

**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.  
April 3, 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 Mark Lawrence; Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Lt. Tom LeRoy; Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Chuck McAuliffe; B'ville Diner owners Jim & Laura Orlando; Daniela Giacomelli; Chris VanCour; Trustee elect Ruth Cico; Town of Van Buren Supervisor Claude Sykes; Town of Lysander Supervisor John Salisbury; Carl Pelcher; Maysel Markham; Peter Moore; Charlie Baca; Sarah & Jack Baker; Little League representative Dan Coogan; Nicole and Ben Schlater; Pat McFall; Dave & Carrie Weaver; Messenger editor Tami Scott; Joe Saraceni & TE Avalon; Tony Saraceni; Pam Saraceni; Theresa, Ainsley, and Joey Saraceni; and Joe Loffredo, a representative of the Public Access Channel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #320/2013** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell  
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of March 20, 2014, be approved.

**Carried**

**Citizen's Comments**

There were no comments.

**Presentation by Little League representative Dan Coogan – proposed capital improvement projects**

Dan Coogan, a representative of the Baldwinsville Little League, explained the proposed projects for the upcoming 2014 season. Given the growth in the program, they are proposing the following projects:

- Extend the concession stand roof to allow for additional seating.
- Add metal roofs over each of the dugouts on Fields 1 through 4.
- Add a 60' x 100' pole barn structure to be used as an indoor heated practice facility.

Coogan noted that the league applied for a grant from MLB. He also noted that he has received approval from the Town of Van Buren board and the Reeves family. Van Buren Town Supervisor Claude Sykes confirmed that Van Buren's board did approve the proposal. The board will discuss these proposed projects later in the meeting.

**Trustee's Comments**

All of the trustees spoke of Mayor Saraceni's accomplishments during his seven years as mayor and four years as trustee. Well wishes were given by all.

Trustee Presley added item F. to the agenda – motion to waive the open container law for Jim Orlando's Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, B'ville Diner car show event from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Baldwin Canal Square.

## Mayor's Comments

Mayor Saraceni expressed his appreciation of the village board and how well they all worked together. He noted that this board has never been about politics it has always been about the betterment of the village. Each board member has a passion for the village and Saraceni expressed that it has been an honor working with the board and serving the residents of the village.

## Department Heads

The department heads individually thanked the mayor for a "job well done". Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy happily told the board that Canton Woods received an award from AARP honoring the Center as a top 100 AARP host that promotes safe driving through their driving safety courses and events.

## Pending Business

- **Pole Barn Bid Award – Bruce Butler**

**Resolution #321/2013** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to award the bid for the purchase of the Village of Baldwinsville pole barn to Bruce Butler at the price of \$6,369.00 as bid on March 14, 2014. Revenue from the sale of this building is being shared with the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company. Income to the village from this sale will be \$3,184.50.

### **Carried**

This motion was tabled at the last meeting awaiting approval from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company. A letter was received from the fire company accepting the bid.

- **Lock Street Reconstruction Project BAN**

Treasurer Anna Custer distributed a spreadsheet comparing the BAN rates of M&T Bank, Solvay Bank, and NBT Bank. Solvay Bank had the lowest 1 year BAN rate at this time. The mayor asked that a motion not be done at this time and that it remain on the agenda until an amount of the project is finalized.

## New Business

- **Baldwinsville Little League Capital Improvement Proposals**

**Resolution #322/2013** Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to authorize the Baldwinsville Little League to undertake the following projects:

- Extend the concession stand roof to allow for additional seating
- Add metal roofs over each of the dugouts on Fields 1 through 4 to protect players/coaches against sun and rain.

### **Carried**

**Resolution #323/2013** Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to authorize the Baldwinsville Little League to construct a 60' x 100' indoor practice facility. Work may not begin on construction of the building until funding for 100% of the project has been secured and documentation of that funding is provided to the Village Board of Trustees and that all construction permits and variance are secured from the Town of Van Buren.

### **Carried**

- **Appointment of Seasonal and Temporary DPW Workers**

**Resolution #324/2013** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to authorize the appointment of the following seasonal and temporary DPW Laborers with start dates to be determined by the Village Engineer: In Parks – Nancy Loveland as a seasonal parks laborer at \$11.33/hour; Ed Myers as

a seasonal parks laborer at \$9.50/hour; Five seasonal summer laborers at \$9.00/hour; In Highway – three seasonal sidewalk restoration laborers at \$9.00/hour; In Sewer - Bruce Tompkins as a seasonal laborer at \$13.00/hour; One temporary laborer at \$19.42/hour; In Water Distribution – One temporary Laborer at \$19.42/hour.

**Carried**

- **Baldwinsville Concert Series Partnership – PMI Fees Waived**

**Resolution #325/2013** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to approve the Baldwinsville Concert Series Partnership's request to waive the Paper Mill Island rental fees for the 2014 Tuesday night summer concert series and authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement to once again co-sponsor the series with the two towns and library.

**Carried**

The mayor noted that this is an awesome use of Paper Mill Island. It also shows municipalities working together for the good of its residents.

- **Civil Service New Position Duties Statement – Police Officers**

**Resolution #326/2013** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Presley

Resolved to approve the Onondaga County Civil Service new position duties statement creating three additional Police Officer positions.

**Carried**

This is a process required by Civil Service in order to have enough spots on the Civil Service roster.

- **Waiver of Open Container Law – Thursday, July 3, 2014**

**Resolution #327/2013** Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Clarke

Resolved to approve the waiver of the open container law for Jim Orlando's Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, B'ville Diner car show event from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Baldwin Canal Square.

**Carried**

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #328/2013** Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee O'Donnell

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

**Abstract #3**

• General Fund Checks #39174 - #39214	\$ 163,957.39
• Water Fund Checks #23380 - #23384	\$ 602.66
• Sewer Fund Checks #23028 - #23028	\$ 180.00

**Carried**

- **Mayor's parting comments**

Mayor Joseph Saraceni acknowledged the many people that made an impact on his life, particularly his grandfather and his brother Tony. Next, he individually thanked various people in the audience for their accomplishments during his stint as mayor and for making his job enjoyable for the last eleven years. He appreciated the support that he received from his family, friends, department heads, and board members. He stated that the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Architectural Review Board are tremendous assets to the village. He touched upon the various Community Developments projects and Grant programs that have been completed during the eleven years he was on the board. Those projects included the sidewalk replacement project, codification of EDR (overlay districts), improvements to Mercer Park, playground at McHarrie Park, Community Park restrooms, sidewalk along River Street, the upcoming Meigs Road

sidewalk linking Syracuse Home to Downer Street, the new Baldwin Canal green space and parking area, Rt. 48 sidewalk, Crooked Brook bridge linking village center to Community Park, Oktoberfest, the Big Chill, and the Carp tournament. A couple of major challenges were the cut of sales tax revenue and the property tax cap. He spoke of the growth of the village with 450 apartments being built at the former Tri-County mall location, the housing complex on Lock Street, and another complex at the Jardine site. Saraceni commented that he is extremely confident in Dick Clarke as the new mayor and looks forward to being a resource for the village.

The mayor signed off by telling the audience that it was an honor to have been the mayor of the Village of Baldwinsville and thanked the residents for their trust in him.

Town Supervisors Claude Sykes and John Salisbury spoke of their appreciation for everything that Joe has done for the village. They have enjoyed working with him and hope to work with him in the future in some capacity. Tony Saraceni shared his appreciation for his brother and for all that he has done for the village.

- **Adjournment**

**Resolution #329/2013** Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m., until the village board Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall on April 17, 2014.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Maureen Butler*

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Village Clerk