

A Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees on February 6, 2014, for the purpose of hearing comments regarding a resolution to increase the water and sewer rates for Village customers.

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; Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Police Chief Michael Lefancheck; Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Colin Kahl, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Village resident Charlie Baca and Clickdriven Media Group president Dominick Meccarielli.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Saraceni and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear comments concerning an increase in the water and sewer rates for village customers.

The Village Clerk read the legal notice that was published in the Messenger.

No one spoke in favor of the increase.

No one spoke against the increase.

Resolution #274/2013 Motion by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

**Maureen Butler
Village Clerk**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:35 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
February 6, 2014**

Resolution #275/2013 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of January 16, 2014, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

There were no comments.

Presentation of the new website by Dominick Meccarielli, President of Clickdriven Media Group

Dominick Meccarielli, President of Clickdriven Media Group, presented the new website to the village board. Using the newly mounted television monitor Dominick was able to show and explain the various headings on the home page as well as other pages throughout the website.

After a few questions from the board, Mayor Saraceni thanked the committee and Meccarielli for a job well done on the website.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Presley requested that an executive session regarding labor negotiations be added to the agenda.

Trustee O'Donnell thanked Meccarielli for coming in and presenting the website. She also noted that the topic of Communication Plan/Strategy was taken off the **Pending** on the agenda but will pop up when new ideas come to light.

Trustee Stebbins asked the viewing audience that have a fire hydrant near their yard to make sure it is clear of snow in case of a nearby fire. This would be a great service for the safety of our community.

Trustee Clarke asked that a second executive session be added to the agenda regarding a personnel issue. Clarke noted that he was still looking into ways to help out the residents of Conifer village in their blight to get to River Mall now that they will no longer be able to access the property at 197 Downer Street, formerly Tri County Mall. He discovered that there is a sidewalk on the property of Conifer that has been covered up by dirt. He suggested that the village with the help of the Town of Van Buren could facilitate a bus service for the residents or dig out and repair the sidewalk to Downer Street. Mayor Saraceni noted that he has a contact at Centro and if there is a demand for bus service in the village Centro will initiate a B'ville line. He believes that with the new developments that are in the area the demand should be there. One such development is planned at the old Jardine site between Rt 370 and Curtis Ave. This will be an independent living facility with approximately 200 apartments.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Saraceni complimented the Department of Public Works for their snow removal efforts.

Department Heads

Treasurer Anna Custer distributed the January financials. Trustee Stebbins questioned why the expense for the demolition of property was included in the Code expenses and was told that in the upcoming year there will be a separate line item for those expenses that will eventually be reimbursed to the village by the homeowner.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy reminded the audience that tax preparers are available at Canton Woods on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pending Business

- **Water/Sewer Increase (Public Hearing above)**

Mayor Saraceni explained that this is just a minor adjustment to the water and sewer rates. The village is trying to avoid a large jump in rates like the one that was necessary in 2010.

Resolution #276/2013 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved to increase the water and sewer rates for village customers.

Carried

NEW RATES:

	<u>Village</u>	<u>Outside Village</u>	<u>Districts</u>
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

PREVIOUS RATES:

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

New Business

- **Resignation – Tammie Hamrick, Communication Officer**

Resolution #277/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Presley
Resolved to accept the resignation of Communication Officer Tammie Hamrick from the Baldwinsville Police Department effective January 27, 2014.

Carried

NOTE THE FOLLOWING TWO EMAIL POLLS on January 30, 2014:

- **Appointment of Claudette Roller as Communications Officer**

Resolution #272/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder – January 30, 2014
Resolved to appoint Claudette Roller as a temporary part-time Communications Officer/Dispatch, effective February 4, 2014, at a rate of \$22.00/hour.

Carried

- **Marble Street Sheet Pile Wall Installation Project to R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc.**

Resolution #273/2013 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder – January 30, 2014
Resolved to award the Marble Street Sheet Pile Wall Installation project to R. DeVincentis Construction, Inc., at a price of \$171,000.00 as bid on January 20, 2014.

Carried

- **Public Officials Management & Employment Practices Liability Insurance Renewal**

Resolution #278/2013 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the annual renewal of the Public Officials Management & Employment Practices Liability Insurance with LoVullo Associates, Inc., at a fee of \$7,071.00, with an effective date of February 21, 2014.

Carried

Village Clerk noted that this was a significant increase from last year due to the fact that the information was not accurate for last year's renewal. The mayor suggested that the board consider shopping around next year for a better price.

- **Resignation of Part-time Police Officer John Knittel**

Resolution #279/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Presley

Resolved to accept the resignation of part time Police Officer John Knittel, effective January 22, 2014.

Carried

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck commented that Knittel has been an asset to the Police department and would be welcomed back if his situation changes.

- **Appointment of Angela M. Palmer as a part-time Police Officer**

Resolution #280/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to appoint Angela M. Palmer as a part-time police officer, effective February 7, 2014, at a rate of \$22.00/hour.

Carried

Lefancheck noted that Palmer came highly recommended and is currently a full time officer with the Manlius Police.

- **Tax Levy – 2014-2015 Village Taxes**

Resolution #281/2013 Motion by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to approve levying the real property tax for the year 2014 – 2015 with the tax rate for the Lysander and Van Buren portions of the village to be \$7.09 per thousand which produces \$2,296,446.00 with an additional payment in lieu of taxes of \$82,000.00. Also, the levying of the water and sewer arrears in the amount of \$111,138.00, the exemptions left unpaid from prior sales in the amount of \$2,466.78, the unpaid miscellaneous (clean-up, emergency work) charges in the amount of \$16,725.28, and the sidewalk replacement project in the amount of \$24,205.81.

Carried

Trustee Presley complimented the board on their diligence in securing a decrease of the village tax rate.

- **Inter-municipal Agreement – Stormwater Management Program**

Resolution #282/2013 Motion by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Presley

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign an Inter-municipal agreement expiring December 31, 2018, between the Village of Baldwinsville and Onondaga County with the county providing services to assist the village in complying with it's obligations to develop and implement a Stormwater Management Program.

Carried

- **Trash Hauler Fee Increase**

Resolution #283/2013 Motion by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to increase the trash hauler annual fee for residential properties from \$25.00 to \$100.00.

Carried

After a brief discussion the board decided to increase the annual fee to \$100.00 for trash haulers to pick up trash in the village. Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey contacted various municipalities regarding their hauler fees. He learned that the following is charged: Town of Lysander - \$250.00/yr; Town of Van Buren - \$100.00/yr. plus \$100.00 per truck used; and Town of Onondaga - \$100.00/yr. The board asked Humphrey to research the language and fees for a commercial hauler license since the village does not have a code requirement on this.

- **Membership – Canal New York**

Resolution #284/2013 Motion by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Presley

Resolved to join *Canal New York*, a marketing organization promoting economic growth through tourism marketing of the New York State Canal Corridor. Municipality member annual dues are \$100.00 which includes a community profile, logo and web site link on the *Canal New York* website at www.visitnycanals.com.

Carried

- **Agreement with the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Dept – construction of pole barn**

Resolution #285/2013 Motion by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Department pertaining to the relocation of the fire department's pole barn located on village property on Lock Street. This agreement states that, in general compliance with a previous contract between the Village and the Volunteer Fire Department, the Village will provide \$32,950.00 to assist in construction of a new pole barn to be constructed and owned by the fire department.

Carried

- **Executive Session with anticipated action**

Resolution #286/2013 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the board retire into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for labor negotiations and a personnel issue.

Carried

Resolution #287/2013 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the board return from executive session at 9:05 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #288/2013 Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to approve the recently negotiated contract between the Police Benevolent Association and the Village of Baldwinsville for the period of March 1, 2014 – February 28, 2017.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #289/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder

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

Abstract #23

- General Fund Checks #38948 - #39004 \$ 77,275.23
- Water Fund Checks #23324 - #23337 \$ 88,874.88
- Sewer Fund Checks #23000 - #23006 \$ 2,158.17

Carried

Resolution #290/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:09 p.m., until the next village board meeting to be held February 20, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

Carried

Adjournment.

Maureen Butler

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Village Clerk