kim Alexander-Thompson had been paid for the work she had done on Glen Park educational programs. Mayor Piazza stated that this matter was still under discussion.

Wayne Spence, 162 N. Long Street, spoke regarding a storm sewer problem on N. Long. Board members stated they will look into the problem. Possibly one solution is to direct the water away from Drainage Ditch #9 into the new sewer which Amherst installed. The Board will contact the Town of Amherst to see if we can correct the problem.

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

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Piazza reported on the following items:

1. He and other Board members participated in Family Fun Day last Saturday which was very successful.
2. We are currently looking at engaging an "Engineer of Record" to help us with various engineering questions. Requests for Qualifications have been sent out to various engineering firms and will be evaluated when we receive them.
3. We've had some discussions with our grant writer regarding the proposed steeple at the Meeting House so the building can be brought back to its original state so it can be classified as a historic building.
4. As part of National Reading week, Mayor Piazza has been asked to represent the Village so he will be reading to kindergarten children at Maple East Elementary School.
5. Main Street paving is progressing. The Telephone Co.'s buildings are gone and the stone masons are completing their work on the bridge.

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

Vouchers in the amount of \$131,178.04 covering the period from October 6, 1995 - October 20, 1995 were approved:

Payroll fund w/e 10/15/95	\$ 31,055.47
General Fund	70,769.10
Water Fund	689.91
Sewer Fund	370.46
Glen Park Fund	18,898.73
Trust & Agency Fund	9,336.77
Community Development Fund	57.60
Grand Total	<u>\$ 131,178.04</u>

Large Vouchers:

Nichols Long & Moore Construction Corp.	\$18,450.00
Lancaster Stone Products	16,741.00

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Langenfeld reported on the Fire Dept. Open House. He also reported that the crosswalks on S. Ellicott and Park Drives have been striped and "Handicapped Access" signs have been affixed to the Village Hall.

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Trustee Schofield reported that on October 27th at 7:00 P.M. the Halloween Parade will take place from Garrison Park to Christian Central Academy. The Youth questionnaire will be discussed with Dr. Murphy on October 31st and at that time will hopefully be officially accepted. She mentioned a program called "Operation Christmas Child" where residents will be asked to bring shoeboxes filled with toys for children in Rwanda, Bosnia or Serajevo. The spot for depositing these shoeboxes is yet to be determined. Regarding the parks, during the winter months the committee will be discussing projects for next year. Regarding the Lehigh Trail, some work will be done shortly near the new fence such as grading and putting in new topsoil so we can do fall plantings. As far as the Seniors are concerned, we are trying to work out a program called "A Nice Neighbor" program to aid seniors who are in need of help.

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

RESOLVED that Tuesday, October 31st is hereby designated "Trick or Treat" night in the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Parks Committee until the end of the 1995-1996 official Village year:

Craig Donnelly
Dawn Johnson

6 Franklin Street
98 Monroe Drive

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that a public hearing be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville on November 13, 1995 at 7:35 P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would amend Section 70-16 of the Parks and Public Areas Code regarding "Hours of Public Use".

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Wutz explained to the Students present, the responsibility of the Village Board in running the Village in order to keep property values up and make the Village an attractive place in which to live. We are responsible for keeping the streets plowed and picking up the garbage and we're trying to do the best we can.

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Trustee Wutz reported that the wall in Glen Park has been repaired. It was in worse shape than originally thought. The pond has also been fixed, although we might have to go back and look at a few things in that project.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Williamsville has applied to become a Certified Local Government and therefore qualifies for subgrant funding from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and

WHEREAS an historic resources survey is necessary to identify and document the historic character of the Williamsville area so the area can be protected under the local historic preservation law and the National Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS the Williamsville Historic Preservation Commission, in collaboration with the Town of Amherst Historic Preservation Commission has developed a schedule, a budget for such a survey and a proposal to apply for CLG funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Mayor Basil Piazza to apply to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for a Certified Local Government subgrant in the amount of \$18,184 to carry out survey of the Village of Williamsville, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby instruct the Village Clerk to provide all necessary administrative services for preparation of the application and conduct of project in the amount of \$1,000 to be funded from this year's administrative budget, and to accept of a gift of \$5,000 in in-kind services from volunteers to be used for the project.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that a public hearing be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville on November 13, 1995 at 7:40 P.M. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would amend Section 47-3 of the Historic Preservation Code regarding "Historic Preservation Commission" members.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Frese reported that on October 18th, he attended a Williamsville Business & Professional Association meeting and he spoke to them regarding the Outdoor Seating issue. Everyone seemed very pleased with what the current Village Board is doing for the businesses of our community.

Trustee Frese spoke regarding the letter which Mr. Tricoli read to the Board. He stated that Dave Sutton does work for an architectural firm in addition to being our Building Inspector. If any architectural work is being done by Mark Dean Associates here in the Village, we have taken the necessary steps to have the Town of Amherst inspect, not only at the beginning of the project but also the final inspection. There is no collusion or conflict of interest between the Village of Williamsville and Mark Dean Associates.

Superintendent of Public Works Laubisch reported on the status of leaf pickup. The large sanding trucks are ready to go. The DPW is trying to get all the leaves picked up before the snow arrives. Superintendent Laubisch also reported on the Public Works School which he attended last week. Some topics included the Safe Drinking Act, purchasing for public works, and responsibility of tree plantings in urban areas. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the school.

Mayor Piazza stated that about six weeks ago, he sent a letter to the Thruway Authority asking them to consider moving the Williamsville toll booths to the east. Since then Assemblyman Anderson and County Legislator Rusk also have written on our behalf. Now we have received a letter from the Thruway Authority rejecting our position, but Mayor Piazza will continue the battle on this issue. It may take a number of years but we would like to see this happen.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer