

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees held in Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, New York on Monday, June 26, 2006 at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting was opened at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lowther.

Present: Mary E. Lowther, Mayor
Beatrice A. Slick, Trustee
Richard P. Sweeney, Trustee
Basil J. Piazza, Trustee

Sally A. Kuzon, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Lynda L. Juul, Deputy Treasurer
George Van Nest, Village Attorney
Michael Parker, DPW Crew Chief

Excused: Brian J. Geary, Trustee

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12, 2006, as amended.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Slick, it was moved to approve the minutes of the special Village Board meeting for the Special Village Election held on June 20, 2006, as submitted.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Slick, it was moved to suspend the rules to open the public participation portion of the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

The following members of the audience addressed the Board:

Margaret Santillo, 37 Rinewalt Street - Ms. Santillo gave her congratulations to Mayor Lowther and Trustee Sweeney on the election; she also congratulated Trustee Slick on her appointment and said hello to Trustee Piazza. She stated that she is happy to see that the Board agrees that there is a problem in the Village. She hopes they change the site review process. No one knew that anything was going on at the lot at the end of Rinewalt. She didn't even know the lot was sold by the Village. She would like a second legal opinion on the split of the land. This was sold as one lot. She feels it is outrageous that they are being told that the lot can be subdivided without any review process. This is a single family, historical area. The additional traffic generated by four units could have a huge impact. She knows a legal opinion was given at the work session. They are asking for a second opinion in writing. She also wants to know how a lot can be sold as one lot, and split into three lots, without an ounce of review. There was so much public notice on a garage that was built on the street, yet there was no public notice

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of a sale of this lot. She urges the board to adopt a site review process. This is also the same case for the property on N. Cayuga. She would like a stop work order put on these existing issues while they review this process.

Maryann Avery, 64 Garrison Road - Ms. Avery reported that there is a streetlight that has been going on and off on Park Drive at the west side of Garrison (on the park side). She would like someone to look at this. She also commented that there was a party at Garrison Park on Friday night. They left at quarter to eleven, and there were small children running around. Trustee Slick informed her that it was a Village event, Movies in the Park, sponsored by Youth & Rec. Ms. Avery reported that there is also a broken sidewalk over there. She wondered if she needed to write a formal complaint to the Village. The sidewalk issue is near the corner of Garrison and Park on the west side. Mayor Lowther thought it could have happened when the trees were removed.

Charles Esposito, 67 Rinewalt Street - Mr. Esposito reported that two of the posts that block traffic through to Centerpointe need to be replaced, and that cars have gone through. He also objects to the issue of the two doubles going in on Rinewalt. He stated that if it was a single family house, there would be nobody complaining. He doesn't think they need the traffic on the street. He thinks it was done with insider information, and commented that someone who sits on a Planning Board should not be allowed to purchase a property and do this. This is atypical for this street. When traffic comes down, they know who it is. The Village Board should look into why this was split into three lots. The Board is elected to stand up for the residents. The properties on the side will be looking at a back wall, and the two doubles will be facing each other. He is not looking forward to having this put in. He also stated that more and more businesses are leaving Main Street. We need to fill those vacancies. These are issues that are important to people. He asked that the Board represent them in this issue.

Ellen Calnan, 53 Rinewalt Street - Ms. Calnan stated that she has lived in the same house for four generations. This situation of the two doubles being built really angers her. She reiterated the issue of the garage, and all the public notice that went along with it. She feels the builder has taken advantage of his position on the Planning Board. No one would ever know that these lots were for sale. They value their single-family front-porch neighborhood. Their street is a haven. Mayor Lowther clarified that the owner of the property at the end of N. Cayuga is not the owner of the Rinewalt property. The owner of Rinewalt is the architect for the owner of N. Cayuga.

Isabelle Robitaille, 5684 Main Street - Ms. Robitaille stated she lives at the property adjoining the property on Rinewalt, and is the real estate broker for an adjacent property. She also owns a business on Main Street. She was fortunate enough to be aware of the property being for sale, but never thought it would be subdivided. She feels that this parcel has gone to an extreme. She also agrees that it feels a little unethical. She knows there was a sealed bid, but it doesn't feel right. The existing zoning was for a single or double-family home. That would have been fine. She also understands that the third part of this parcel is going to be donated back to Christian Central Academy, with the intent of being a tennis court. This brings in a noise issue. She questioned whether or not there was enough green space. She doesn't mind neighbors, but is looking at the impact of the property values. The resale is affected and her client is very concerned. The idea is of not knowing.

Carolyn Schlifke, 192 Evans Street - Mrs. Schlifke stated that she hardly agrees with the people who have been speaking. While they weren't aware that the property had been sold, she was. She attends most of the Board Meetings. It's the only way to know what's going on in the Village of Williamsville. She remembers when the tower came down. When it was sold, it was announced. She has not heard

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anything about this development. It doesn't seem suitable or fitting for that street. Years back there were many battles when Centerpointe went in. She was very involved in this because she lives on Evans Street. They won their battle. The Village of Williamsville lost because Essjay opens up onto Evans. She also has the new townhouses across the street from her. She would have preferred to have a vacant lot, but is looking at the side of a building. She doesn't see any reason for building on every square inch of land that we have in the Village, if we want to keep a Village atmosphere. She hasn't seen the plans, and doesn't know what's proposed there. She expected a nice single family home to go in, but it looks like that is not the idea. She would also like to comment on peter j. smith & company leaving as consultant for the Community Plan. She is on the Community Plan Committee and was sorry to hear they were leaving. She thought they did an excellent job, and a very difficult job. She thinks it's difficult for any company or committee to look down the road 20 years and say what they want to see. Also, the committee grew. Some of the people on the committee were more interested in expressing their own views than listening to the people who were running the meetings. Some people did not want to bend at all. You have to compromise in order to come up with the right answer. She feels they did an excellent job. When someone else is hired, it will be starting all over again. She never understood what the Board wants to get out of this. If they are looking for a Master Plan, they are sometimes not worth the paper they're written on. If they are looking to improve conditions in the Village (traffic, walkability, etc.), that's fine. She feels this committee should be looking at this – not changing traffic on Main Street down to two lanes. That will not solve our traffic problem. The larger the committee, the less you will accomplish.

Dave Uschold, 47 N. Long Street. - Mr. Uschold stated that he is in the corner of the people on Rinewalt. He doesn't think anything other than single family residences should be built in the Village. He also thinks that the fire hydrants should be painted. He would be willing to paint the one in front of his house. There are also parking issues. He stated that on N. Long, there are people who are constantly violating the parking. He came here tonight regarding garbage. He then read a letter that he had written to the Board. He suggested mailing out the garbage regulations in the water bill, and giving only a 24-hour window for garbage to go out and be taken back in. He feels that the residents should be informed that tickets will be issued. The pickup schedules for large items should be made clear; and the Village should stick to the schedule (he feels it is done haphazardly now). There has also been a problem with metal pickup. There are tree branches down the street that have been there for two weeks. He also has a personal problem with Mr. Banas down the street. The garbage goes out on Sunday morning, and he must look at it all day on Sunday. Not having an enforcement officer on Sunday is a poor excuse for not policing this.

Jim Steinbrenner, 62 Rinewalt Street - Mr. Steinbrenner thanked Mr. Uschold for his support. He feels that taxes go up, while the quality of life does not seem to match that. He hopes that the zoning on the property at the end of the street would be considered.

Ms. Hanny, 43 Rinewalt Street - Ms. Hanny stated that she is a relative newcomer to this street. One of the things that made the street so attractive to her was the tree-lined streets. The big tree at the end of the street is now gone. They have friends from out of the area who are so impressed with the area. She encouraged the Board to look at the zoning laws at the end of the street.

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Thomas Frank, 225C Evans Street - Mr. Frank stated that he has spent a lot of time over the last four years on erosion. Amherst is 54 square miles. The Village has 60 days from May 31st to give its comments to Dr. Satish Mohan. He filed a notice of intervention 49 minutes before the drop-dead time. Mr. Frank claims that the Village is specifically excluded from the project boundary. Mayor Lowther

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stated that she understands that the Town is also excluded. She commented that they are still working on it. Mr. Frank stated that there are some questionable and unethical behavior patterns regarding the re licensing. He wants to know how much the Jolly Boys netted from the beer tent at Old Home Days. Has no public support from the Jolly Boys, or Trey Measer of the Amherst Bee, or Hutchinson Hose.

Sean Michel, 54 Garden Parkway - Mr. Michel stated that he is happy that the Board is going to look into the sewer fee being tied into the water. He would like them to take an average of what water is being used in the winter, to average out the summer usage. He knows it may be cost prohibitive. A different way would be to charge a surcharge to those who are interested in getting a second meter. In most cases, it's not a big a mount of money. He never thought about it until he heard people talk about it. Mayor Lowther stated that they will look to see if they can find something that is a little more equitable to everybody.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Piazza, it was moved to close the public participation portion of the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget transfers* are hereby made to the *General Fund for the 2005 – 2006* fiscal year:

To:	001-5110-4111-0918 (Street Maintenance - Service Contracts)	\$2.00
From:	001-5110-0917-0917 (Street Maintenance - Service Contracts))	\$2.00
To:	001-5110-4161-0901 (Street Maintenance - Repairs)	\$73.00
From:	001-5110-4161-0901 (Street Maintenance - Repairs)	\$73.00

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the following *budget amendment* is hereby made in the *General Fund* for the *2006-2007* fiscal year, to account for a donation made by Grenauer Associates, Inc./Glen Park Tavern :

Increase	001-0001-2705	Gifts & Donations	\$500.00
Increase	001-8510-4340	Beautification - Plants	\$500.00

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, that a labor contract is hereby approved between the Village of Williamsville and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFSCME Council 66, Local 1783- C, which represents the Department of Public Works Employees for the 3 year period from June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2009 and direct the Mayor to sign the agreement between the parties.

Unanimously carried.

ON MOTION by Mayor Lowther, seconded by Trustee Slick, it was moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

SALLY A. KUZON
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer