

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.
February 4, 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; Deputy Village Clerk Jody DePaulis; Treasurer Anna Custer; DPW rep. Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy and Police Chief Mike Lefancheck.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #181/2020 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of January 21, 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.

Guest Speakers from WEP, Frank Mento and Shannon Hardy came to the Zoom Meeting to discuss the County's plan for sewer consolidation.

Option 1 - do nothing. Not mandatory for any town or village. Problem with each system is the I/I or Infiltration and Inflow, stormwater, snow melt, rain shower. Every system has I/I in their sewer systems

Action is needed now, I/I could get worse, limited resources, WEP spends millions to support the size, Customers are paying two fees, a county fee and Local sewer fee.

Option 2 is consolidation, which would fall under WEP for operation and maintenance, finance falls under one jurisdiction elimination competition for Grant funding. There would be a single sewer fund/Budget, and single sewer unit charge to customer.

This is not a power play from the County, end game is the best sewer system. Uniform level of service and customer care

This plan has been worked on since June 2019, Meadowbrook Limestone is Phase I

Phase II would be BSK in Winter 2020

Guest speakers spoke about who they were, breakdown of number of employees and their resources.

Breakdown of Baldwinsville sewer mains, 147,000 linear feet (27.8 miles), there is 574 manholes, 2,900 sewer connections, 4 pump stations, 3,700 linear feet (main)

O/M is 367,000, Capitol is \$443,000 Total annual budget \$810,000.

Lease agreement has been made up, waiting for Village to make decision, no time limit. If agreement is signed, would start to work with our personnel for date and resources, would take about 3 months to complete paperwork and have everything in order.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Wilder requested that an executive session be added to the agenda regarding an update on a contractual matter.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- stated he received an email from a boater regarding the shortening of the Canal season from 152 to 114 days, which would be a reduction of 42%. Mayor is going to contact the Canal Corp to see if this is correct and to push not to have it shortened, brings in revenue to the Village.
- shared that nice to see Annhauser-Busch investing in community with updates to their plant
- noted that he has been in contact with Claude Sykes regarding road conditions from some of the streets to the four corners and also Syracuse Street. Waiting from response on the DOT on the streets
- noted that on February 16th he is having a Mayor's meeting with NYCOM, if anyone had any questions they would like addressed regarding budget, police reform, etc.

Department Heads

Gregg Humphrey, Codes Enforcement Officer, wanted to remind residents to shovel their sidewalks, it is their responsibility that those are cleaned and maintained.

Anna Custer, Treasurer, wanted to thank everyone for their budget questions. There have been some issues that have been brought to her attentions and she appreciates all the feedback and questions. She is also finishing the January financials; they will be done soon.

Ruth Troy, Senior Center Coordinator, Senior center is focusing on the vaccine and helping Seniors set those up. Please call the Senior Center if you have any questions. Zoom Bingo will be on February 9th. Valentine Drive up event will be on February 12th at 2:00 pm. Also, they will have a Sr Fair/Bag event on March 4, 2021

Chuck McAuliffe, DPW Rep, thanked Anna Custer for her help with the budget Issues, The DPW has been clearing snow this week, The DPW has been working on the Senior Center projects that are almost completed.

Pending Business

There was none.

New Business

- **PMI Agreement for 2021**

Resolution #182/2020 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the **2021 Operations Agreement for the Concert and Event Promotion and Production on Paper Mill Island** between the Village of Baldwinsville and Chuck Chao at Creative Concerts, Inc.
Carried.

- **Amendments to AFSCME Local 2970/NY Council 66 Contract**

Resolution #183/2020 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign a memorandum stating amendments to the **Agreement between the Village of Baldwinsville and AFSCME Local 2970 and New York Council 66** for the period of March 1, 2020 – February 29, 2025.

Carried.

- **Executive Session**

Resolution #184/2020 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the board retire into executive session regarding a contract update at 9:07 p.m.
Carried

Resolution #185/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 9:20 p.m.
Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #186/2020 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract # 23

- General Fund Checks #46698 - #46727 \$ 15,348.17
- Water Fund Checks #24927 - #24933 \$ 5,321.91
- Sewer Fund Checks #23926 - #23927 \$ 293.74

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #187/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:21 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jody DePaulis

Deputy Village Clerk
Village of Baldwinsville