

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on February 28, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Barbara Schofield, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Frese, Trustee
Richard Langenfeld, Trustee
William Wutz, Trustee

Theresa L. Cummins-Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Sally A. Kuzon, Assistant Administrator
Lynda L. Juul, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Patrick Kelly, Village Attorney
John Anstett, Dept. of Public Works

Absent: Basil Piazza, Mayor

Deputy Mayor Schofield opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Wutz.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Schofield, seconded by Trustee Wutz, the minutes of regular Board meeting of February 14, 2000 are hereby approved.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Vicki Lattin, 64 S. Cayuga, spoke about the unsafe sidewalks and traffic on Main Street.

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

Unanimously carried.

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

Vouchers in the amount of \$ 86,871.70 covering the period February 11, 2000 – February 23, 2000 were approved as follows:

Payroll fund 1/30/00 – 2/12/00	\$ 33,266.53
General Fund	30,945.65
Water Fund	4,947.49
Sewer Fund	4,042.90
Glen Park	157.28
Trust & Agency Fund	13,511.85
Special Events	0.00
Capital	0.00
Debt Service	0.00
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Grand Total	<u>\$ 86,871.70</u>

Large Vouchers:

Moden Disposal Services	\$15,766.67
Independent Health	\$4,506.10

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Real Property Service sets the Special Franchise Assessments and the New York State Board of Real Property Service approves all Special Franchise Assessments across the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the 25 Towns, 16 Villages and 3 Cities of the Association of Erie County Governments receive their cable television franchise fee payments with the amount of such fee deducted from the special franchise assessment in essence receiving tax free status from our communities, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 6 of Section 626 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), this credit is legal, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Williamsville goes on record opposing the injustice. Although our municipality has the ability to negotiate a franchise fee for the purpose of generating income for our community, all cable companies and utilities have the ability to avoid their tax liability by deducting it from the franchise fee, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the subscribers and taxpayers should not have to continue with this unfairness, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Senate and Assembly should make this resolution a top priority on their agenda and repeal Article 6 of Section 626 of the Real Property Tax Law. Such repeal will alleviate this inequity for our constituents and help create some fairness for all taxpayers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Governor George Pataki, the local New York State Senators, New York State Assemblymen, County Executive Joel Giambra, Erie County Legislators, Association of Erie County Governments membership, Erie County Village Officials membership and New York Conference of Mayors.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that C. Petrie, M. Hannon, J. Oehmler, M. Vogel, C. Overkamp and A. Kubiak, Williamsville firefighters, are hereby authorized to attend the FDIC-Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, from March 1 – March 5, 2000 and the cost, not to exceed \$3,000 to be paid by the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Stephen L. Dyson, 86 S. Cayuga Rd. is hereby appointed to the Historic Preservation Committee until the end of the 1999-2000 official Village year.

Unanimously carried.

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The Administrator had no report.

There was no report from the Department of Public Works.

ON MOTION by Deputy Mayor Schofield, seconded by Trustee Wutz, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

Theresa L. Cummins RMC
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer