

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, January 13, 1997 at 7:33 P.M.

Present: Basil J. Piazza, Mayor  
Joseph Frese - Trustees  
Richard Langenfeld  
Barbara Schofield  
William A. Wutz

Patrick Kelly, Attorney  
Theresa L. Cummins, Admin./Clerk-Treas.  
David Laubisch, Supt. of Public Works  
Sally A. Kuzon, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

The Administrator read the Notice of Public Hearing being held to discuss a proposed water rate increase.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, it was moved to open the public hearing at 7:33 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Piazza stated that the Erie County Water Authority has increased its rates by 3% effective January 1, 1997. This translates to a 6¢ per thousand increase to their customers. We are a bulk user from the Authority and then we sell it to Village residents, so it will impact on us also.

No one from the public spoke regarding the proposed increase.

Trustee Frese stated this increase by the Authority is to recoup losses from poor management they have had through the year and unfortunately the residents of Erie County have to suffer by having their rates increased. It also appears this is not the last of their increases.

Mayor Piazza stated the Board will recommend that the same 6¢ increase be added to the Village rate. There is a resolution to that effect on the agenda later in the evening.

On Motion by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese, the public hearing was closed at 7:45 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
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Mayor Piazza opened the meeting at 7:33 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Schofield, the minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 16, 1996 were approved.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, it was moved at 7:34 P.M. to open a public hearing being held for the purpose of discussing a proposed water rate increase. (The public hearing was closed at 7:45 P.M.)

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Jeff Hahn, 99 N. Ellicott Street, was critical of snowplowing in Glen Park, leaf pickups, trash pickup and sinking pavement on N. Ellicott.

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

Unanimously carried.

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Mayor Piazza reported on the following:

1) We have had several meetings on the Environmental Bond Act in an effort to determine how, we as a Village, can benefit from this act. We are looking at doing waterline and sewerline work.

2) He will be co-sponsoring a Boy Scout Breakfast with Supervisor Grelick sometime in April.

3) The Board met last week and prepared a RFP which is being sent to grant writers in the area. We will interview these people after we receive their proposals.

4) With all the snow we received over the weekend, the Mayor reported that he has received many favorable comments about the clean roads and the work of the DPW.

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

Vouchers in the amount of \$57,931.66 covering the period from December 13, 1996 - December 26, 1996 were approved as follows:

Payroll fund w/e	12/21/96	\$ 27,802.67
General Fund		15,487.88
Water Fund		953.17
Sewer Fund		.60
Glen Park		264.49
Trust & Agency Fund		9,686.48
Capital		<u>3,736.37</u>
*Grand Total*		<u>\$ 57,931.66</u>

Large Vouchers:

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	\$2,602.92
Municipal Millings	2,620.29

Unanimously carried.

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

Vouchers in the amount of \$257,687.79 covering the period from  
 December 27, 1996 - January 9, 1997 were approved as follows:

Payroll fund w/e	1/4/97	\$	22,905.66
General Fund			38,857.97
Water Fund			33,760.13
Sewer Fund			1,780.73
Glen Park			997.74
Community Development			72,474.50
Trust & Agency Fund			7,297.55
Capital			<u>79,613.51</u>
*Grand Total*			<u>\$257,687.79</u>

Large Vouchers:

Kissell Excavating Inc.	\$35,446.55
International Chimney Corp.	41,166.00

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Theresa L. Cummins, Village Administrator, and  
 Sally Kuzon, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, are hereby authorized to  
 attend the Eighteenth Annual GFOA Conference in Albany, New  
 York from March 19-21, 1997 and the cost not to exceed \$400.00  
 each to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Arvela Heider, Holark Systems, is hereby  
 appointed Grant Writer for the Village of Williamsville for  
 January and February 1997 at the rate of \$1000.00 per month.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS the next general Village election for officers will be  
held on March 18, 1997, and

WHEREAS no person shall be entitled to vote at any Village  
election whose name does not appear on the register of the  
Election District in which he claims to be entitled to vote,  
and,

WHEREAS it is the duty of inspectors of election to prepare  
such register of qualified voters for the district for which  
they are appointed, and

WHEREAS the Village Board has determined that in-person  
registration shall be held for the upcoming Village election,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the inspectors of election  
shall meet on the 8th day of March 1997 at the Village Clerk's  
Office, 5565 Main Street, beginning at 12:00 noon and ending  
at 5:00 P.M. to commence the preparation of the register for  
the forthcoming Village election and,

FURTHER RESOLVED that at least ten (10) days prior to  
registration day set in this resolution, a copy of the  
resolution shall be posted in at least one conspicuous public  
place in each election district.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS the next Village Election in the Village of  
Williamsville is to be held on Tuesday, March 18, 1997 and;

WHEREAS the hours of voting will be from 12:00 noon until 9:00  
P.M. on March 18, 1997;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said Village shall be  
divided into three election districts and the places of  
holding such election shall be as follows:

DISTRICT #1 - At the Williamsville Methodist Church,  
5681 Main Street

District #1 includes the entire area east  
of Ellicott Creek, south of Main Street;

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DISTRICT #2 - At the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565  
Main Street

District #2 includes the entire area west  
of Ellicott Creek, both sides of Main  
Street;

DISTRICT #3 - At the Village Meeting House, 5658 Main  
Street

District #3 includes the entire area east  
of Ellicott Creek, north of Main Street.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the members of the Village Board have audited  
the New York State Report filed by the Village Treasurer for  
the fiscal year ended May 31, 1996 and hereby accepts the  
report as filed.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves the  
installation of the following lights by Niagara Mohawk Power  
Corporation:

- (1) Main Street Bridge over Ellicott Creek - five (5) 100  
watt wallpack luminaries at an annual cost of \$1,162.01.
- (2) Glen Park Path Light - one (1) 100 watt architectural  
luminaire on a direct embedded fiberglass post top pole at an  
annual cost of \$452.82.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Langenfeld gave a report on his liaisons which include  
the Village Court and the Village Fire Department. The Traffic &  
Safety and the Environmental are now ad hoc committees and only  
meet when they have issues to discuss. The new Criminal Justice  
Committee has its fourth meeting on January 21st in the Village  
Activity Room. Any interested citizen is welcome to attend. The  
Glen Park Committee has a new liaison from the Town, who is  
Councilperson Kindel. Their next meeting is the 1st Tuesday in  
February.

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Trustee Schofield reported:

1) The next function of the Youth Committee will be the Winterfest which will be held in Glen Park on February 9th from 12:00 noon until 4:00 P.M. She stated she needs representatives from South High School to serve as a representative of youth's interest on the Youth Committee. She needs a Senior and a Junior who will be able to communicate their interests to the Board.

2) We now have relations with local businesses regarding youth participating in internship programs. Some have a stipend and some do not. If someone works well with computers and is interested in this type of activity, they should contact her. There are also internships available with Senator Mary Lou Rath.

3) Regarding Old Home Days, there are some special events scheduled for Youth.

4) Regarding the Parks Committee, any input about their activities such as the fishing derby would be appreciated.

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

WHEREAS the 1997 Old Home Days will be held Wednesday, July 16th through Saturday July 19th, at Island Park, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue a permit to the Old Home Days Committee for the use of Island Park from Tuesday, July 15th through Monday, July 21st, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a permit be issued for the erection of a banner across Main Street by Ellicott Creek for a two week period prior to the event to announce the Old Home Days.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Wutz thanked Superintendent Laubisch and the DPW for the fine job they did in getting the streets clean this weekend.

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

RESOLVED that the water rates are hereby increased immediately  
as follows:

Inside the Village - From \$3.15 per 1,000 gallons  
To \$3.21 per 1,000 gallons

Outside the Village - From \$4.73 per 1,000 gallons  
To \$4.82 per 1,000 gallons

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the agreement between the Village of  
Williamsville and the Village of Williamsville Historical  
Society for use of the Village Meeting House as well as its  
status as the Management Committee of the Meeting House is  
hereby extended until April 1, 1997.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Frese reported on the article in last week's Bee which  
discussed the proposed expansion of Wehrle Drive. Trustee Frese  
has expressed his concern over this and a letter was received by  
the Town Supervisor from our County Legislator which expressed the  
County's willingness to help address the problem along with the  
Town and Village.

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

RESOLVED that the Administrator publish notice of public  
hearing to be held on Monday, January 27, 1997 at 7:30 P.M.  
for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in  
discussing a moratorium on telecommunications towers within  
the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

Administrator Cummins announced that application for absentee  
ballots for the March election are now available in the Village  
office.

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Superintendent of Public Works Laubisch reported on the snowfall which was received over the weekend. In the 24 hour period starting at 3:00 P.M. on Friday, 21.6 inches of snow fell. This is the 4th highest 24 hour snowfall on record. A total of 26" fell at the airport during the event. Most of our employees worked 17 out of 24 hours plowing the snow. Our main concern was plowing and widening roads for the safety of the public. Therefore, parking lots and other non-essential areas were let go. Public safety was our main concern.

He also reported that on Friday, prior to the snow storm, we repaired two water main leaks. One was a 6" radical fracture on a main in front of the Carriage House apartments on E. Spring Street, the other was a defective fire hydrant on Lake Ledge Drive. He also asked people to keep fire hydrants in front of their houses clear of snow.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese, it was moved at 8:10 P.M. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, it was moved to return to the regular agenda at 8:35 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION By Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Frese, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer