

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON AUGUST 4, 2005, AT 7:30 P.M.

Present – Mayor O’Hara, Trustees Presley, A. Saraceni, J. Saraceni, Baker, and Stebbins.

Absent – Trustee Tupper.

Also Present – Thomas LeRoy, Police Agent; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Charles Elliott from the Public Access Channel; Thomas Leo, from Syracuse Newspaper; Rich Strong, Time Warner; Richard Hovey, James Orlando, Joseph Mastroianni, Daniel Coholan.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion #179 -

Moved by Trustee Baker seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 21, 2005, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

No comments.

Mayor’s Comments are as follows.

- Thanked Niagara Mohawk for providing some in kind services in regards to placing a utility pole on the point of East Oneida Street and East Genesee Street. Bill Perkins and a fellow employee from Niagara Mohawk worked on their own time to assist the Village with that pole placement. This would have been costly if the Village would have had to contract the work out. Claude Sykes also coordinated with Niagara Mohawk for some dangerous tree work on the Sergei Yevich Trail. They assisted the Village with removal of some trees that saved the Village approximately \$2,000.00.
- Met with Verizon, along with Claude Sykes, Daniel Warner and Deputy Mayor Presley. They discussed the Fiber Optics that Verizon is installing throughout the Village. The Village of Baldwinsville was not on their scheduled list until the year 2006, but because they have had success in other communities, they were able to fit in the installation in this area. He noted that residents are questioning the boxes that Verizon is installing around the Village. The representative from Verizon has been very cooperative, he sent a list of the locations of the boxes for the Village to review and they would be open to suggestions to have the boxes aesthetically fit in.

Trustee Baker thanked the Mayor for setting up a meeting with Verizon as she had gotten calls regarding the size of the boxes.

Trustees’ Comments.

Trustee A. Saraceni stated that he spoke to John Viggiano at VIGCraft Arts and he should have something available for him to look at tomorrow. The next step would be for the Village Clerk to set up a Department Head meeting, where the Department Heads can sit down and do an outline on what they would like to see on their personal website page, such as contact information.

Trustee Presley's comments are as follows:

- Noted that the scheduled Public Safety Committee Meeting for August 17th will be moved to August 10th, because of scheduling conflicts.
- Reminded everyone that this Village Board Meeting is a public meeting and if any citizen has a suggestion, comment or concern to please feel welcome to attend, the Village Board would like their input.
- Noted on Channel 9, 6:00 p.m. News, Wednesday Night, the Village of Baldwinsville was noted in the Highlights of the Neighborhood news clip. The news clip painted the Village as a very bright picture and a nice place to live and visit.
- Noted that he would be out of town for the August 18, 2005, Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Stebbins noted that he would also be out of town for the August 18, 2005, Village Board meeting. He also noted that the company that was doing the tree trimming work for the utilities within the Village was doing a very nice job of trimming the trees and cleaning up afterwards.

Mayor O'Hara noted that the tree company was working for Verizon and he had complimented them at the meeting he had with Verizon.

Mayor O'Hara noted that Trustee Tupper had called to say he would be out of town for this meeting.

Department Heads.

Thomas LeRoy noted that the Police Department had narrowed their search for a new police officer and should be ready for the presentation at the next Village Board Meeting.

Claude Sykes comments are as follows:

- Stated that on Tuesday, the Village received notice from the Community Development Office, that the McHarrie Park Project is on hold. SHIPO wants to do a review of the former site. The information they requested was hand delivered to their local office. The Village will not get an answer from SHIPO until after August 22, 2005.
- The fence work will begin tomorrow behind the Post Office on the Sergei Yevich Trail. He thanked the Village's ARB for selecting the color for the curbing for the Sergei Yevich Trail.
- Noted that there is a question with the insurance requirement by the selected contract for the McHarrie Park Project. The issue is being addressed by the Village's agent.

Pending Business -

Discussion in regards to the \$50,000.00 Grant Funding from Assemblyman Magnarelli.

The Village Clerk stated she spoke to Susan McSweeney regarding the funding and she was going to follow up on the process of the funding.

Discussion/Possible Action in regards to Village Owned Facilities/Business District Study.

Mayor O'Hara noted that the Village received the amended contract from EDR and the Village Clerk's Office reviewed the contract and it agrees with the original with the exception of the typo that was in the original contract. He noted that he would sign it and send it back to EDR.

Discussion in regards to the Sergei Yevich Trail, Southeast Trail.

Trustee Stebbins stated that the DPW Committee discussed installing curbing to contain the stone dust for the Sergei Yevich Trail. The curbing will have a six inch edge above the trail, which will allow future possibilities, if the Village were to change their mind in the future on the type of surfacing for the trail. It was noted that the curbing would have to be bid out, with the suggested date of August 17, 2005.

Discussion concerning the Skate Zone Facility located on Lock Street.

Trustee A. Saraceni noted that no one has come forward to sponsor this facility. He would like to wait two more weeks; if he cannot find anyone, the Village will have to look at other options for either donating or selling the equipment.

Discussion concerning the Cable Franchise Agreement.

Trustee A. Saraceni noted that the Cable Franchise Negotiations Committee met last night to discuss the new information that became available. Since they are back to negotiations, he will report to the Village when the information can be discussed with Village Board Members.

Mayor O'Hara noted some concerns with Thomas Isabella from the Public Service Commission being involved with the negotiations. He feels that Mr. Isabella was aware of the proposed interest rate and he did not share that information.

Trustee A. Saraceni noted that he feels that Time Warner had the responsibility to disclose the interest rate and not Mr. Isabella, but he will be aware of the Mayor's concerns.

There was a discussion as to whether there was an obligation by Time Warner or Thomas Isabella to clearly disclose the numbers of 11.25% interest rate either in the written contract or verbally.

Discussion/Action regarding a request for a Zone Change for 134 E. Genesee Street from R1 to B1.

Motion #180 -

Moved by Trustee Baker seconded by Trustee Presley that a Public Hearing date of August 18, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall be set to hear comments concerning the request for a Zone Change for 134 E. Genesee Street from R1 to B1.

Mayor O'Hara noted the Village had received letters of recommendation from the Baldwinsville Planning Board and Onondaga County Planning Board, which will be on file.

CARRIED.

New Business -

Discussion/Action regarding the approval of the appointment of Irene Bloomfield as a part time Communications Officer for the Police Department at the base level of \$8.00 per hour.

Motion 181# -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the appointment of Irene Bloomfield as a part time Communications Officer for the Police Department be approved at the base level of \$8.00 per hour.

CARRIED.

New Business -

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Supt. of Public Works authorization to prepare bid documents for Street lighting products for light installations on Athena Drive and Athena Drive West.

Motion #182 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Supt. of Public Works be given authorization to prepare bid documents for Street lighting products for light installations on Athena Drive and Athena Drive West with the bid being set for August 19, 2005, at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning a request for water service from the property owner of 181 Goodfellow Lane with all expenses to be paid for by the applicant.

Motion #183 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Baker that the request for water service from the property owner of 181 Goodfellow Lane be granted with all expenses to be paid for by the applicant which is in the amount of \$2,887.39.

Claude Sykes stated that the Village had been advised by the Onondaga County Department of Health that these residents must have a separate water line.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding the drainage from Festa Fairway and points east of Curtis Avenue.

Trustee Stebbins noted that the DPW Committee has discussed the drainage issue from Festa Fairway and points east of Curtis Avenue. There is an issue regarding the process of getting the drainage from the Festa Fairway Developments' retention pond to the Village's system on Curtis Ave. To compound the situation, there will be the issue of the drainage from the Aspen Spring's Development which will also be running to the Curtis Avenue system. The current system at Curtis Avenue will not be able to handle the additional drainage.

Claude Sykes explained that the area in question used to be a swale that would convey the water from the uphill property, which is now Aspen Springs Development and Festa Fairway Development, on down through behind properties on Brooks Place and Curtis Avenue to a point just south of where Brooks Place intersects with Curtis Avenue. At that point the storm sewer line reduces to a 12” line, and then dumps out to the west upon the former Jardine Property. He noted that section of line will have to be increased in size to accommodate the anticipated flow of drainage.

Mayor O’Hara stated that there may be an additional issue with the additional drainage on the former Jardine Property, since the current owner, Daniel Coholan is planning to develop that site. He asked Mr. Coholan if he had taken into consideration the addition drainage that will enter into his site.

Mr. Coholan stated that he was not aware of the additional drainage that would be entering his proposed development. He noted that he has had his own issue regarding the drainage, because of the wetlands that are on that site.

Mayor O’Hara stated that a meeting had taken place between the developers of Festa Fairway Development, their Engineer, and the Village’s Engineer and he believes the developers had agreed to install a 24” pipe to the Village’s system. He noted that Claude Sykes will work with the developers to get an easement from the private property owners where the drainage pipe currently is located.

There was a discussion between the Village Board and the developers regarding the size of pipe that is needed to handle the drainage that will be increased by the new developments. It was decided that this issue needs to be discussed further with the DPW Committee. It was noted that the Village might have to incur the cost of approximately \$30,000.00 to replace its 12” line to accommodate the additional drainage. The developers, and their engineers involved, are invited to attend the next DPW Committee Meeting on August 10, 2005, to discuss this drainage issue. It was noted that the Village Board would not be making the decision regarding the size pipe needed for the drainage that would be a decision made by the Planning Board with input from the Village’s engineers. The Village Board will be responsible for making the decision regarding the expenditure of funds needed to replace its system on Curtis Avenue to handle the drainage.

Discussion/Action in regards to a waiver of “in-lieu of parks” payments for Aspen Springs in exchange for labor, equipment use and material purchases for construction for the Sergei Yevich Trail.

Claude Sykes noted that the Village Engineers and the Developer of Aspen Springs are figuring the amount of rip rap that would be needed for the Sergei Yevich Trail. He noted that from the preliminary numbers it looks like the Village might have to purchase the rip rap and the developer will place it. The developer figured the cost to place the rip rap would cost approximately \$46,000.00, which is the amount due for the “in-lieu of park funds”, which is why the Village would have to purchase the rip rap.

Motion #184 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Baker that the Village waive the “in-lieu of parks” payment for Aspen Springs in exchange for labor, equipment use and material purchases for construction for the Sergei Yevich Trail not to exceed \$46,000.00.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving Police Officer Christine Weeks permission to take advantage of the education benefit to attend Columbia College of Missouri to take a course entitled “Criminal Justice Integrative Seminar”, with the cost not to exceed \$422.39. The funds will be reimbursed to the Village if Officer Weeks does not maintain a grade of C or better.

Motion #185 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that Police Officer Christine Weeks be given permission to take advantage of the education benefit to attend Columbia College of Missouri to take a course entitled “Criminal Justice Integrative Seminar”, with the cost not to exceed \$422.39. The funds will be reimbursed to the Village if Officer Weeks does not maintain a grade of C or better.

Trustee Presley noted this is a contractual item and is budgeted.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action authorizing Rosemary Johnson, Village Clerk, to attend NYCOM Annual Fall Training School being held in Lake Placid, New York, from September 19, 2005 through September 23, 2005, with the cost not to exceed \$1,200.00.

Motion #186 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that Rosemary Johnson, Village Clerk, be given permission to attend NYCOM Annual Fall Training School being held in Lake Placid, New York, from September 19, 2005 through September 23, 2005, with the cost not to exceed \$1,200.00.

CARRIED.

Discussion in regards to Code Issues/Quality of Life.

Mayor O’Hara noted that the Village Board received a summary of code violations that have been handled by the Codes Enforcement Officer. Currently, the Village has a full time Codes Officer and there were funds budgeted for a part time Codes Officer. The part time Codes Officer has been doing the fire inspections in business establishments and taking care of code violations. There are enough funds in the budget for the part time Codes Officer to be employed through the first week of August. Mayor O’Hara stated that the Village is going to communicate with the public, and be aggressive to stay on top of the violations throughout the Village. He would like to propose that \$3,000.00 be put in the part time Codes Officer’s budget, the funds would come from the position that the Village did not replace in the Village Clerk’s Office. He would like authorization to extend the part time codes position through the month of October at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Motion #187 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that authorization be given to extend the part time Codes Officer position through the month of October at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00; with the funds coming from the salary account of the Village Clerk’s Office (1410.1).

Trustee Presley stated that he agreed the part time position needed to be extended. He noted that he had to walk in the street on Downer Street, because someone had parked their car across the sidewalk.

CARRIED.

Mr. Rich Strong from Time Warner asked if he could speak before the Village Board. He noted that he was going before all three municipal boards to publicly apologize to the Boards and Committee Members for the breakdown of communications. Time Warner and he accept responsibility for as much of that belongs to them. They have taken steps internally to make sure it does not happen again. They look forward to moving forward.

Motion #188 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. Gen.#230 (Cks.27038-27105)- \$140,561.19, Wa. #230 (Cks.21132-21144) - \$4,392.39, Sr. # 230 (Cks. 20725-20727) – \$939.31.

CARRIED.

Motion #189 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until the Joint Public Hearing for the proposed annexation to be held on August 16, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at Town of Van Buren Town Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk