

**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.  
December 4, 2014**

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

Others Attending –Dave Jones, from Melvin and Melvin; Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey; Treasurer Anna Custer; Deputy Clerk Linda Ross; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Sam Pandossi-representative of the Public Access Channel; and the family, co-workers and friends of Michael J. Lockwood and James S. Cerankowski of the Baldwinsville Police Department.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #182/2014** Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Wilder  
Resolved to approve the minutes from the Village Board meeting of November 20, 2014.

**Carried**

**Citizen's Comments**

There were no comments.

**There was a ceremony held to swear-in Lieutenant Michael J. Lockwood and Police Agent James S. Cerankowski.** The Mayor did the swearing in and the Police Chief gave the audience some background of the employment years and the various awards that have been given to Mike and Jim. A brief recess was then taken to celebrate those officers and their promotions to their new positions in the department.

**Trustee's Comments**

The trustees all joined Trustee Presley in congratulating Mike and Jim and they were glad that they could promote from within the department without 'lowering the bar'.

Trustee Wilder also wanted to mention the passing of Jo Pelcher. He noted her many attributes, one being her large family who are all very active in the community and said that she'll be missed.

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Clarke mentioned Jo Pelcher also and said that he is thinking of their whole family. She was a wonderful part of this community. He then made the following comments:

- Recently Baldwinsville High School Junior Dave Millen was honored for his extraordinary talent in music.
- This past week he met with a representative of Governor Cuomo's office just to meet and open the lines of communication, there was no planned agenda.

To finish, he wanted to speak as a citizen of this country and share his thoughts and feelings about his disappointment in the leadership of our country for the lack of support they're showing for police departments. He knows that with any profession there will always be one or two who don't meet proper standards but our police all over the country deserve support. He takes his 'hat off' to our police department as a citizen of Baldwinsville, and recognizes the 'pressures' on officers every day.

## **Department Heads**

Dave Jones noted that the bond closing for Lock Street will be at the end of next week.

Gregg Humphrey mentioned that any residents with portable basketball goals in the road or village right-of-ways, need to move them for the snow plows.

Ruth Troy mentioned that the senior center would like to thank the DPW for their help preparing the Christmas tree at the center for the tree lighting to be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Lefancheck:

- Thanked the Mayor for his comments and will pass them on to his department.
- Told the board of how well the Thanksgiving Day ‘Turkey Trot’ went and thanked Mike Lockwood for the planning and smooth running of the event. There were about 2,500 runners, walkers and ‘trotters’.
- Mentioned placing a box for food donations in the hallway that will benefit the Food Bank of CNY. It will be picked up December 19, 2014.

Steve Darcangelo said that the leaf pickup is complete for this year. Please keep any other leaves until the spring.

## **Pending Business**

### **Lock Street Project**

Trustee Wilder said the project is complete except for a few loose ends that will be finished in the spring. It has really made an upgrade to the area. They’ve met with the preferred developer earlier this past week and hope to complete some part of the sale so as to move the revenue into this year’s budget. They also hope to come up with a sales price for the rest of the property that the village owns on Lock Street.

## **New Business**

### **2015 MEDICAL PLANS RENEWAL**

**Resolution #183/2014** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to authorize that the Mayor will sign the renewal contract/documents for the 2015 Excellus medical and dental plans for the village employees.

**Carried**

### **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #184/2014** Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee O’Donnell

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

#### **Abstract #19**

- General Fund Checks #39979 - #40010 \$476,679.43
- Water Fund Checks #23526- #23529 \$735.41
- Sewer Fund Check #23116 \$250.00

**Carried**

## **Adjournment**

**Resolution #185/2014** Moved by Trustee Presley, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m., until the next village board meeting at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall on Thursday, December 18, 2014.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Linda Ross*, Linda Ross, Deputy Village Clerk