

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON JUNE 2, 2005, AT 7:30 P.M.**

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

Absent – Trustee Stebbins.

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Claude Sykes, Supt of Public Works; J.C. Merritt, Police Agent; Jerry Elliot from the Public Access Channel; Cliff Drought from Baldwinsville Daily News; Fritz Diddle from the Messenger; Sally Dayger, David Arthur, Paul Johnson, Arthur Sochia, Jay Burnhart, Jake McKenna, Dennis Sick, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scherfling of 49 W. Genesee Street, and Richard Long.

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

**Motion #121 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 19, 2005, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen’s Comments.**

Robert Scherfling, of 49 West Genesee Street, read a letter sent to his neighbors looking for support in opposing the extension of the South West Trail, which would run adjacent to the Riverview Cemetery. He noted his concerns based on his experience living close to Mercer Park. He noted that he has a view of the Riverview Cemetery, which is located across the river from his residence. He also noted that voices carry over the river and he can currently hear conversations that are taking place along the shoreline of the Riverview Cemetery and if the trail is extended it will be even worse. He also stated that he had a petition he had taken to 16 of his 20 neighbors, which are between his house and the Onondaga County Sewage Treatment Plant, to have them sign. He received 8 signatures, 4 verbal responses and there are 4 residents that he has not heard from.

Paul Johnson, President of the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company, stated he would like to set up a meeting soon to further discuss the issue of the rent for the South Side Fire Station on Mildred Ave and the \$10,000.00 balance they owe for the equipment. Mr. Johnson stated that the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company would like to apologize to the Village Board and to the Community for their actions that took place three years ago. He noted that they would like to put out an olive branch and once again work with the Village and Community. He noted although they are financially sound, the reduction of the rent would help them move forward at a quicker pace. He noted that there were questions regarding what equipment were included in the original offer price of \$20,000.00 and what was available the day they went there to pick it up. He noted that they originally thought they were able to purchase air pacs, but later learned that they were sold to someone else, but they continued with the purchase of the remaining equipment available for the same price of \$20,000.00.

Mayor O’Hara stated that he was not in the position tonight to discuss the rent deduction or the additional \$10,000.00 due from the Fire Department. He requested that these issues be added to the agenda for the next Village Board Meeting to be held June 16, 2005.

Paul Johnson discussed the work and the money that the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company had put in the former Harrington Fire Station building and asked the Village Board to take that in consideration when discussing those issues.

Mayor O'Hara stated that they are trying to create a working environment and those decisions whether they were right or wrong, were part of that process in the past and we need to move forward.

**Mayor's Comments are as follows:**

- Requested an Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.
- If the Village Board did not have any objections, he requested that approval of an appointment of H. James Wilson as Court Clerk for the Village Justice be added to the agenda.
- Noted that he has noticed that there are a number of vehicles being parked on the front lawns of residents and that property of some of the absent landlords are not being kept up. He feels that this affects the quality of life for village residents. He also feels the Village Board needs to look at its Code Book chapter by chapter and update it to assure its residents that quality of life they are expecting.

**Trustees' Comments.**

Trustee Tupper requested an Executive Session for contract negotiations involving the Riverview Cemetery Association.

Trustee Baker noted that at the last meeting, Cindy Clarke had spoken that she has an interest in a beautification project with the Village's "Welcome to Baldwinsville" Signs. Trustee Baker stated that she has contacted Cindy Clarke and gave her a packet of information. Cindy Clarke will spearhead the effort of taking care of those signs that were appropriate.

**Department Heads.**

J. C. Merritt stated that over the last 2 weeks the Police Department conducted 2 road blocks financed by a traffic safety grant. He noted that in regards to seat belt compliance there was 90% compliance. He also noted that the use of cell phones while driving was on an increase.

**Presentation from Jay Burnhart and Jake McKenna, new owners of the former Mercer Mill in regards to their plans for the mill.**

Jay Burnhart and Jake McKenna introduced themselves and stated that they were the new owners of the former Mercer Mill. They noted that after having many conversations with several individuals, they have decided to turn the former mill into a 30 to 32 room inn with maybe a conference room or two. They feel the Village already has enough restaurants and banquet room facilities in the area and they would only be adding to the competition. They feel by only having an inn, it will bring visitors into Baldwinsville to use the current restaurants and stores. They noted that they look forward to working with the Village and their neighbors.

Trustee Baker noted that the previous plan for that site had been approved by the Architectural Review Board and she offered her help with any changes that they may have that would be needed to be approved by the Architectural Review Board.

Jay Burnhart and Jake McKenna noted that their plans are similar with the exceptions that they are going to stay within the current foundation.

Village Board Members expressed their appreciation and their enthusiasm with the plans mentioned by Mr. Burnhart and Mr. McKenna.

**Pending Business -**

***Discussion in regards to the Employee Handbook and Memorandums of Understanding.***

Mayor O'Hara stated that there are two outstanding issues that have to be worked on. One involved the issue of sick time payout of 165 days for the Police Chief and Lieutenant. The other issue is the post retirement medical benefits for the Supt. of Public Works and two Foremen. He noted that he will schedule a staff meeting to discuss these issues. He informed the Village Board that there is an issue regarding an employee who had accumulated more compensation time than was allowed under the NYS Fair Labor Laws, which is 240 hours. He noted that issue is being worked out with the employee to get the compensation time down below the 240 hours. The employees are in the process of receiving their copy of the handbook.

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

Mayor O'Hara stated that he had spoken to Assemblyman Magnarelli after the Memorial Day Parade and he said the grant funding has been approved and the paperwork is still going through the process.

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

Trustee J. Saraceni stated that he informed EDR that the Village Board has requested that they submit a cost estimate for what the Village had requested. He suggested that a meeting be set up with EDR and the members of the Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Committee that was formed to look into a Business Corridor Study to give EDR an idea of what the Village is looking for in regards to their plan.

Mayor O'Hara stated that would be a good idea. He suggested that a meeting date be set and then at the next Village Board Meeting that date can be announced to the public in case there is an interest.

***Discussion in regards to the Northeast Trail, Southeast Trail and the Cemetery.***

Mayor O'Hara submitted a Matrix for the Northeast Trail. He noted that all of the paperwork has been processed and the project should be able to move forward quickly. He noted the funding sources for the project. He stated that he had asked Mike Mastriano to meet with the DPW Committee at their next meeting to discuss what he can do to help with the project. Mayor O'Hara requested that Plumley Engineering be authorized to prepare bid specs for items that need to be bid on, such as the fencing, lighting and the stampcrete paving. He would like to see the bid documents ready by June 16, 2005, with the bids opened on July 1, 2005, and award the bids on July 7, 2005.

**Motion #122 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that Plumley Engineering be authorized to prepare bid documents for the stampcrete paving for the Northeast Trail, with the documents to be available by June 16, 2005, and have a bid opening date of July 1, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Claude Sykes noted that he has bid documents already prepared with the proper language for the fencing and lighting projects.

**CARRIED.**

Trustee Tupper stated that he met with Trustee Stebbins and Mr. Beck, President of the Riverview Cemetery Assoc., last week and they have drafted comments to the proposed agreement.

The Village Board discussed the extension of the South Shore West Trail, which would pass along the Riverview Cemetery. It was noted that with all of the work that is pending with the current trails and the funding that the Village has received from grant funds to complete them, the issue regarding the extension would have to wait until sometime in the future. They agreed that this is an issue that should be looked at in the future when there aren't so many other projects pending.

***Discussion concerning the Cable Franchise Agreement.***

Mayor O'Hara suggested that the Village Board review the letter and information regarding the Intermunicipal Agreement concerning the Cable Franchise Agreement, dated May 27, 2005, that it just received tonight and they will discuss the information in detail at the June 16, 2005, Village Board Meeting.

***Discussion concerning streetscape clean up on Oswego Street.***

Trustee Tupper stated that he attended a meeting with Mayor O'Hara and John Elmer from Brascan. They walked the site and discussed their plans and what grant funding might be available to them.

Mayor O'Hara stated that they discussed the possibility of moving their fence and taking some of the trees down to clean up the area. He noted that they are very receptive to what the Village would like to see.

***Discussion in regards to a Village Website.***

The Village Board discussed options that would be available on the website. It was noted that the contract would state that the passwords and the website would belong to the Village at the end of the contract period. It was also noted that VIG Craft Arts would be doing the updates. The Board requested that a contract be prepared with options that the cost would not exceed \$2,500.00 for them to approve at the next meeting. It was suggested that representatives from VIG Craft Arts come to the next meeting to answer any questions.

***Discussion in regards to the Independent Power Plant on Paper Mill Island.***

Mayor O'Hara stated that this item can be removed from the agenda. The Village has been in contact with them and has a working relationship with them.

***Discussion concerning the Skate Zone Facility located on Lock Street.***

Mayor O'Hara stated that he has had a discussion with some Village Board Members and he would like the Village Board to start thinking what the next step will be towards this facility. The Village Clerk has pulled some background information for it to be looked at to see what commitment the Village has made to the operation of the facility. Mayor O'Hara noted that the group that was involved also has some commitment and they are reviewing what they can do to move forward.

***Discussion/Action in regards to the bids received May 27, 2005, for SCADA (System Control and Data Acquisition System).***

**Motion #123 -**

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the bids opened on May 27, 2005, for SCADA (System Control and Data Acquisition System), be received.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to awarding the bids for SCADA.***

**Motion #124 -**

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the bid for the SCADA (System Control and Data Acquisition System) be awarded to SCADATEK, Inc. in the amount of \$31,850.00.

Claude Sykes stated that \$28,000.00 was budgeted in the current budget and the balance will be coming from water account #8340-43, which had funds budgeted for paving of the driveway and the parking area at the Doan Well site. He will put the paving in next year's budget. He will be including some funds for additional equipment in next year's budget that will go with the new SCADATEK System.

**CARRIED.**

**New Business -**

***Permission for the Superintendent of Public Works to participate in the Onondaga County bid for paving. Contractor is LANCO Paving. Current price per ton is \$45.00, which is subject to escalation/de-escalation. \$90,000.00 budgeted.***

**Motion #125 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Superintendent of Public Works be given permission to participate in the Onondaga County bid for paving. Contractor is LANCO Paving. Current price per ton is \$45.00, which is subject to escalation/de-escalation. \$90,000.00 budgeted.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action regarding the village providing 100 feet of 18" pipe to correct stormwater outfall problems at Lot 85 off Edgewood Court.***

**Motion #126 -**

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by J. Saraceni that the village provide 100 feet of 18” pipe to correct stormwater outfall problems at Lot 85 off Edgewood Court.

Claude Sykes explained that with the development of Lot 84 off Edgewood Court it has left a public safety issue in regards to leaving a very deep bank. The Village can work in partnership with the developer of this lot. The developer will install the pipe, if the Village will provide the pipe, which will eliminate the public safety issue.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action regarding MSK’s request to place a dressing room trailer behind the amphitheater for the duration of their summer concert series.*

The Promoter requested this item be pulled from the agenda.

*Discussion/Action regarding repair of a leak on inlet/outlet pipe at Route 48 water tank.*

**Motion #127 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Village Supt. of Public Works be authorized to hire a company to do emergency repair work on a leak located on inlet/outlet pipe at Route 48 water tank.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action regarding permission for use of Mercer Park for a Baldwinsville Central School Transportation Department awards picnic on June 23, 2005, from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm.*

**Motion #128 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that permission be given to the Baldwinsville Central School Transportation Department to use Mercer Park for their awards picnic on June 23, 2005, from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action regarding Attorney Ron Carr completing stormwater code work at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.*

**Motion #129 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Tupper that Attorney Ron Carr be hired to complete the stormwater code work at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action authorizing the Mayor to sign a “Police on Campus Agreement” between the Village of Baldwinsville and the Baldwinsville Central School District for the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, for a second School Resource Officer to be assigned to Durgee Junior High School.*

**Motion #130 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that the Mayor be authorized to sign a “Police on Campus Agreement” between the Village of Baldwinsville and the Baldwinsville Central School District for the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, for a second School Resource Officer to be assigned to Durgee Junior High School.

Mayor O’Hara stated that the School District approached the Chief of Police a few months ago, and had a discussion concerning the additional School Resource Officer. The School District will be funding this position 10 months of the year and the Village would fund it the remaining 2 months. It will give the Village the opportunity to utilize the position during the busy summer months.

The Village Board noted the benefits of having the School Resource Officers in the schools and in the Community. It was noted that the additional position would be filled from within and the vacant police officer position would be hired off the current civil service list.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion regarding the docks on Paper Mill Island and the intended use of the parking area in front of the former Mercer Mill.***

Mayor O’Hara noted that a meeting was held with the promoter of Paper Mill Island and a discussion was held in regards to the docks on Paper Mill Island. He reported that the Promoter basically felt the docking would be more of a liability to him then an opportunity. It was decided that after this weekend event, the docks would be used on Paper Mill Island during an Island Event by emergency personnel. He noted that in regards to the parking area in front of the former Mercer Mill, it has previously been roped off, but it was the intent when that property was purchased, that it would be used for handicapped parking. He strongly feels the property should be used as handicapped parking and not VIP parking.

The Village Board agreed the parking area should be used for handicapped parking during Island Events.

**Motion #131 -**

Moved by Mayor O’Hara seconded by Trustee Presley that the parking area in front of the former Mercer Mill be designated as handicapped parking during Paper Mill Island Events and the docks on the Paper Mill Island are to be reserved for emergency personnel during Paper Mill Island Events.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to giving authorization for the expenditure of \$1,500.00 to supplement the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Department’s financial commitment to purchase fire hydrant markers with the Supt. of Public Works coordinating the purchasing and installation of said markers.***

**Motion #132 -**

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that authorization be given for the expenditure of \$1,500.00 to supplement the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Department’s financial commitment to purchase fire hydrant markers with the Supt. of Public Works coordinating the purchasing and installation of said markers.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #133 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that the appointment of H. James Wilson as Court Clerk for the Village Justice be approved, with the effective date of June 15, 2005 at the salary of \$25,000.00/year.

Trustee A. Saraceni questioned if the position of Court Clerk should be filled temporarily until the Village could look into having the full time position replaced with a part time position. He feels that the Village should look into every full time position at the time it becomes vacant and evaluate whether the position could be eliminated or be replaced with a part time position.

Mayor O'Hara stated that the Village Justice has conducted some interviews for this position and he feels the Village Board failed on their part by not informing the Village Justice ahead of time that he should have notified the Village Board in advance of making this appointment. Then the Village Board would have had the opportunity to look at a variety of choices. He noted that the Village has chosen to have a justice system and it is the Village Board's obligation to make sure that a financial resource is provided and tools are provided for an effective eminent Village Court System and by not hiring a person, the Village would not be fulfilling its fiduciary obligation.

The Village Board discussed the options of doing audits of its departments to see what can be done differently to be more efficient and effective.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #134 -**

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the Village Board retire into Executive Session to discuss two contractual matters at 9:25 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #135 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that the Village Board return to regular session at 9:53 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #136 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit.

Gen.#226 (Cks.26752-26815)- \$64,122.90, Wa. #226 (Cks.21088-21095) - \$938.39,  
Sr. # 226 (Cks. 20677-20681) – \$2,183.50.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #137 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m., until the Regular Meeting to be held on June 16, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

