

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of REGULAR

Meeting

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Held JANUARY 8, 1985

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1984 MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL  
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I would like to take this opportunity to Officially recognize the volunteers who made the renovation of the Municipal Building a reality. Without their help the project could not have been accomplished. The Village employees deserve a lot of credit for enduring the hardships placed on them during the first phase of the renovation. The following people donated their time and became directly involved with the project:

Dale Belnap	Robert Small	Tom Ridenbaugh	Walt Turner
Darlene Belnap	Harry Diroll	Tom Denvir	Earl Crisman
Dale Lee Belnap	Don Miller	Reese Hankins	Jack Brockway
Glen Barker	Dick Sands	Robert Altiere	Dave Shearer
Bill Welcome	Don Mitchell	Ken Canan	Rusty Shearer
Rachel Barrett	Roy Bennett	Jack DeSalvo	Joe Barnes
Tom Stewart	Jim Cline	Tom Griswold	Ken Shearer
Susan Hankins	Paula Hebb	John Hebb	

These are the type of people that has shown an interest in their Community and are willing to go the extra step it takes to make Windham a better place in which to live. I would also like to Thank the volunteers who worked on the demolition of the Community Building porch, the renovation of the Community Hall, and the great number of people and organizations who donated money and material for the Community Building.

Some of the issues and projects that Council handled in 1984 and is facing in 1985 are:

- a. BUDGET: We faced a very tight budget in 1984 and finished in the BLACK. The two accounts that were troublespots was the General Fund and the Maintenance & Repair Fund. These same two accounts are problem areas for this year.
- b. LIBRARY: Council was faced with an "Emergency Situation" in February of last year whereas the Public Library was about to be pulled-out of Windham due to inadequate facilities. The action that the Village took to find a suitable location and to get the Township Trustees and School Board involved is a perfect example of how Elected Officials can pull together on an issue that serves all the people of Windham. This is a "WINDHAM BRANCH" of the Portage County Library, not a Village Library, that we can all be proud of. Unfortunately some of the Township Trustees and School Board Members DON'T see it that way. I am THEREFORE, making one last appeal for all Elected Officials to work together to save a valuable asset for our Community.
- c. MUNICIPAL BUILDING: As I referred to earlier we have come a long way on the renovation of our Village Hall. I anticipate finishing the exterior and Council Room this year.
- d. MAPLE GROVE PARK: This area of the Village is showing remarkable signs of improvements. We still have a long way to go and I'm looking forward to the day when all buildings are complete.
- e. COMMUNITY BUILDING: Windham now has a remodeled Community Building that is both functional and neat in appearance. A building of this type is needed by every Community and Windham can be proud to boast of such a building for all its Citizens as evidenced by the 250 people who attended the New Years Eve Party.
- f. POST OFFICE: This past year we appealed to the Government to build a new post office in windham. All information that I've received gives every indication that a new post office will be built within the near future.
- g. WATER TREATMENT PLANT: The plans for the new plant are almost complete and we should see construction start sometime this summer. Upon the completion of this facility it will greatly enhance our chances of attracting industry to our Village. The new water tower and water line is also nearing completion. This also greatly assists the overall appeal of our water system.

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- h. SENIOR CITIZEN COMPLEX: Our first attempt to secure housing for the elderly failed to acquire financing but to Councils credit we are now trying another method with another group of investors.
- i. CABLE T.V.: All the people of the Village now have the opportunity to subscribe to cable T.V. This is another commodity that the Village has that serves the people well.

**RECOMMENDATIONS for 1985**

- a. Retain Ron Kane as Village Solicitor at the same rate of pay.
- b. Abolish the Board of Public Affairs and utilize the Village Administrator form of Government. This will ineffect create a Service Department, whereas all service employees can be utilized throughout the Village. We could pay two employees from the Water Fund, one from the Sewer Fund and one from the Maintenance & Repair Fund.
- c. Appoint Glen Barker as the Village Administrator at a rate of \$1000.00 per year. One-third of the sum to come from each of the above mentioned funds.
- d. Pass legislation creating the positions for the Service Department:  
1-Water/Sewer/Street Supervisor at \$7.75 per hour.  
3-Operators for Water/Sewer/Street Maintenance at \$7.45 per hour.  
1 Part-time Operator for Water/Sewer/Street Maintenance at \$5.90 per hour
- e. Consider raisers for employees at the April Council meeting. At the present time Council can't give raises due to the condition of the General Fund and Maintenance & Repair Fund.
- f. Council must deal with the Library issue. My recommendation is to pass legislation that will insure the future of the library for Windham. We have little choice but to match the three month contract of the School Board and Township Trustees. During this three month period Council and myself must get together with the Friends of the Library and other interested parties and decide how to further fund the library.
- g. I would like Council to keep in mind that we'll need another Police cruiser this year. Also the one dump truck needs replaced.
- h. Pass legislation creating another position for one part-time dispatcher.

Respectfully,

Maurice E Hankins, Mayor  
(My term expires 12/31/87)

As Mayor, I hereby make the following appointment for 1985

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Walter Lininger  
Richard Sands  
Robert Small

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Herb Davis  
Bernard Cortese  
Edward Shearer

UTILITY COMMITTEE

Walter Lininger  
Herb Davis  
Robert Small

STREETS & SIDEWALKS  
COMMITTEE

Bernard Cortese  
Richard Sands  
Edward Shearer

BUILDING & PROPERTY  
COMMITTEE

Robert Small  
Herb Davis  
Richard Sands

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTBLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE

Bernard Cortese  
Walter Lininger

PLANNING & ZONING

Robert Small

HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

Richard Sands

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Dan John

HOUSING RENTAL CODE INSPECTOR

Dan John