

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
April 2, 2015**

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke
Trustee Bruce Stebbins
Trustee Rick Presley
Trustee Ruth Cico
Trustee Megan O'Donnell
Trustee Mike Shepard

Absent: Trustee Mark Wilder

Others Attending – Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Eric Binion; Jason Reith; Joe Saraceni; Attorneys Jamie Sutphen and Bob Baldwin; and Sam Pandossi, a representative of the Public Access Channel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #258/2014 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of March 19, 2015, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

None

Trustee's Comments

None

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- Congratulated the Baker High School hockey team for a great season.
- Informed the board of a meeting that he and clerk Maureen went to at the Volunteer Center regarding the implementation of a community wide calendar. Other attendees were representatives from the library, the Baldwinsville school district, and the Town of Van Buren.
- Mentioned a grant that the village applied for through Onondaga County for the construction of two kayak launches.
- Noted that past mayor Joe Saraceni received the Republican nomination for Lysander Supervisor.
- Mentioned that in the county budget Centro received a big boost which will keep the route alive that comes to Baldwinsville and will help our efforts to provide more senior busing.
- Requested that two executive sessions be added to the agenda. One for a possible litigation the other regarding employee benefits.
- Told the audience that the Village Attorney had resigned and a new appointment will be discussed later in the meeting.

Department Heads

Code Officer Gregg Humphrey said that his office was getting many complaints about trash accumulation throughout the village. He reminded the residents that they are not allowed to store trash, appliances, or furniture on your property outside.

Village Clerk Maureen Butler gave the status of the flex spending accounts for village employees. The village is in the process of changing carriers since the current carrier's fees greatly increased.

Treasurer Anna Custer informed the board that she is diligently working on closing out the 2014-2015 year.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy participated in the information gathering hosted by the New York State Office on Aging. They are getting information together for the White House conference for 2015. The conference themes are: Retirement security, Healthy aging, Long term services, and Elder justice.

Chief Lefancheck implored the viewing audience to lock their car doors. Every year the police take complaints about larcenies from vehicles and 99.9 % of them could be prevented if the owners had locked their car doors. Lefancheck also informed the board about one item from the Governor's budget that was funded but no action was taken on yet. This was the reform of juvenile justice (raising the age of criminal responsibility from age 16 to age 18) which may impact the village in the fact that another booking room may be necessary for our potential needs.

Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo communicated to the board a few issues that have been discussed at the Public Works committee:

- A full system leak detection was done on the village's water system and 25 leaks were found and repaired. This should be a significant cost savings to the village.
- In the past, concentration has been placed on the take down of large trees but with most of that complete the DPW will be concentrating on the pruning of the newer street trees.

- **Village Attorney Resignation and Appointment**

Resolution #259/2014 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to accept the resignation of Dave Jones with regret as the village attorney for the Village Board effective immediately.

Carried

The mayor informed the board about filling the attorney seat. Attorneys Robert Baldwin and Jamie Sutphen from Baldwin & Sutphen, LLP are currently the attorneys for the village Planning board and the plan is for them to step in and also be retained as the attorneys for the ZBA and the village board. If approved this will be for a two week period with a potential appointment at the annual meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Resolution #260/2014 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to appoint Robert Baldwin as Village Attorney with Jamie Sutphen as Assistant Village Attorney.

Carried

Robert Baldwin expressed his and Jamie's pleasure in becoming the attorneys and noted that they are just an email/phone call away.

Pending Business

- **Update from Parks Committee**

Trustee Shepard distributed the revised proposals for the various parks. The committee is looking for good feedback to build on. Shepard expressed that once the new fee proposals are passed then the committee can work on the original goal

of beautifying the parks and bringing people in. The mayor asked that the committee run their ideas through the Public Works committee once this part is complete.

New Business

- **Waiver of NYS Liquor Authority 30 Day Advance Notice – 11 Syracuse Street**

Resolution #261/2014 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to approve Jason Uriah Rieth's request for a waiver of the 30-day advance notice requirement of the NYS Liquor Authority for the Liquor, Wine & Beer application for *Basta on the River*, 7 Syracuse Street and the patio at 11 Syracuse Street.

Carried

Jason Reith would like to open in mid-May and therefore needs the waiver. He will be the General Manager for the new establishment.

- **PMI Time Extension – 6/18/2015**

Resolution #262/2014 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Presley

Resolved to approve Eric Binion's (Creative Concerts) request for a time extension for his Thursday, June 18, 2015 event on Paper Mill Island. He is requesting to end the concert at 11:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 p.m.

Carried

Eric spoke on behalf of his request noting that the artist has requested that he play until 11:00 p.m. Trustee O'Donnell asked if he would ask the artist to begin later and end earlier. Since the music is not typically bass prevalent the board granted the request but asked Eric to check with the artist about beginning earlier. Eric stated that he would.

- **Waivers of the Open Container Law on PMI – 6/18/2015 & 7/24/2015**

Resolution #263/2014 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to approve Eric Binion's (Creative Concerts) request for waivers of the open container law for his Thursday, June 18th PMI event and his Friday, July 24th PMI event from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Carried

- **2015 Summer Concert Series**

Resolution #264/2014 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Presley

Resolved to collaborate the 2015 Summer Concert Series with the Baldwinsville Library and the Towns of Lysander and Van Buren.

Carried

- **Work Session scheduled on April 16th Changed**

Resolution #265/2014 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to change the time of the work session at the Thursday, April 16th board meeting from starting at 7:00 p.m. to starting at 6:30 p.m. Steve Darcangelo will be making a presentation on sustainable infrastructure funding.

Carried

- **Easement Signing**

Resolution #266/2014 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to approve the mayor to sign the easement that runs through the Dollar Tree parcel on East Genesee Street.

Carried

Village Attorney Jamie Sutphen confirmed that the easement was completed as part of site plan approval and now the village has a permanent fifteen foot easement in an L-shape from the village lot past the B'ville Diner onto Genesee Street. The mayor thanked the Planning board for all the work they had done on this project.

- **Executive Session with no anticipated action**

Resolution #267/2014 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved that the board retire into executive session at 8:07 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #268/2014 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the board return from executive session at 8:43 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #269/2014 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract #2

- General Fund Checks #40358 - #40400 \$ 26,693.09
- Water Fund Checks #23609 - #23616 \$ 1,135.02
- Sewer Fund Checks #23148 \$ 180.00

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #270/2014 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Presley
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m., until the Village Annual meeting at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Maureen Butler, Village Clerk