

A Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees on January 3, 2019, to consider a proposed Local Law to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year pursuant to the authority granted in subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c.

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke
Trustee Mark Wilder
Trustee Ruth Cico
Trustee Bruce Stebbins
Trustee Mike Shepard
Trustee Andy Dryden

Absent: Trustee Megan O'Donnell

Others Attending – Attorney Bob Baldwin; Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; friends, family and coworkers of Officers Aurora Halsey and Dylan Hardesty; Maureen and Daniel Millen; Ellsworth Road resident Eric Roper and Andrew Millard, a representative from the Public Access Channel.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Clarke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Village Clerk read the Proof of Publication.

Comments in favor of the proposal: There were none.

Comments against the proposal: There were none.

Resolution #218/2018 Motion by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:32 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:35 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
January 3, 2019**

Ceremony and Reception

A swearing-in ceremony for Police Officers Aurora Halsey and Dylan Hardesty was held. Mayor Clarke did the swearing-in portion for each officer while Chief Lefancheck gave a brief history of employment for each in addition to words of welcome.

Refreshments were served.

Resolution #219/2018 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of December 20, 2018, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Daniel Millen, a resident at 92 West Genesee Street, shared his concerns about water fluoridation and the possibility of ending it. Millen informed the board that many communities have stopped the addition of fluoride in their water systems due to documented adverse effects on people. After Millen's presentation of statistics and cons of water fluoridation in the United States, Engineer Steve Darcangelo stated that the County of Onondaga mandates the levels of fluoride in the water system, therefore the village's hands are tied. Darcangelo mentioned to Millen that the County must also be researching this topic since they reduced the mandated fluoride levels in the last couple of years. The board thanked Millen for the good information and told him that the Public Works committee will look into this controversial topic further.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Stebbins reminded village residents to place their Christmas trees on the curb for pickup without any ornaments on them and not in a plastic bag.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke asked the board to review the distributed energy audit proposal for Village Hall and possibly the Police Station. NYSERDA would contribute approximately \$1,450.00 to the cost of audit. The balance could be appropriated from the \$5,000.00 NYSERDA grant that the village received after complying with the required steps. This will be put on the January 17th agenda for discussion and possible action.

Department Heads

Chief Lefancheck reminded the audience of the overnight parking ban, which prohibits parking on village streets from 1:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 15 – April 15.

Pending Business

- **Annexation, Operation & Maintenance Agreement – Lysander Town Park**

This discussion was delayed due to the holiday, but attorney Baldwin hopes to continue this discussion with the Town of Lysander to amend the agreement and propose the local law before the next board meeting.

- **Tax Cap Override**

Resolution #220/2018 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to approve the proposed Local Law to override the property tax cap for the 2019-2020 fiscal year pursuant to the authority granted in subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c.

Carried

- **Employee Handbook**

Village Clerk Maureen Butler noted that the editing of the employee handbook is progressing.

- **Rental Registry**

Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey said that village attorney Joe Frateschi had sent over a rental registry proposal to review. The proposal consists of owner/contact person details with no mention of mandatory fees.

New Business

- **Set Public Hearing – Budget 2019-2020 fiscal year**

Resolution #221/2018 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., regarding the adoption of the proposed 2019 – 2020 village budget.

Carried

- **Inter-Municipal Agreement – Aerial Lift Bucket Truck**

Resolution #222/2018 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Village of North Syracuse allowing the Village of North Syracuse to use the Village of Baldwinsville’s aerial lift bucket truck with no fee incurred.

Carried

Attorney Baldwin reviewed the agreement stating that it is a pretty tight agreement accounting for all possible occurrences. He feels that the insurance requirements are appropriately stated as well as other constraints.

- **SEQR - Community Development Project - Crosswalks**

Resolution #223/2018 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

WHEREAS, The Village Board of the Village of Baldwinsville is considering a proposed construction project to be undertaken by the Village involving improving crosswalks intersections of Tappan/McHarrie, Tappan/Canton, Downer /Canton, and Downer/ Frawley Streets in the Village of Baldwinsville. The Project involves the installation of lighting, signs and striping and is entitled *Improved Signage and Striping of Crosswalks*; and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) regulations found in 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(a) require that no agency may undertake, fund or approve an action until it has complied with the requirements of SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Baldwinsville is the single agency involved in the construction and implementation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Baldwinsville Engineer has prepared an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and presented the same to this Board relating to the Project; and

WHEREAS, after examination of the EAF the Village Board has considered the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action, applying the criteria for determining significance found in 6 NYCRR 617.7(c);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Village Board of the Village of Baldwinsville hereby declares itself to be the Lead Agency with respect to the implementation and funding of the Project and determines that the implementation of the Project constitutes an Unlisted Action that is subject to SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that pursuant to 6 NYCRR section 617 of said regulation, and after its own independent analysis of the proposed action, it is hereby determined that the action proposed will not have a significant effect upon the environment and may be undertaken by the Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that this Determination of Significance shall be considered a Negative Declaration made pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #224/2018 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

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- General Fund Checks #44334 - #44362 \$ 62,742.94
- Water Fund Checks #24492 - #24498 \$ 58,132.56
- Sewer Fund Checks #23611 - #23613 \$ 58,282.92

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #225/2018 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m., until the Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the next Village Board meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk