

A Public Hearing was held via zoom by the Village Board of Trustees on March 4, 2021, to hear comments regarding the 2021 Community Development Funding Requests and amendments to the Five-Year Community Development project plan.

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

Others Attending – Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; DPW rep Chuck McAuliffe; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; and Ruth Troy, Canton Woods Senior Center Coordinator.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Clarke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Village Clerk read the Proof of Publication.

Comments in favor of the proposal: There were none.

Comments against the proposal: There were none.

Resolution #198/2020 Motion by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:40 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:40 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
March 4, 2021**

Resolution #199/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of February 18, 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.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Stebbins requested that an executive session be held regarding a personnel matter.

Trustee O'Donnell informed the board that the Volunteer Center are now accepting nominations for the 2021 Man and Woman Volunteer of the Year award.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- Mentioned that the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce is seeking applications for their Executive Director position. Marianne's last day is Friday, March 5th.
- Participated in a NYCOM meeting regarding the change in leadership of the Canal Corp.
- Reported that the Women's Garden Club is doing their annual basket drive. For \$50.00 you can purchase a flower basket to be placed in the village commemorating a loved one. Applications are available on our website.
- Contacted the County regarding the status of upcoming events, such as the Carp Tourney, softball games, and the opening of the Senior Center.
- Requested that another executive session be held tonight regarding a confidential Attorney/Client matter.

Department Heads

Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey commented on Facebook discussions regarding the picking up of dog waste by the pet owner. Per the Village Code it is the pet owner's responsibility to pick up after their dog. A fine will be assessed if one does not do so.

Village Clerk Maureen Butler reminded the viewing audience that Village Hall is currently closed to the public but tax payments as well as water bill payments can be placed in the clearly marked drop box outside of the door. Checks are preferred but if cash is a must, please give exact change. Credit card payments are accepted at www.ongov.net/etax.

Canton Woods Coordinator Ruth Troy recounted the great turnout at the Senior Fair Bag event that was held earlier today. She also told of the upcoming Drive-up event on the 16th of March by the Senior Activity group. The Rotary St. Patrick's Day event on the 17th is no longer accepting reservations.

DPW rep Chuck McAuliffe informed the board of the happenings of the DPW. The Doan Well project is just about complete so they will be moving on to the next well for cleaning.

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck thanked the committee for their input on the Police Reform Collaboration. It is currently on the website as well as the County's Collaborative Plan. Comments are welcome. He hopes to present both plans for board approval at the March 18th meeting. The board certification needs to be submitted to the State by April 1st to continue receiving aid.

Pending Business

- **Five Year Community Development Plan**

Resolution #200/2020 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to approve the 2021 Community Development Funding Requests and amendments to the Five-Year Community Development project plan.

Carried

The application for the 2021 is due by April 9th. The first item is to add solar lighting and benches all along the trail running down behind St. Mary's church.

- **Discussion - W.E.P. Proposal – Sewer Takeover**

Onondaga County wants the village to sign over the use and maintenance of the sewer system to them. They presented a plan to the board in February. The board is discussing the possibility of approving the plan but with an a future effective date. There is much to discuss before this would occur.

- **Discussion – Increase in Water Rates**

Trustee Stebbins proposed a water increase (sewer will not increase) for all that the village services. In the proposal, inside users would see a 2.5% increase in the base amount and a 3-cent increase per one hundred cubic feet in their water usage. Outside users would see a 3.5% increase in the base amount and a 5-cent increase per one hundred cubic feet in their water usage. With village taxes, inside users “pay” for water breaks, etc. where outside users do not. These increases are necessary to keep the water/sewer system afloat. The board is asked to review the rates and be prepared to discuss at the March 18th meeting.

New Business

- **Declaration of Surplus**

Resolution #201/2020 Moved by Trustee O’Donnell, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to declare the following items as surplus: 2 weed trimmers, 2 blowers, a pole saw and a target saw, per the DPW.

Carried

- **Executive Session**

Resolution #202/2020 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the board retire into two executive sessions at 8:14 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #203/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 8:38 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #204/2020 Moved by Trustee O’Donnell, second by Trustee Cico

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

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- General Fund Checks #46779 - #46816 \$ 33,059.95
- Water Fund Checks #24944 - #24960 \$ 19,798.40
- Sewer Fund Checks #23936 - #23943 \$ 5,397.36

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- General Fund Checks #46596 - #46644 \$ 5,446.47
- Water Fund Checks #24961 \$ 2,840.36
- Sewer Fund Checks #23944 \$ 2,840.37

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #205/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m., until the next Village Board meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk