

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON JANUARY 18, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Absent – Trustee Tupper.

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Daniel Warner, Chief of Police; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; Tom Leo from the Syracuse Post Standard; a representative of the Public Access Channel; Karen Gates, Rick Ravas, Kevin Delaney, Joel Plumley, Ray Davis, Senator John DeFrancisco and his secretary, Jill; Assemblyman Will Barclay, Jennifer, a representative from Assemblyman Magnarelli’s office; Phill Sterling, Melissa Bushee, band director for the Baldwinsville Marching Band, and three (3) members of the marching band with their parents.

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

Mayor O’Hara began the evening with a presentation honoring the Baldwinsville Marching Band for their successful performances at the 2007 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida on January 1, 2007. Presentations were also made by Senator John DeFrancisco, Assemblyman Will Barclay, and Jennifer, a representative for Assemblyman William Magnarelli. Cake and drink followed the presentations.

Motion #313 –

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the minutes of the meeting held January 4, 2007, be approved and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

Karen Gates, a concerned citizen, expressed her feelings regarding the high increases in property assessments. She feels that residents will have to move out of the village if taxes keep going up. Mrs. Gates also noted that it would be nice for the line by line budget to be online or at least more accessible. She has been signing out each department’s budget request in order to review it.

Trustee Mott noted similar concerns regarding the higher assessments and his participation in the “Where’s The Lake” campaign. He stated that this “grass roots effort” is once again resurfacing. This effort is being put forward by a group of people trying to do something about the Town of Lysander assessment issue. He spoke of a petition that is going around asking for the Town of Lysander to do away with the 100% annual assessment.

J.C. Engelbrecht noted that New York State mandates that we have 100% equalization of the value of property across the state.

Mayor O’Hara believes that the problem is the implementation of the State’s rules not necessarily the rules themselves. For example, the large jump in one year is a huge implementation flaw.

Mayor’s Comments.

No Comments.

Trustees’ Comments.

Trustee A. Saraceni requested that an Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations be added to the agenda.

Department Heads.

Attorney J.C. Engelbrecht told the board that Robert Weichert has filed more motions against the village. The most recent is 38 pages long and is due Monday, January 22, 2007.

Trustee Rick Presley requested that an item be added to the agenda, under new business. It is a request by the Baldwinsville Fire Department to share the cost of fire hydrant markers.

Village Clerk Rosemary Johnson requested an addition to the agenda. It was a request to receive the bids for Canton Woods Senior Center travel for the years 2008 through 2012, that were opened on January 17, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

Police Chief Daniel Warner showed the board the Platinum Award that was presented by AAA to communities that statistically demonstrated effectiveness in traffic safety.

Chief Warner advised the board that he received a call from the District Attorney's office commending the nine Baldwinsville police officers that participated in an investigation of an attempted murder case that took place in Baldwinsville, on April 1, 2006. The defendant was prosecuted and found guilty in Onondaga County Court this month.

Superintendent of Public Works Claude Sykes noted that the local law citing wireless towers was completed. It needs to be in final form for ten (10) days before action can be taken at the next board meeting.

Pending Business.

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

Trustee J. Saraceni stated that he and a few other board members met with 17 students from Mr. Chrissey's S.U. class at the Harrington site. The board members gave the students some background information regarding the site. The students will come back in approximately 2- 3 weeks with their ideas on the use of the property. The class seemed very enthused and eager to participate in this project.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

Trustee Mott stated that he and Trustee Tupper met and researched the overlay process. They must define the purpose, the area and the deviation of the code that applies to the overlay districts. Trustees Mott, Tupper, and J. Saraceni will meet with the Planning Board at the January 23, 2007 meeting.

Trustee Mott spoke regarding the signage inconsistencies. The goal is to codify signage and eliminate any gray areas.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

The Mayor stated that he is waiting on a call from National Grid regarding the easement. Trustee Stebbins questioned whether part of the property had been sold and was going to look into it further.

Discussion concerning the Village's infrastructure.

The Mayor received a call from the resident living at 77 Brown Street regarding standing water in his backyard. This is an ongoing problem in the area of Mott Road and areas north to outside the village. The Mayor noted that Plumley Engineering had been authorized to do a drainage basin study and a study of the inflow and infiltration issues impacting the sewer lines in the village. This will identify the drainage basin area and if it is north of the village boundary there must be a discussion with the neighboring community on whether the retention basins are adequate. The village will move forward once the study is complete.

Discussion/Action passing a resolution supporting the undertaking of a study to merge all three municipalities.

Mayor O'Hara stated that he had spoken to Senator DeFrancisco, Assemblyman Barclay, and Assemblyman Magnarelli and was informed that there is money allocated from last year's state budget for a study on consolidation. The Mayor noted that Town Supervisors Mary Crego, from Van Buren and Barry Bullis, from Lysander were in favor of having the study done. National Grid and Time Warner also support the study.

Trustee Stebbins received confirmation from the Mayor that this consolidation study will be funded externally and will be of no cost to the village residents.

Trustees A. Saraceni, J. Saraceni, and Mott noted that they would like to have more discussion on this undertaking.

Trustee J. Saraceni suggested having an open public discussion regarding the study. If there is a favorable consensus, the village should then move forward.

Trustee Presley was all for the study as long as it could help him help the village.

Motion #314 –

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins to pass a resolution supporting the undertaking of a study to merge all three municipalities.

Roll Call Vote- 3 ayes

3 nays – Trustee Mott, Trustee J. Saraceni, Trustee A. Saraceni

MOTION DENIED.

New Business.

Discussion/Action concerning giving the Mayor authorization to sign a contract with Cummins Northeast for the annual Planned Maintenance Renewal with the cost being \$629.01, which is \$29.01 higher than last year's cost.

Motion #315 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that authorization be given to the Mayor to sign a contract with Cummins Northeast for the annual Planned Maintenance Renewal with the cost being \$629.01, which is \$29.01 higher than last year's cost.

CARRIED.

Discussion concerning giving the Mayor authorization to sign an annual agreement with Industrial Medical Associates, P.C., for substance abuse testing.

Motion #316 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni to give the Mayor authorization to sign an annual agreement with Industrial Medical Associates, P.C., for substance abuse testing.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the approval of budget transfers, dated January 4, 2007, submitted by the Village Treasurer.

Motion #317 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins to approve the budget transfers, dated January 4, 2007, submitted by the Village Treasurer.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to sign the Canton Woods Senior Citizens' Center Operation Expenses, Agreement for 2006. This agreement is between the Village of Baldwinsville, the Town of Lysander, and the Town of Van Buren. Both towns have signed the agreement prior to this meeting.

Motion #318 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni to give the Mayor authorization to sign the Canton Woods Senior Citizens' Center Operation Expenses, Agreement for 2006. This agreement is between the Village of Baldwinsville, the Town of Lysander, and the Town of Van Buren. Both towns have signed the agreement prior to this meeting.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving authorization for the release of security funds to Michael Mastriano, developer of the Baldwin Hill Estates Subdivision, Section C.

Motion #319 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley to give authorization for the release of security funds to Michael Mastriano, developer of the Baldwin Hill Estates Subdivision, Section C.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to accepting the letter of resignation from Don Drogo as janitor for Village Hall, with the effective date of January 19, 2007.

Motion #320 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni to accept the letter of resignation from Don Drogo, as janitor for Village Hall, with the effective date of January 19, 2007.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the approval of Jeremy Brand as janitor for Village Hall, with the effective date of January 19, 2007.

Motion #321 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni to approve Jeremy Brand as janitor for Village Hall, with the effective date of January 19, 2007.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the request by the Baldwinsville Fire Department to share the cost of hydrant markers with the Village of Baldwinsville, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Motion #322 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins to approve the request by the Baldwinsville Fire Department to share the cost of hydrant markers with the Village of Baldwinsville, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the request to receive the bids for Canton Woods Senior Center travel for the years 2008 through 2012, that were opened on January 17, 2007.

The Mayor requested that the awarding of the bid for Canton Woods Senior Center travel for the years 2008 through 2012 be put on the agenda for the February 1, 2007 Village Board meeting.

Motion #323 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni to receive the bids for Canton Woods Senior Center travel for the years 2008 to 2012.

CARRIED.

Motion #324 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the village board retire into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #325 –

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the village board returned to Regular Session at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #326 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #267 (Cks #29435 - #29498) - \$95,314.15; Water #267 (Cks #21538 - #21548) - \$7,503.01; Sewer #267 (Cks #21006 - #21015) - \$3,393.18.

CARRIED.

Motion #327 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m., until the next Regular Village Board meeting to be held on February 1, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk