

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2005, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Also Present – J.C. Merritt, Police Agent; Dan Warner, Police Chief; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Thomas Leo, from The Syracuse Post Standard; Erin Smith from the Messenger; a representative from PAC-B 98; Frank Foster, Canton Woods Senior Center; John Savage, from The Savage Agency; Sue Marino, with the Center for Municipal Solutions; Lisa Dell, Martin Knaul, Chrissy Gleason and Robert Stockdale.

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

Motion #218

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the minutes of the meeting held September 1, 2005, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments

John Savage, from The Savage Agency, spoke giving an update on the workers compensation insurance program that the village has with his company. The experience modification was 1.07 in 1995, and it is now .82. The Village of Baldwinsville has had a good year. In the future, he will give this update approximately 2 months prior to the time of renewal.

Mayor’s Comments

Mayor O’Hara stated that he would like to move item C., under New Business, to be discussed right away after the Department Head’s Comments.

Trustees’ Comments

Trustee A. Saraceni commended all of the department heads on their quick response to his request for departmental information for the village website. The website is complete and the address is www.baldwinsville.org. He would like to meet with PAC-B 98 to explain the website in detail and also pull together the towns and all of the local organizations that could link with the website. He thanked everyone for their efforts.

Trustee J. Saraceni stated that the senior center is in need of any used computers from the village.

Trustee Baker wanted to thank and give accolades to the DPW, for the tremendous effort so far by their department on the ‘Gateway to Baldwinsville’ project. It is nearly complete. Thanks, also, to Tom Leo, of the Syracuse Post Standard, for the wonderful article about Sergei Yevich, and a final thanks to the Police Department, who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on their efforts in helping Celebrate Baldwinsville go ahead this week.

Trustee Presley stated that he is looking forward to Celebrate Baldwinsville this weekend.

Department Heads

Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works, stated that in regards to the Sergei Yevich Trail, he had called the fence contractor and they will begin installation next week. The conduits on the trail are all in.

Discussion/Action in regards to increasing the 2006-2007 Village budget line, A7610.4, for Canton Woods Senior Center travel expenses for day trips, from \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00.

There was a discussion and Frank Foster explained some of the costs that are being increased on the prices of day trips. The board is concerned if the costs are only with this one carrier, and would like Frank to send out a proposal to receive at least 3 bids for this service.

Motion #219

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Tupper that the request to increase the 2006-2007 Village Budget line, A7610.4, for Canton Woods Senior Center travel expenses for day trips, from \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00, be approved contingent upon receipt and evaluation of 3 bids for services.

CARRIED.

Mayor O'Hara and Police Chief Dan Warner began the swearing in of Police Officer Chrissy A. Gleason. There was a short recess.

The presentation by Sue Marino, of the Center for Municipal Solutions, was next. This company helps communities with technical advice, specifically regarding wireless providers, and how best for villages to be able to maintain control over tower placement and related fees. After some discussion on how they would be able to help the Village, this issue was tabled until the next board meeting, so that Sue Marino could look over some of the Village's present contracts.

PENDING BUSINESS

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

Nothing new to report.

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

Trustee J. Saraceni stated that the first public meeting with EDR will be Thursday, October 6, 2005, in the Large Group Room at C. W. Baker High School, 29 East Oneida Street. The Village Board meeting will take place there. This will be the first opportunity for Village residents to see and give feedback to EDR about the business corridor study.

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

The groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Friday, September 16, 2005, behind the Town of Lysander offices, 6 Lock Street.

Discussion concerning the Skate Zone Facility located on Lock Street.

Nothing new to report.

Discussion concerning the Cable Franchise Agreement.

Trustee A. Saraceni stated that there is a meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2005, with new representation from Time Warner Cable. He thinks of this as a positive way to start discussions again.

NEW BUSINESS

The mayor announced that Carmella Mantello, Director of the New York State Canal Corporation, will be visiting Baldwinsville on Wednesday, September 21, 2005. He encouraged the board members to attend the meeting of the "Canal Connections" Tour, to be held at the Blue Water Grill, 2 Oswego Street, at 10:30 a. m. There was a brief discussion about the successes here in Baldwinsville.

Discussion/Action in regards to increasing the mileage expense to 48.5 cents per mile, which is the latest IRS rate, when on official Village business.

There was a brief discussion about payment of this expense when using a personal vehicle on Village business.

Motion #220

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the request to increase the mileage expense to 48.5 cent per mile, when on official Village business, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting the date of October 6, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. to receive bids for 2005 Tree Work.

Motion #221

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the date of October 6, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. be set, to receive bids for 2005 Tree Work.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding a request from Virginia Street residents, who would like permission to block off Virginia Street between East Oneida Street and Warner Avenue, for a neighborhood block party on Sunday, September 18, 2005, between the hours of 12:00 noon to 8:00 p. m. They are also requesting the waiver of the Open Container Law during that time.

Motion #222

Moved by Trustee Baker seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the request from the Virginia Street residents, who would like permission to block off Virginia Street between East Oneida Street and Warner Avenue, for a neighborhood block party on Sunday, September 18, 2005, between the hours of 12:00 noon to 8:00 p. m., be approved. They are also requesting the waiver of the Open Container Law during that time.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning the approval of the appointment, by the Mayor, of Kevin Beverine as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the term ending in 2007.

Mayor O'Hara gave a brief synopsis about Kevin Beverine and the vacancy on the zoning board.

Motion #223

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker to approve the appointment, by the Mayor, of Kevin Beverine as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the term ending in 2007.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning the approval of the appointment, by the Mayor, of Larry Barnett as a member of the Planning Board, with the term ending in 2008.

There was a brief discussion regarding Larry Barnett and the vacancy on the Planning Board.

Motion #224

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins to approve the appointment, by the Mayor, of Larry Barnett as a member of the Planning Board, with the term ending in 2008.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to receiving the budget status report for the month of August submitted by the Village Treasurer.

Motion #225

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded Trustee A. Saraceni that the budget status report for the month of August, submitted by the Village Treasurer, be received.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor permission to sign a Proclamation for the Baldwinsville Community Band for their 25 years of service to the Baldwinsville Community.

Trustee Baker discussed that the Celebrate Baldwinsville Committee approached her to put something together to honor the band and their continued service.

Motion #226

Moved by Trustee Baker seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni authorizing the Mayor to sign a Proclamation for the Baldwinsville Community Band for their 25 years of service to the Baldwinsville Community.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the approval of the appointment of Christina Knaul as a P. T. Clerk for the Codes Enforcement Office at the rate of \$9.65/hr. with the effective date of September 19, 2005.

Motion #227

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker regarding the approval of the appointment of Christina Knaul as a P. T. Clerk for the Codes Enforcement Office at the rate of \$9.65/hr. with the effective date of September 19, 2005.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding the Village sidewalks.

There was a discussion at length regarding the best way for all of the Village and the taxpayers to be able to take the initiative and replace the sidewalks in the village. The DPW committee has been frustrated trying to find the best way to get the broken sidewalks replaced for many years. As per Village code, the burden of fixing the sidewalks falls on the property owner. The quality of life issues here in the village are very important. It was decided that this issue must be acted on quickly and aggressively as this board wants to make a decision on sidewalks and their replacement in the village over the next few months.

Mayor O'Hara asked that for the next board meeting Howard Tupper be assigned, under Pending Business, the task of 'Quality of Life Issues in the Village'.

Motion #228

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. Gen. #233 (Cks. #27248 - #27332) - \$46,276.99, Water #233 (Cks. #21171 - #21183) - \$10,440.37, Sewer #233 (Cks. #20742 - #20750) - \$2,045.26.

CARRIED.

Motion #229

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on October 6, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at C. W. Baker High School, 29 East Oneida Street, Baldwinsville, in the Large Group Meeting Room.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk