

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Williamsville held in the Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on March 13, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Basil J. Piazza, Mayor
Barbara Schofield, Deputy Mayor
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: Joseph Frese, Trustee

Mayor Piazza opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Administrator Theresa L. Cummins

Mayor Piazza and the Board of Trustees presented Theresa L. Cummins, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer with a plaque to recognize her dedicated service to the Village of Williamsville for 26 years and wished her well as she retires. The Board also declared April 6, 2000 as Theresa L. Cummins day in the Village of Williamsville.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Wutz, the minutes of regular Board meeting of February 28, 2000 are hereby approved.

Unanimously carried.

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

Unanimously carried.

Vicki Lattin, 64 S. Cayuga, talked about the traffic on Main Street.

Harold Box, 170 Reist Street, asked about the recent installation of a "No Standing" sign on the east side of Reist Street.

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

Unanimously carried.

Mayor Piazza reported on the following:

- 1) Encourage residents to fill out and return Census 2000 questionnaire.
- 2) Possible installation of cameras on Main St. to record traffic infractions and ticket motorists.
- 3) Encouraged residents to purchase gas and electric from alternate sources.
- 4) NYCOM Legislative session held in Albany on February 27 & 28, 2000.

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

Vouchers in the amount of \$ 214,322.25 covering the period February 24, 2000 – March 8, 2000 were approved as follows:

Payroll fund 2/13/00 – 2/26/00	\$ 25,410.62
General Fund	148,024.25
Water Fund	33,031.81
Sewer Fund	0.00
Glen Park	69.13
Trust & Agency Fund	7,786.44
Special Events	0.00
Capital	0.00
Debt Service	0.00
Grand Total	<u>\$ 214,322.25</u>

Large Vouchers:

Hutchinson Hose Company	\$85,246.72
Erie County Water Authority	\$30,873.70

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

WHEREAS, in 1999 the Amherst Public Library circulation was 1,577,149 with Audubon alone at 766,113 out circulating the Central library (656,560), Clearfield was #2 in the system excluding central with 456,739, and Eggertsville-Snyder Library and Williamsville were not far behind and were among the top circulating libraries in the system; and

WHEREAS, a strategic planning report developed by the consulting firm of Aaron Cohen Assoc. if adopted would reduce the Williamsville Branch, a full service library since 1910, to a specialty library with limited service, collection, shorter hours and no full-time professional staff; and

WHEREAS, Clearfield and Eggertsville-Snyder libraries would become limited community libraries, and Audubon would become a "hub" and include Clarence and Akron in its region; and

WHEREAS, The Williamsville Branch with a circulation of 147,276 for 1999 is not the typical library which has been recommended as a specialty library by Aaron Cohen Associates; and

WHEREAS, The Williamsville Branch is ranked 17th in the system of 53 units, with an average monthly circulation of 12,000-13,000 and out circulates every city branch as well as any library scheduled to be a specialty unit and some community libraries; and

WHEREAS, another projected aspect of the plan would limit the authority of the present Amherst library board and impose a chain of command in the region which would dilute the control of the Amherst Director and Trustees of the Amherst Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the proposed One Hiring Authority features transfer of staff throughout the system which may not benefit stability and service in the Town of Amherst; and

WHEREAS, the Amherst Library Board, the Director of the Amherst Public Library agree the proposed plan would not benefit the libraries in Amherst and Williamsville,

NOW THEREFORE DO WE, the members of the Williamsville Village Board oppose the proposed plan or any plan which would close or limit any of the services in any of our Amherst branch libraries or dilute the authority of our Amherst Library Board and Director, and direct the Village Clerk to send this resolution to all members of the Erie County Legislature, Erie County Executive, and Erie County Library Board.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees Reorganization meeting is hereby set for Monday, April 3rd, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in Village Hall.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, Erie County Supervisors and Mayors held a rally in support of Adelpia's proposal to bring jobs to Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Williamsville, as part of its support of this region, also supports this movement,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Village of Williamsville officially supports this and all efforts to bring jobs into Western New York.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the Village Administrator publish notice of public hearing to be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsville in Village Hall on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in discussing a proposed local law which would amend Section 103-16 of the Vehicle & Traffic Code and provide for "No Standing" on the north side of Park Drive between S. Ellicott Street and Oakgrove Drive.

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

WHEREAS there recently were severe accidents on Main St. (Route #5) at various intersecting streets that already have signal lights, and

WHEREAS part of the problem appears to be drivers “running the red light”,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Williamsville recommends that the NYSDOT consider placing cameras at those intersections in the Village of Williamsville that show a high accident rate or a high rate of vehicles ticketed for this particular infraction, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this will help create a safer environment for all drivers, plus the many pedestrians who cross Main St. at various intersections in the Village of Williamsville.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that Margaret M. Allaire, 198 N. Long Street, is hereby appointed Clerk to the Village Justice effective March 14, 2000 at the rate of \$9.00 per hour.

Unanimously carried.

Trustee Schofield reported on the following:

- 1) The regular meeting scheduled for the Youth & Recreation Committee on 4/12/00 is cancelled.
- 2) Senior Citizen Committee will meet 4/19/00.
- 3) Strawberry Festival is scheduled for June 21, 2000.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an engagement letter with DeLoitte & Touche for the 1999-2000 Audit of the Village books in the amount of \$12,500.00.

Unanimously carried.

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Trustee Wutz reported on the following:

- 1) Historic Preservation Committee will evaluate S. Cayuga as a historic district.
- 2) Auction and wine-tasting seminar as part of the year-long Bi-centennial celebration will be held at the Village MeetingHouse on 3/24/00.
- 3) Measures are being taken by Niagara Mohawk to reduce power outages on Hirschfield & Highland Drives.
- 4) University at Buffalo seminar on “Delinquency and Control in America’s Safest City” will be held 4/12/00.
- 5) Importance of De-regulation.

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

RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract between the County of Erie and the Village of Williamsville – Williamsville Business & Professional Association, Inc. for a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the beautification of Main Street.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED that the following budget transfer is hereby made in the General Fund:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>
01-1600-1620-4230		01-1600-1620-4110
Building Maintenance	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	Building Svc.Contracts
<u>\$4,000.00</u>		

Unanimously carried.

Administrator Cummins thanked the Board for the Proclamation given to her tonight and said farewell after 26 years of service to the Village as Administrator/Village Clerk-Treasurer.

John Anstett, Department of Public Works reported that Glen Avenue between N. Cayuga and Mill St. will be closed 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on March 20 – 22, 2000 to allow Pratt & Huth Engineers to obtain test borings for the upcoming reconstruction of the bridge.

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ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Schofield, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Schofield, it was moved to return to the regular agenda at 9:01 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Piazza, seconded by Trustee Schofield, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

Sally A. Kuzon
Assistant Administrator