

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON NOVEMBER 17, 2005, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village, Daniel Warner, Police Chief; Claude Sykes, Supt of Public Works; Jerry Elliott of the Public Access Channel; Thomas Leo, from Syracuse Newspaper; and Maysel and Peg Markham.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion #267 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the minutes of the meeting held November 36, 2005, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

No comments.

Mayor’s Comments.

No comments.

Trustees’ Comments.

Trustee A. Saraceni requested an executive session to discuss contract negotiations in regards to the Cable Franchise Agreement.

Trustee Tupper mentioned that a television show would be on Friday night at 8:00 p.m. with the topic being consolidation.

Trustee Baker noted that the Village DPW Crews, with the assistance of the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company and Stan Dombrowski had worked successfully on putting a 30’ Christmas tree on top of the former Harrington Fire Station. She noted that the tree lighting ceremony would be taking place Saturday, November 26, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. at that site.

Department Heads.

Claude Sykes noted that the new playground equipment has been completely installed at McHarrie Park on Canton Street. He noted that the Mayor, Maysel Markham and he had met with Neil Collins from Wave Hydro, today and Wave Hydro made a request to the Village to utilize some land directly behind the Village’s shed that sets behind the amphitheatre. They want to eliminate the triple transformers that set on the pole at the northeast corner of the amphitheatre and transfer those transformers to pad mounted transformers that will set on the ground behind the shed. At this point, they think that one of the Village’s large poles could be removed and the other one would have to stay to utilize the turning point for their cable coming that will carry the power in and out. He noted that from the discussion, they felt the Village should have a memorandum of understanding between the Wave Hydro and the Village to ensure that the overhead wires are not going to be there forever.

Mayor O'Hara requested that this issue be turned over to the DPW Committee and they can discuss some of the items that can be included in the memorandum of understanding.

Claude Sykes stated that he wanted to thank the crew of Jake McKenna, who are working on Mercer Mill Project, for their help with the Christmas tree.

Pending Business.

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

The Village Clerk noted that she had been in contact with Assemblyman Magnarelli's office and the paperwork that had recently been sent, had been received and was being processed.

Mayor O'Hara noted that some of the \$50,000.00 were expenses incurred by the DPW crews. He asked that the DPW Committee discuss in the budget discussions what they might do with those reimbursed funds when the Village receives the \$50,000.00.

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

Trustee J. Saraceni noted that the steering committee made of the Village residents had met with EDR last Thursday. They discussed the minutes of EDR's first meeting with the Village Board. They were also given some information that EDR has been working on. Another steering committee meeting was set up for December 15, 2005.

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

Claude Sykes stated that a meeting had taken place with Arrow Fence and the issue with the concrete collars had been resolved. Arrow Fence will supply the materials and the Village will provide the labor force. The next 100' section will probably be installed this fall to finish out the trail to the County's pump station. Claude Sykes updated the Village Board on the back filling process on the trail.

Discussion concerning the Skate Zone Facility located on Lock Street.

Nothing new to report.

Discussion concerning the Cable Franchise Agreement.

An executive session was called to discuss this issue.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to sign the NYMIR Renewal Questionnaire submitted by Dan Schmidt from Hills, Farnham and Hills for the Village's insurance policies that renew November 25, 2005.

Trustee A. Saraceni stated that the Mayor and he met with Dan Schmidt this past week, regarding the insurance. They are taking the opportunity to reevaluate the Village's assets such as building and equipment, to make sure that everything on the policy is correct.

The Village Clerk noted that the Department Heads had reviewed the equipment list and the changes were given to Dan Schmidt. She noted that she had copies of what was given to Dan Schmidt.

Discussion/Action in regards to receiving the bids for the Route 48 water tank repair project.

Motion #268 -

Moved by Trustee Baker seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the bids for the Route 48 water tank repair project be received.

Amstar of Western New York	\$30,000.00
Wiltsie Construction Co. Inc	\$27,277.00
Bellucci Enterprises, Inc	\$38,500.00.
Over and Under Piping Contractors	\$36,000.00

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to awarding the bid for the Route 48 water tank repair project.

Motion #269 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the bid for the Route 48 water tank repair project be awarded to Wiltsie Construction in the amount of \$27,277.00.

Claude Sykes noted that Wiltsie Construction has previously done work in the Village and that he has been pleased with their work. The Village plans to pay for this repair out of the water budget fund balance.

Trustee Stebbins suggested that in future budgets, a contingency fund be put in place for unanticipated expenditures.

CARRIED.

Pending Business.

Discussion/Action concerning the drainage west of Curtis Avenue.

Claude Sykes noted that the Village will have to increase the size of the drainage pipe that runs from Curtis Avenue to the Jardine Property due to the upstream development. He contacted Onondaga County Purchasing Department and they have a contractor that is under Onondaga County bid that does that type of work. They met on site with the contractor and they feel it would take two days or three days at the most, at 10 hour days to install the drainage pipe at the rate of \$4,150.00 per day. The cost of the pipe would be approximately \$3,450.00 and the cost of the catch basin would be \$600.00 to \$700.00. The total cost of the project would be approximately \$15,000.00. The contractor stated the best time to do the repairs would be when the ground is frozen. He recommends that the Village purchase the pipe now, as he has heard the price is going up on the pipe after the first of the year. He also recommended that the Village also purchase the catch basin now, and then the project can move forward when the contractor wants to start.

Motion #270 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Supt. of Public Works be given permission to purchase the pipe and catch basin to do the Curtis Avenue drainage project with the cost not to exceed \$3,700.00.

CARRIED.

New Business.

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 "Psychology in Human Sexuality" with the cost not to exceed \$440.25. The funds will be reimbursed to the Village if Officer Weeks does not maintain a grade C or better.

Motion #271 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni 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 "Psychology in Human Sexuality" with the cost not to exceed \$440.25. The funds will be reimbursed to the Village if Officer Weeks does not maintain a grade C or better.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding the acceptance of the letter of resignation from part time Communications Officer Kathryn E. Halleron from her position with the Baldwinville Police Department effective November 27, 2005.

Motion #272 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that the letter of resignation from part time Communications Officer Kathryn E. Halleron from her position with the Baldwinville Police Department, be accepted effective November 27, 2005.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to amending Motion #256 of 2005 to state the amount of unpaid taxes to be \$51,894.94 instead of \$51,907.71. The computer software incorrectly listed the wrong amounts due for two partial payments that paid more than 50% of the total tax.

Motion #273 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Tupper that Motion #256 of 2005 be amended to state the amount of unpaid taxes to be \$51,894.94 instead of \$51,907.71.

CARRIED.

Motion # 274 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Village Board retire into Executive Session to discuss Cable Franchise Agreement negotiation at 7:49 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #275 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that the Village Board returned to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #276 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that authorization be given that ½% of the collected franchise fees from Time Warner be given to PAC B with the stipulation that one Village Board Member sit on the Board of Directors for PAC B.

CARRIED.

Motion #277 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit.

Gen.#237 (Cks. #27535-27616)- \$65,020.45, Wa. #237 (Cks. 21216-21228) - \$9,112.66,

Sr. #237 (Cks.20770-20778) – \$1,737.83.

CARRIED.

Motion #278 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on December 1, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk