

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON JANUARY 17, 2008, AT 7:30 P.M.**

Present - Mayor Saraceni, Trustees Presley, Augello, Stebbins, Mott, Saraceni, and Weaver.

Also Present – Daniel Warner, Police Administrator; Timothy Baker, Village Engineer; Village Attorneys Ron Carr and Dave Jones; a reporter from the Public Access Channel, PAC-B; Tom Leo from the Syracuse Newspaper, Baldwinsville Justice Elijah Huling and Karen Gates.

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

**Motion #298 –**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the minutes of the meeting held January 3, 2008, and the Public Hearing held January 10, 2008, be approved, and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen's Comments.**

No one spoke.

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

- Requested 2 Executive Sessions, be added to the agenda, one being for a personnel issue and the other is a contractual issue involving the Village.
- Noted that the Big Chill Event will be taking place this January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be a charity event that will benefit the Ronald McDonald House, Cystic Fibrosis and the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce. He encouraged everyone to stop down to Mercer Park where there will be a polar bear plunge, chili cook off, bonfire and fireworks at 6:00 p.m. on January 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Snow Ball, which will be a semi-formal affair on Friday night the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustees' Comments.**

There were no comments.

**Department Heads.**

Daniel Warner stated that he had attended a luncheon on January 8, 2008 which was sponsored by the AAA Community Traffic Safety Program. The Police Department and the Village of Baldwinsville were presented with the Gold Award for pedestrian safety.

**Pending Business.**

***Discussion in regards to village owned facilities/business district study. –Lock Street Property.***

There was nothing new to report.

***Discussion in regards to the updated status of the former Harrington Fire Station property.***

The Village Board discussed the status of the ice skating rink that was being constructed in the parking lot. Tim Baker stated that he spoke to Dan Schmidt, the Village's insurance agent, regarding the signage that would be needed to satisfy the Village's insurance company. It was noted that one of the things that the sign should say is "no hockey". There will be trash cans and benches for the skaters. It was decided that the hours for the skating rink would be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

There was nothing new to report. Tim Baker stated that he has not heard from QPK regarding the test borings that were being taken.

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

There was nothing new to report.

***Discussion/Possible Action concerning the state owned land on Meadow Street.***

Tim Baker stated that he met with Steve Eidt and the State is still trying to decide what they are comfortable leasing and selling. They are reviewing their leasing permits that they have out on properties off Meadow Street and what the status is on them. The State is concerned with the Village purchasing any of these properties that still has an outstanding leasing permit. They would like the Village to meet with each of the permit holders and make sure there are no problems as far as the State releasing the property to the Village.

Trustee Presley stated that he did not see changes to the Village Code on the agenda.

Mayor Saraceni noted that he did think all of the Village Trustees received the information regarding the recommended changes that were made by various departments. He thought that it might be a good idea to take care of the code revisions that were going to be easy to change, first, and then do the code revisions that would take more in depth discussion to change. He suggested setting up a time for completing the changes to the Village Code. He noted that he would like to suggest the second meeting in April.

The Village Clerk noted that the Village's Annual Meeting will take place at the second meeting in April.

Ron Carr stated that he has some of the code revisions in a rough form that needs to be reviewed. He noted that some of the changes that were suggested were in the draft paperwork he had received. He noted that to have the code revisions completed by the second meeting in April was not going to give the Village Board time to review the changes and have them in a completed form to adopt.

Mayor Saraceni suggested that the Village have 5 or 6 code revisions ready to review and we can see how long it will take to complete and then do another 5 or 6 more.

Ron Carr stated that he would have some code revisions prepared for the first meeting in March for the Village Board to review and then the Village Board can make changes if they choose. After that discussion, he would put them in final form for a public hearing to be set for public comments.

The Village Clerk was directed to leave the discussion regarding code revisions off the agenda until the first meeting in March.

**New Business.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to sign the dental agreement between the Village of Baldwinsville and the Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, Central New York Region.***

**Motion #299 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the Mayor be given authorization to sign the dental agreement between the Village of Baldwinsville and the Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, Central New York Region.

The Village Clerk noted that this is an annual contract and there was a 6.53% increase in the rates. She noted that rate is based on the Village employee's experiences.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/ Possible Action concerning the adoption of the budget for the Village of Baldwinsville for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2008, and ending February 28, 2009.***

**Motion #300 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the budget for the Village of Baldwinsville for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2008, and ending February 28, 2009, be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

Mayor Saraceni stated that this was his first budget and he felt it was a great budget. He noted that the Village Board and the Department Heads did an excellent job with trying to keep their costs down but provide the same level of services for the taxpayers.

***Adoption of the resolution establishing that the 2008 General Election for the Village of Baldwinsville will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day, March, 2008, and the Inspectors of the Election will meet at the Village Hall, 16 W. Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, New York, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. on March 18, 2008.***

**Motion #301 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that a resolution establishing that the 2008 General Election for the Village of Baldwinsville will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day, March, 2008, and the Inspectors of the Election will meet at the Village Hall, 16 W. Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, New York, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. on March 18, 2008, be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Possible Action in regards to the operation/reservation policy of Paper Mill Island.***

The Village Board discussed how they could regulate times for booking events for small groups of fewer than 500 people requesting Paper Mill Island. He suggested limiting them to 3 months out to request a date to book Paper Mill Island. There was another suggestion that no bookings for small groups be allowed from Memorial Day through Labor Day. He noted that last year a wedding party booked Paper Mill Island for their wedding; they used the Island for two hours and left. The Island was not used the rest of the day. He noted that it is a great place to get married, but he does not know if the public is best served with that type of activity there, it limits its use a bit. It was noted that Onondaga County Parks have a policy, where the bigger promoters have a longer booking out time compared to smaller groups.

Trustee Presley stated that the Village request a copy of the County's policy and see if it can be fitted for the Village.

The Village Board requested that the Village Clerk keep this on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion and invite the promoters who previously booked Paper Mill Island. The Village Board felt that they would like to have their input regarding this issue.

**Motion #302 -**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the Village Board retire into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for 2 matters one regarding a personnel issue and one for a contractual agreement.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #303 -**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the Village Board return at 9:23 p.m. from Executive Session.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #304 -**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. Abstract #294; General (Cks. #30305- #30376)-\$95,210.47; Water Abstract #294 (Cks. #21787-#21799)-\$9,876.94; Sewer Abstract #294 (Cks. #21997- #22002)-\$516.23.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #305 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on February 7, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

