

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON AUGUST 7, 2008, AT 7:30 P.M.**

Present – Mayor Saraceni, Trustees Presley, Augello, Stebbins, Shimer, Salisbury and Weaver.

Also Present-Ron Carr and Dave Jones, Attorneys for the Village; Michael Lefancheck, Police Administrator; Tim Baker, Village Engineer; Jerry Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Erin Smith from the Messenger; and Rick Ravis from the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company.

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

**Motion #135 -**

Moved by Trustee Weaver seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the minutes of the meeting held July 17, 2008, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen's Comments.**

There were none.

**Mayor's Comments.**

- Thanked Carol Sponable from Phoenix, representative of the Bridge House Brats, for giving them a tour of their locks system and their operation. He noted that Trustees Presley, Weaver and Shimer went to Phoenix and saw how their operation worked helping the boaters. He stated that they have a great operation and he could see where the Village could incorporate bits and pieces of their operation.
- Noted that the Village contacted Wade Beltramo from NYCOM, who was looking for support regarding the funds the state receives from commercial fire insurance policies that they are keeping and not giving them to municipalities to help offset codes enforcement. The Senate turned down the bills before they went on summer recess. NYCOM will contact the municipalities in the fall, when they will try again to raise the issue.
- He thanked Parsons and McKenna Construction Co. for donating the material and Bon-ton Glass of Syracuse for donating the plexiglass for the repairs to the Kiosk on the South Shore West Trail. He noted that it looks very nice and sturdy.
- Requested an Executive Session for possible land acquisitions

**Trustees' Comments.**

Trustee Weaver stated that she would not be attending the next Village Board Meeting as she has a conflict.

Trustee Shimer also stated that she had a conflict and would not be attending the next Village Board Meeting.

Trustee Presley stated that the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2008, will be canceled due to a conflict and will be rescheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Police Department. He also requested an Executive Session for a personnel issue.

**Department Heads.**

Chief Michael Lefancheck noted that Police Officer James Cerankowski had returned from Iraq with the 174<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard and will return to work in about 1 ½ weeks.

Tim Baker stated that the redevelopment of Well #3 was completed. The contractor will start working on Well 4A tomorrow. He noted that the milling work on East Oneida Street and at corner of Brown and Mott Streets has been going on and paving should be completed by August 18<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he had met with more than half of the residents in the sidewalk replacement district and he should be done meeting with the rest of residents over a couple more evenings.

**Pending Business.**

*Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.*

Tim Baker stated he received notification that DEC has received the Village's permit application for the placement of the bridge and the Village is waiting to receive the permit. The Village is also waiting for the survey on the National Grid property.

*Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.*

Tim Baker noted that the Route 48 sidewalks are installed and the soil has been delivered to that the area so it can be graded and grass will be planted. There was a discussion regarding the installation of lights for that area, since it is very dark at night. Tim stated that he put together a cost estimate for the Village installing the lights. He noted that the DPW Crew has been picking up yard waste according to the summer schedule.

**New Business.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to a request from Cathy Hudson, who is requesting the waiver of the open container for their 25<sup>th</sup> class reunion that will be held on Paper Mill Island on August 23, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.*

**Motion #136 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the request from Cathy Hudson, who is requesting the waiver of the open container for their 25<sup>th</sup> class reunion that will be held on Paper Mill Island on August 23, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., be approved.

**CARRIED.**

Mayor Saraceni suggested that the Village consider setting a weekend date aside for class reunions to be held on Paper Mill Island. He asked the Village Board to give it some thought for discussion in the future.

*Discussion/Action in regards to a message from Barry Schwartz, who is requesting the Village to support the Collateral Source Bill. The bill would provide Public Employers, when sued by their employees in personal injury actions, the same protections already granted to private employers and everyone else by having jury awards against them for future lost earnings offset by any accident disability pension or other source of compensation that the public employees will receive to replace those very same lost earnings.*

Attorney Ron Carr explained the Collateral Source Bill and how it would benefit the Public Employers.

**Motion #137 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the Mayor be given permission to write a letter of support for the Collateral Source Bill.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Possible Action in regards to giving Chris Bell, a musician, who is canoeing through the canal system and performing in different communities, permission to camp in Mercer Park from August 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be performing at the Shamballa Café on August 9<sup>th</sup>.*

**Motion #138 -**

Moved by Trustee Weaver seconded by Trustee Shimer that permission is given to Chris Bell, a musician, who is canoeing through the canal system and performing in different communities, to camp in Mercer Park from August 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be performing at the Shamballa Café on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to giving authorization to Rosemary Johnson, Village Clerk, to attend NYCOM Fall Training School in Lake Placid, New York, September 15-19, 2008, with the cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.*

**Motion #139 -**

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Weaver that Rosemary Johnson, Village Clerk, be given permission to attend NYCOM Fall Training School in Lake Placid, New York, September 15-19, 2008, with the cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Mayor Saraceni noted that this was a budgeted item.

The Village Clerk noted that she would be riding with another clerk to share with the mileage, since the gas prices are so high.

**CARRIED.**

Mayor Saraceni noted that he had the Village Clerk poll the Village Board in regards to allowing the Village Square area to be used for an Oktoberfest Event that will take place October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The Village Board did give their approval.

**Motion #140 –**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Augello that the board retire into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for possible land acquisition issues.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #141 –**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the board returned from Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #142 -**

Moved by Mayor Saraceni seconded by Trustee Stebbins that authorization be given to purchase a parcel of property on Meadow Street from Derrick Sheppard for \$7,000.00.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #143 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #311 (Cks #31175 -#31263)-\$72,205.75; Water #311(Cks #21928 -#21941) - \$15,338.85; & Sewer #311 (Cks #22075-#22078) - \$2,053.67.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #144 -**

Moved by Trustee Weaver seconded by Trustee Shimer that the meeting be adjourned at 9:13 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on August 21, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

