

VILLAGE OF BALDWINSVILLE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Carl Pelcher, Chairman
Don Cronk
Dave Arthur
Larry Barnett
Jim Schanzenbach
Nicole Schlater
Ed Rock

Also Present: Tim Baker, Village Engineer
Ron Carr, Village Attorney
Marie Giannone, Secretary

Minutes of August 25, 2009 were approved.

Site Plan Application 62 East Oneida Street – Fire Department Station

Julian Clark, Plumley Engineering, addressed the board on the application from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company to erect a new 7,000 sq. ft. fire station.

Mr. Clark said the proposed site is located at East Oneida Street which the fire company owns. Mr. Clark said the proposal is to erect a 7,038 sq. ft. fire station with driveways and parking on East Oneida St. A future pole barn and gravel area for storage is planned. He said utilities will be extended from East Oneida Street into the building along with sewer, water, gas, etc. Stormwater management will be handled at the back of the building and treated per DEC regulations and discharged off site. Mr. Clark said currently the fire station occupies part of the town barn behind the new site for approximately eight years. Mr. Clark one issue is the neighbor on the east side which has to do with screening because of a new driveway.

Mr. Doug Kay, residing at 51 E. Oneida Street, addressed the board. He said this future fire station does not affect him directly as it does some other neighbors and the concern was about drainage. Mr. Kay said the water runs off the side of the hill and has to go someplace, which would be on the neighbor's property. The house is located by the railroad tracks and where the driveway would be placed. Mr. Kay said his concern was the traffic that exists at the present time without a new fire station. Mr. Kay said the traffic on East Oneida Street is horrendous especially between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. and also in the morning. Mr. Kay said this is due to school buses and maintenance vehicles in the area. Mr. Kay said another concern is the fire trucks have to be backed in. Mr. Kay wondered if the fire trucks could use Elizabeth Street. He suggested that a traffic study be done.

Mr. Kay also said the dip in the railroad tracks is a concern because vehicles cannot see over this section.

Mr. Fred Turner, residing at 47 East Oneida Street, addressed the board. Mr. Turner said there are approximately 110 buses that leave this area each morning plus 25 maintenance vehicles. He said this is

a traffic problem now and wondered what would happen when fire trucks had to leave the new station. He said traffic is backed up now and how could this be handled with a new fire station. Mr. Turner suggested an alarm or lights signaling an emergency. Mr. Turner also said another concern is the snow removal during the winter months.

Mr. Turner also said the school has activities up until 9 p.m. each day and said that this area is always busy.

Chairman Pelcher asked where 47 and 51 East Oneida Street are located. Mr. Kay said they are just west of Mechanic St. Chairman Pelcher said no one from the area right next door to the new proposed station was present.

Mr. Arthur said the input from the neighbors was great and felt that the neighbors should be involved. Mr. Arthur asked Mr. Clark to explain how the design, location was derived and elaborate more about the back of the building design, and how the parking requirements were determined and the two curb cuts.

Mrs. Schlater said before the board went any further, she had a basic question about the current site that the fire station is presently located. Mr. Clark said the fire station does not own the current site and did have some discussions with the town about purchasing the town building. Mr. Clark said the fire department was able to purchase this site. Mr. Arthur said there would be plenty of opportunity to discuss this further.

Mr. Clark answered Mr. Arthur's question. Mr. Clark said they reviewed various considerations of site plans with the fire department and this plan worked out to be the best. Mr. Clark said one issue is the bigger grade change (referred to drawing). Mr. Clark said as far as the loop, there is a ladder truck that will be utilizing it where there are three bay doors. Mr. Clark said the rest of the area will be for storage and offices. Mr. Arthur asked if there was one drive through location. Yes. Mr. Arthur asked why there are not three entrances in the back. Mr. Clark said because of the office space, mechanical room and ancilliary.

Chairman Pelcher asked the size of the building. Mr. Barnett said it is 100 x 70.

Parking was discussed. Chairman Pelcher said the application stated approximately 30 firefighters will be responding from Oneida Street Station. It was stated that there will never be 30 firefighters responding at once.

Chairman Pelcher asked about lighting at the fire station. Mr. Clark said as this plan progresses this will be addressed.

Mr. Cronk asked if there is drainage from the parking lot to the stormwater management area. Mr. Clark said they will attempt to have it over land flow and the design has not been finalized yet.

Chairman Pelcher referred to the neighboring property on the west side and wondered where the water will go. Mr. Clark said there was a lot of engineering left to do.

Mr. Arthur said he was still concerned with the location of the building as it sits on the property. He asked why there was no consideration to using more of the property in the back. Mr. Arthur said this is an R-1 district but consideration should be given to the neighbors. Mr. Clark said this orientation works best in getting the trucks in and out. He said there is room to shift the fire station over and back.

Mr. Barnett asked how many calls the fire department receives. There have been 400-500 so far this year (answered by a member of the fire department).

Chairman Pelcher said another meeting will be held on this project and the public would be notified.

Chairman Pelcher concluded with issues that need to be addressed for the next meeting to review this plan further.

1. Traffic impact study (DOT)
2. Wetland needs to be checked out
3. Runoff (how will neighbors be affected)
4. Lighting plan
5. Screening needs to be addressed regarding neighbor's property
6. Possible easement with neighbor's property

Mrs. Schlater asked what is the current size of the highway barn that is used as the fire station and what kind of parking is there. The representative of the fire department said there is a three bay area and parking is anywhere. Chairman Pelcher said there is ample parking at that site. Mrs. Schlater asked if parking could be reduced at this new site. Mr. Clark said responders park as close as possible to the building but also said parking spaces could be reduced. Mr. Arthur said that he thought that the building maybe encroaching the western side and by reducing parking there, it may help with the shifting of the building. Mr. Clark said this could be taken into consideration.

Chairman Pelcher asked Mr. Clark about porous pavement. Mr. Clark said because of all the salting/sanding that goes on the pavement, within a couple of years the pavement becomes irregular.

Mr. Tim Baker, village engineer, had the following comments:

- Outfall from stormwater pond – where will the water go. Mr. Clark showed on the map the route. Mr. Clark said there would be a controlled structure.
- Depth of pond
- Site Drainage -250 ft front to back to move water
- Sidewalk – will it be replaced
- 20 ft radius on narrow driveway – 5 ft radius from edges to make swing
- Present building around last mass of asphalt
- SWIPP Stormwater Intake Protection Plan

Chairman Pelcher asked Mr. Ron Carr, village attorney, if a public hearing is needed. Mr. Carr said yes when everything is in place to present the board's findings to the public for comments.

Mr. Doug Kay thanked the board for hearing the public and they looked forward to another meeting.

Next item on the agenda: EDR Project Update

Chairman Pelcher handed out his update on the EDR project.

Changes made as follows:

Section 3b – ornamental fencing

Section 3bi – build out requirement

Section 3c – setbacks

Section 3cii – architectural concrete, and patio should be included in total lot coverage of the building.

Section 3ciii – discussion on depth of patio – changed to “area” of patio and area of the footprint of the building

Denio Street – new proposed street

Discussion followed on patio size and building size.

Chairman Pelcher said he would make changes for the planning board.

Mr. Arthur said the lighting information he had was very generalized. Mrs. Schlater handed to the board members parking information to look at and this would be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Next planning board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Giannone
Secretary - Planning Board