

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Village of  
Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main  
Street, Williamsville, New York on February 12, 1996 at 7:30 P.M.

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

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

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

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, the minutes of  
the regular meeting of January 22, 1996 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese, the minutes  
of the public hearing held January 22, 1996 on a proposed water  
rate decrease were approved.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Elroy Avery, 75 Rinewalt Street, asked if tonight was the night  
that the Board was to hear discussion on 21 Richfield. Mayor  
Piazza stated that the date of the public hearing on the Main &  
Hirschfield project was originally called for March 11th, however,  
there is a motion later in the evening to cancel the hearing.

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

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, it was moved  
to suspend rules to consider several resolutions which are not on  
the agenda.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the public hearing regarding Exceptional  
Development at Main and Hirschfield scheduled for March 11,  
1996 is hereby cancelled.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves the revised  
Emergency Preparedness Plan dated December 1, 1995 for the  
Village of Williamsville and it is hereby adopted as written.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby creates a new committee  
to be known as the Village Criminal Justice Committee. Said  
committee shall consist of seven members appointed for a one  
year term by the Mayor, subject to approval by the Village  
Board.

It shall be the mission of the committee to take a pro-active  
approach towards crime and crime prevention in the Village of  
Williamsville. The committee shall solicit input from (but  
not limited to) residents and businesses of the Village of  
Williamsville concerning identification of areas of possible  
criminal activity, the vulnerability of certain areas to  
criminal activity, possible ongoing criminal activity, and any  
matter that may be related to crime and crime prevention in  
the Village of Williamsville. The committee shall forward  
input and information received from (but not limited to) these  
sources to the primary provider of police service to the  
Village: The Town of Amherst Police Department, via reports,  
communications, and recommendations to the committee's liaison  
trustee who shall then forward such to the Village Board. The  
committee shall, whenever possible, assist, coordinate and  
facilitate programs offered by the primary police provider to  
the Village such as Neighborhood Watch programs, Nite-Out  
Programs, and related community policing offerings.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Trustee Richard Langenfeld is hereby appointed liaison to the Village Criminal Justice Committee.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the New York State Department of Transportation Utility Work Agreement, Capital Project Identification No. 5034.81, regarding the Main Street resurfacing project.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Old Home Days will be held Wednesday, July 17, 1996 through Saturday, July 20, 1996 at Island Park, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue a permit.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Piazza reported the Board has started the budget process. We had one meeting last Saturday and will be meeting the next few Saturdays. He also reported that he attended the Amherst Youth Board dinner this past Thursday. A number of dedicated volunteers were honored including Carol Lanphear from the Village as part of the Village Youth and Recreation Committee. Mayor Piazza reported that he has started attending the Citizen Police Academy. It is an extremely interesting series of classes that the students, who represent all levels of the Town, will be attending. Part of the 1st class involved a tour of the police facilities which are quite impressive.

Mayor Piazza stated that regarding the Main & Hirschfield project, the public hearing has been cancelled. The Village Board has taken no official position regarding this proposed development and if there is any misinformation regarding the project, he would like to stress that the Village Board has not considered it and will not be considering it at the present time.

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

Vouchers in the amount of \$215,847.59 covering the period from  
 January 20, 1996 - February 8, 1996 were adopted as follows:

Payroll fund w/e 1/07/96-1/20/96	\$ 27,333.42
1/21/96-2/3/96	21,852.25
General Fund	69,562.45
Water Fund	43,286.72
Sewer Fund	350.55
Glen Park Fund	98.75
Trust & Agency Fund	15,576.09
Capital	37,787.36
<b>*Grand Total*</b>	<b>\$ 215,847.59</b>

Large Vouchers:

ABP Construction	\$31,720.58
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	7,534.57

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the following budget transfers are hereby made in the  
 General, Water and Sewer Funds:

GENERAL FUND

<u>TO:</u>		<u>FROM:</u>	
01-1000-1010-2000	420.00	01-1900-1990-4000	33,000.00
4040	145.00	1900-1991-4000	13,475.00
1100-1110-4030	395.00	1900-1910-4000	5,750.00
1200-1210-4040	5.00		
1400-1410-2000	650.00		
4030	275.00		
4450	135.00		
1600-1620-2000	80.00		
4071	120.00		
1900-1950-4000	13,460.00		
3300-3310-4450	13.00		
3400-3410-2060	42.00		
4480	80.00		
3600-3620-4010	155.00		
4040	65.00		
4450	40.00		
5100-5110-4271	8,770.00		
4272	3,245.00		

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4600	915.00	
5100-5142-1000	955.00	
5100-5182-4270	1,985.00	
6400-6410-4000	100.00	
7100-7110-4162	165.00	
4930	2,980.00	
7500-7550-4980	35.00	
8100-8160-4161	1,425.00	
8100-8162-1000	2,475.00	
8100-8170-4160	490.00	
8500-8510-4340	75.00	
9000-9040-8000	<u>12,530.00</u>	
	<u>\$52,225.00</u>	<u>\$52,225.00</u>

WATER FUND

	<u>TO:</u>		<u>FROM:</u>	
06-8000-8340-4010	1120.00	06-1900-1990-4000	3,584.00	
8000-8340-4030	1.00			
4450	125.00			
9000-9040-8000	<u>2338.00</u>			
	<u>\$3584.00</u>			

SEWER FUND

	<u>TO:</u>		<u>FROM:</u>	
07-8000-8120-4260	65.00	07-1900-1990-4000	3,300.00	
9000-9040-8000	<u>3235.00</u>			
	<u>\$3300.00</u>			

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS New York State has some of the highest power rates in the nation, and;

WHEREAS, Erie County Water Authority, which pumps water through over 1600 miles of pipe spends roughly \$5 million on electricity which represents approximately 18% of their operating expenses, and;

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WHEREAS the New York State Senate and Assembly have both introduced a bill which would permit Water Authorities and Water Finance Authorities to buy power from the New York State Power Authority's Fitzpatrick Power Plant which would enable the Power Authority to deliver its power over local utility transmission lines, thereby, reducing the Water Authority's Power rates by 20 to 25%, and;

WHEREBY the provisions of the bills currently in the Legislature require the water utilities to pass any savings that result from the purchase of this power directly on to their customers, and;

WHEREAS if these bills pass in their present form, the Erie County Water Authority estimates its water customers would experience a further rate cut of 4 to 5 percent over the cut which was set for 1996, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees hereby supports Assembly Bill A4854A and Senate Bill S2909A, and;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is directed to mail copies of this resolution to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, the Chairmen of the Energy Committees of each House and all local Senators and Assembly members.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Wutz reported that Gladys Weller, a very dedicated member of the Village Historical Society passed on a week ago Thursday. Gladys spent an inordinate amount of time working in the Meeting House and other historical projects in the Village and she will be sorely missed. All of the people that knew Gladys are going to miss her greatly.

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

RESOLVED that the Village water rates are reduced as follows, effective March 1, 1996:

Inside Village	<u>\$2.99 per M</u>
Outside Village	<u>\$4.49 per M</u>

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Trustee Frese reiterated about the Emergency Preparedness Plan. This is a plan that is implemented whenever the Village calls for a state of emergency which we did this year. Regarding the Planning Board, Trustee Frese has brought the proposed new banners that are being donated to the Village by the Williamsville Business and Professional Association. The Planning Board has looked at them and we are now awaiting any comments they may have.

Trustee Frese stated the Board is still discussing the proposal regarding the proposed referendum to change the Village elections from March to June. He has done research on this proposal. Approximately 10% of the Villages in New York State have June elections. Surprisingly there were not many in the area from Syracuse to Buffalo. Villages he did call were happy with their June elections and they felt it was a benefit to them. His purpose in doing this is to make voting more accessible to everyone so they won't have to come out to vote in the winter months. However, because of legal requirements, if adopted, this change would not take place for five years. The current officials have been elected for a term which cannot be extended so Trustees elected next March would be elected for four years and three months; officials running in 1999 would be elected for four years and three months. The 1st election to be held in June would be in the year 2001. In conjunction with this the Senior Citizens group has requested additional polling places for the School elections. So he has written to Dr. Murphy and Mrs. Roehrer requesting this and he is awaiting an answer from them.

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

RESOLVED that the following firefighters are hereby authorized to attend conferences and training schools as follows:

Michael Vogel and David Kubiak to attend the NY State Fire Training Weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland from March 8-10, 1996 and the cost, not to exceed \$350.00 each, to be paid by the Village of Williamsville, and;

James J. Zymanek, Thomas Meldrum, Thomas Ratzel, and Andrea Bertrum to attend the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, from February 22nd through February 26, 1996 and the total cost, not to exceed \$1500.00, to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Schofield reported that she also attended the Amherst Youth Board awards dinner when Carol Lanphear was a recipient for outstanding service. She also reported that Winterfest will be held this Sunday, February 18th in Glen Park from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Regarding the Youth & Recreation Committee, our Senior Group has volunteered to start the tedious process of compiling the

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information from the Youth questionnaires. We are glad to see the  
joint cooperation between the Seniors and the Youth of the Village.

Superintendent Laubisch reported that anyone who has debris to be  
picked up should call the DPW for an appointment. The DPW is also  
in the process of doing stump removal which is done in the winter  
when the ground is frozen so there is minimal damage to property.

Mayor Piazza stated that as Trustee Wutz mentioned, Gladys Weller  
was a very active member of the Village community for a long period  
of time so in her honor he asked for a moment of silence.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, it was moved  
at 8:05 P.M. to go to Executive Session to discuss a pay question  
for a member of the Village Department of Public Works employee.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, it was moved  
to return from Executive Session to the regular agenda at 8:30 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Schofield, it was  
moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer