

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
January 16, 2014**

Members Present: Mayor Joseph Saraceni
Trustee Mark Wilder
Trustee Dick Clarke
Trustee Bruce Stebbins
Trustee Megan O'Donnell
Trustee Mike Shepard
Trustee Rick Presley

Others Attending –Attorney Dave Jones; Treasurer Anna Custer; Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey; Deputy Clerk Linda Ross; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Colin Kahl, a representative of the Public Access Channel; and village residents Bob Wicks and Charlie Baca.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #257/2013 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of January 2, 2014, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

There were no comments.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Presley requested that an executive session be held for Labor Contract Negotiations.

Trustee Clarke had three items:

- He congratulated the police department and Police Chief Mike Lefancheck for being honored for the 14th year in a row as a **2013 Community Traffic Safety Program 'Gold Award'** recipient.
- He wanted to mention the passing of Ralph Bratt, a local gentleman whose sharp mind had held so much knowledge of the history of the Baldwinsville area, especially of the farming community.
- He wanted to note that while he's been out going door to door to have petitions signed he's heard many great comments about the Codes Office and also about the new sidewalks in particular. He was proud to say that he has not heard one negative comment from residents about the village at this time.

Trustee Wilder requested that an executive session be held for an unrelated contract issue. He also mentioned that the village application for a grant from Onondaga County Community Development for the Mercer Park Waterfront Improvement Project has been approved in the amount of \$40,674.00. With this grant the village hopes to clean up and improve the waterway at Mercer Park and to make fishing at that park accessible to the handicapped. He feels that this is a chance for great improvements to be made along River Street and right down to the park. The expected local share of the project cost is 25% and this project must be completed in the 2014 construction season.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Saraceni recently went with Trustee Clarke to the Mayor and Elected Official's dinner. He mentioned that the NYCOM president is Minoa Mayor Donovan, and he believes that he is a great resource for information. We need to remember that he is available and share issues and concerns with him. He also mentioned that he is looking forward to speaking about Baldwinsville at a meeting with county executives at the Camillus Elks Club this weekend.

Department Heads

Treasurer Anna Custer said that the December monthly financials have been distributed. Please contact her with any questions.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy mentioned that members of the Syracuse Crunch hockey team will be challenging the seniors with a billiards tournament on January 28th at 3:00 p.m. She also wanted to say 'Thank you' to the Mayor for giving his time and attention to the seniors during his coffee stop this past week.

Pending Business

- **Formalize Resolution**

Resolution #256/2013 Moved on January 8, 2014, by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee O'Donnell Resolved to authorize the Mayor to sign the documents in regards to the dedication of streets and easements for McHarrie Section 3 (Rifts Road extension).

Carried

- **Communication Plan/Strategy**

Trustee O'Donnell stated that the website is up and running, with only some behind the scenes things left to do. There will be a presentation showing the website at the next board meeting on February 6, 2014.

- **Adoption of Proposed Budget**

Resolution #258/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Presley Resolved to adopt the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2014 and ending February 28, 2015. The compensation proposed in said budget for the Mayor is \$15,000.00 per year, \$5,000.00 per year for each Trustee, and \$19,224.95 for the Village Justice.

Carried

The Mayor again stated that this is a budget that he is very proud of, and in his opinion, the board should also be proud of how fiscally conservative they are. This budget represents a 2% tax cut from last year. He also wanted to thank Onondaga County for the extra money coming to us that will help with infrastructure costs. The village fought hard for it!

- **Recommendation to use 'MuniciPay' for payments made with a credit card**

Resolution #259/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Presley Resolved to use 'MuniciPay' to process credit card transactions made online, by phone and in-person at no cost to the Village of Baldwinsville. Anna is approved to go ahead with all steps involved for this new set up.

Carried

New Business

- **Retirement of Police Officer Corleen M. Coakley**

Resolution #260/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Presley Resolved to receive with regrets the resignation/retirement of Police Officer Corleen M. Coakley, effective January 29, 2014.

Carried

The Police Chief said that during her nearly 21 years here Cory has managed many positions within the department.

- **Appoint Corleen Coakley as a part time police officer**

Resolution #261/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Presley

Resolved to appoint Corleen M. Coakley as a police officer (part-time), at a pay rate of \$22.00/hour, with an effective date of January 30, 2014.

Carried

- **Resolution establishing the 2014 General Election Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

Resolution #262/2013 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to adopt a resolution establishing that the 2014 General Election for the Village of Baldwinsville will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, New York, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m.

Carried

It was mentioned that at the closing of the polls that night, there will be a brief board meeting to confirm the vote.

Resolution #263/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to appoint Mary Crego, Carolyn Wallace, Arlette Folckemer and Ed Barlow as election inspectors for the 2014 General Election for the Village of Baldwinsville that will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, New York, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. Compensation for each inspector of the election will be \$90.00.

Carried

- **Adjustment to current water/sewer rates**

It was discussed that a Public Hearing should be set to hear comments on the proposed water and sewer rates.

CURRENTLY:

	<u>Village</u>	<u>Outside Village</u>	<u>Districts</u>
Base Quarterly Charge:	\$14.00	\$18.00	\$150.00
Usage Rate (per 100 cu ft)	\$1.10	\$1.20	\$1.20

Sewer Rates: Billed at 90% of the water bill

PROPOSED:

Base Quarterly Charge:	\$14.25	\$18.30	\$152.25
Usage Rate (per 100 cu ft)	\$1.15	\$1.25	\$1.25

Sewer Rates: Billed at 95% of the water bill

Resolution # 264/2013 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to set a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the increase of water rates for both in the village and out of the village water customers by approximately 1.5% and sewer rates by approximately 6%, for 7:30 p.m. on February 6, 2014.

Carried

- **Change to sewer billing use rate for outside the village sewer customers**

Resolution # 265/2013 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to change sewer billing such that all outside the village sewer users who are also water customers will be billed based on water consumption. Flat fee billing will only be utilized for those outside sewer users that are not village water customers.

Carried

Resolution # 266/2013 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Presley
Resolved to increase the flat fee to outside the village sewer users (those that are not water customers) from \$113.00/year to \$170.00/year. This fee will be billed in four equal payments (\$42.50/qtr.).

Carried

- **Motion to declare village equipment as surplus**

Resolution # 267/2013 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the board declare the following equipment as surplus:

- 1984 Ford truck, VIN 1FDVK80UXEUA57309 - to be sold at auction or scrapped.
- Various pieces of granite curbing – to be offered for sale to granite curbing supplier.
- Old partitions and various broken tools – to be scrapped or discarded.
- Assorted outdated electronic equipment – to be recycled at Bruin Electronics.
- Collected metal – to be reclaimed at a metal scrap yard for cash – cash to be brought to Village Clerk for deposit in general fund.

Carried

- **Executive Session-No Anticipated Action**

Resolution #268/2013 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the board retire into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #269/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved that the board return from executive session at 10:14 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution # 270/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

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| • General Fund Checks #38879 - #38947 | \$ 62,725.61 |
| • Water Fund Checks #23313 - #23323 | \$ 2,716.77 |
| • Sewer Fund Checks #22991 - #22999 | \$ 2,631.33 |

Carried

Resolution #271/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 p.m., until the Public Hearing and next village board meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall on February 6, 2014.

Carried

Adjournment,

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ross

Linda Ross, Deputy Village Clerk