

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.
February 18, 2021
Via ZOOM**

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

Others Attending – Village Attorney Bob Baldwin; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; DPW Rep. Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy and Police Chief Mike Lefancheck.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #188/2020 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of February 4, 2021, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Mayor Clarke noted that due to the Corona virus, the meeting is held via zoom. Comments and questions can be posted on Facebook Live. The meeting can also be viewed on our website and on Pac-B.

Discussion regarding an annexation request by Joe Mastroianni, Mastroianni Engineering, PLLC.

Joe Mastroianni gave an overview of his client Jose Perez's annexation request of three pieces of property located at 2776, 2778 and 2782 Belgium Road. These properties were purchased in hopes of subdividing into two residences. The owner would like to tie into the village's sewer system and is aware that he will need to absorb the cost. At the request of Attorney Baldwin, Mastroianni will see if any of the adjoining landowners would want to annex at the same time, sharing the cost. Attorney Baldwin told Mastroianni that his first step would be with a petition. They will talk later about the next steps.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Wilder requested that an executive session be added to the agenda regarding an update on a contractual matter. Trustee Stebbins asked that a discussion on water rates be added to pending business for the next meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- stated that he will be submitting the state mandated Pandemic Operating Plan as soon as he receives comments from the two unions.
- shared that the Carp tournament is hoping to resume this year utilizing some of the village's waterfront at Community Park.
- Informed the board that he and both Town Supervisors will be sending a letter asking the state to consider paving Rt. 48 from the village line to the four corners.

- Noted that PMI promoter Chuck Chao is hoping to be able to have concerts again this year. NYS Canals are considering having a longer season than last year. The Chamber reached out to local businesses to find out how this would impact their businesses.
- Resident Vicki Freyleue is heading a community supported lights on the bridge campaign. She would go through a 501C3.

Department Heads

Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey reminded village property owners to clear their sidewalks, not to push the snow in the road or on someone else's property.

Clerk Maureen Butler informed the board that the \$58,000.00 PILOT check was received from OCIDA for Landings at Meadowood (Morgan Apartments).

Butler noted that the village tax bills will be out on March 1st. Since the building is locked, payment by mail is recommended. There is a drop box outside of village hall for payments. If a receipt is requested, leave the entire bill and we will stamp it and send it back. Online credit card payments can be processed on the county site.

Treasurer Anna Custer had emailed the January financials to the board and had noted that it does not reflect the other half of the infrastructure money that was just received but does reflect the balance of the mortgage tax funding.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy mentioned a couple of March events including a "senior fair" and a "bag drive up". In addition, the Rotary is doing a free St. Patrick's traditional dinner for pick up or delivery. A reservation is a must.

Chuck McAuliffe reminded the residents to keep their garbage cans in their driveway and out of the road. The snowplows cannot stop at every house and move them so they will just hit them out of the way.

McAuliffe reported that the renovation that the DPW is doing at the Senior Center has been completed.

They will be starting the redo of two of the wells next week so the Canton Street well will be taking care of the brunt of the water pumping. Trustee Wilder asked that McAuliffe compare well development reports to see whether specific capacity has dropped.

Chief Lefancheck reminded the residents that the police department offers house checks. One of the officers will check your residence if you are out of town. Contact the department to begin this service.

Lefancheck noted that due to Covid there has been a reduction in traffic stops and larceny calls but not in domestic incidents and mental health calls.

Pending Business

Discussion - W.E.P. proposal

New Business

- **2021 Canton Woods Senior Center Agreement**

Resolution #189/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the **2021 Canton Woods Senior Center Agreement** between the Towns of Van Buren and Lysander and the Village of Baldwinsville.

Carried.

Attorney Baldwin stated that he had sent the agreement to both towns but had not heard anything back. Except for the date this is the same agreement that was approved at the latter part of last year.

Trustee Stebbins divulged his opinion regarding the dollar amount that the two towns contribute. Stebbins also noted that village residents pay for Canton Woods through their village tax as well as their town tax. This is not right.

- **2021 Intermunicipal Wastewater Agreement -Sanitary Sewer/Pump Station Maintenance Services**

Resolution #190/2020 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the **2021 Intermunicipal Wastewater Agreement -Sanitary Sewer/Pump Station Maintenance Services** with the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection.

Carried.

This is the County's standard/annual agreement that provides services to the municipality. In the past, the only item that we have borrowed has been the camera. Attorney Baldwin, after reviewing the agreement, noted that the County upon request can assist the village engineer with data mapping facility documentation, including technical review of proposed pump stations.

- **Vision Plan Renewal**

Resolution #191/2020 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to approve the renewal of the Shelterpoint (NVA) vision plan at the same rates as the current benefit year.

Carried.

Clerk Butler had reached out to the two union reps and the board with a comparison of vision plans to see if anyone was interested in changing to a different one.

- **Credit Card Contract for Taxes – Hamer Enterprises**

Resolution #192/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to authorize the Clerk to sign the contract with Hamer Enterprises for their credit card services through Etax/County of Onondaga tax system and to authorize the Treasurer to sign the financial authorization.

Carried.

Village Clerk Maureen Butler informed the board that this credit card program will streamline the posting and funds transmittal for the village. This system goes hand in hand with the County's Etax program that we utilize.

- **Public Hearing Set – 5 Year Community Development Plan**

Resolution #193/2020 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to set a Public Hearing for Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments regarding the 2021 Community Development Funding Requests and amendments to the Five-Year Community Development project plan.

Carried.

- **Executive Session**

Resolution #194/2020 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the board retire into executive session regarding a contract update at 8:25 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #195/2020 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 8:37 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #196/2020 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico

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

Abstract # 24

- General Fund Checks #46728 - #46778 \$ 94,502.94
- Water Fund Checks #24934 - #24943 \$ 7,552.87
- Sewer Fund Checks #23928 - #23935 \$ 2,467.64

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #197/2020 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until the next Public Hearing and village board meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk
Village of Baldwinsville