

A Public Hearing was held via zoom by the Village Board of Trustees on May 6, 2021, to consider a proposed Local Law amending the Village Code of the Village of Baldwinsville, Chapter 345, entitled “Zoning” and the related Village “Zoning Map”, to amend Section 345-3(A) to adopt the Village of Baldwinsville Zoning Map dated February 11, 2020, as the Official Zoning Map of the Village.

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; Treasurer Anna Custer; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; DPW rep Chuck McAuliffe; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; and Ruth Troy, Canton Woods Senior Center Coordinator, Yoga Instructor Kevin McMahon; resident Daniel Connors; GBCC rep Renee Newton and First United Methodist Pastor Mudge.

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 #15/2021 Motion by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O’Donnell
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:41 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.
May 6, 2021**

Resolution #16/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of April 15, 2021, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Pastor Mudge, First United Methodist Church, relayed information regarding "Church on the Island" that begins June 20th and runs through September 5th. They are requesting Paper Mill Island from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. No application/fee is required for this open event.

Daniel Connors expressed his concerns about the truck traffic at the intersection at the four corners. He feels that something needs to be done to reroute large trucks away from the village streets. He told of a scary situation that he and his daughter experienced involving a large truck turning at the intersection towards them. Chief Lefancheck explained that it is a NYS designated truck route. Lefancheck noted that this has been an ongoing issue and he and a past Mayor Joe Saraceni were finally able to get the NYS to put signage up on Rt. 690 to encourage tractor trailers to take Henkle Blvd. instead of driving through the center of the village. Unfortunately, most GPS units route them through the village and these trucks are not doing anything illegal.

Kevin McMahon requested a waiver for the use of Paper Mill Island for his free yoga classes on Wednesdays, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. through September. Clerk Maureen Butler noted that he has submitted the required insurance. Since he is not reserving the entire park and this is open to the public, the board does not see a problem with waiving the fee. A resolution to waive the fee will be later, on the agenda.

Representing the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce, Renee Newton requested the use of Paper Mill Island on Saturday, September 18th for the Taste of B'ville. She also asked for a waiver of the reservation fee and a waiver of the open container law. Mayor Clarke asked her to contact the village's promoter to see if there is a conflict and/or to work with him. Clerk Butler noted that in addition to the conversation with the promoter, an application needs to be completed and submitted before waiver requests can be considered. Ms. Newton will do that and come back to another meeting.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Shepard said that he learned at the Public Safety committee meeting that Officer Bob Thibault had achieved his Master's degree in Criminal Justice. KUDOS Bob!

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- reminded the audience of the community garage sale that the Chamber is hosting at Baldwin Canal Square on Saturday, May 22nd. Contact the Chamber's office or website if you are interested in renting a space at the Square or if you would like to have your home garage sale listed on the map that they will be distributing for that day.
- said that he has heard some concerns about the Power Authority considering cutting the use of the canal down from six months to three as far as the locks are concerned. He asked concerned citizens to contact their local Assemblyman or Senator for support.
- announced that Trustee Mike Shepard will be the liaison between the PMI promoter Chuck Chao and the village.

Department Heads

Canton Woods Coordinator Ruth Troy conveyed that May is *Older Americans* month with a theme of Communities of Strength. Troy went on to thank the local municipalities local service organizations and many individuals who throughout the pandemic have shown tremendous care and concern for the health and well-being of the seniors. The Center are grateful to be located in a community that is so responsive to the needs of our older adults. She mentioned that small group programs have been started very successfully and more programs will be added to the schedule as the guidance changes and evolves from the State.

Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe acknowledged that brush pick up will stop for a couple of weeks while the DPW are getting the parks ready to open and the launches are installed. Their latest project was replacing the mulch at the Mercer Park playground.

In lieu of the incident in Minneapolis where an individual lost their life, Police Chief Mike Lefancheck notified the board and viewing audience that the officers are currently going through some refresher training and also individualized training incorporating scenarios where the officer transitions from the firearm to the taser and back again to the firearm. The department has two officers that are certified taser instructors.

Lefancheck spoke of a drug take-back event at Kinney Drugs that the department had. He received a lot of great feedback. The Chief recounted to the board that he was appointed to the criminal justice advisory board for Onondaga County by County Executive McMahon. It is made up of judges, corrections people, defense attorneys, County Legislators, a probation commissioner and one town or village police chief. Lefancheck is looking forward to participating and appreciates the appointment. The mayor congratulated him on behalf of the entire board and departments.

Pending Busines

- **Local Law – Zoning Map**

Resolution #17/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to adopt a Local Law amending the Village Code of the Village of Baldwinsville, Chapter 345, entitled “Zoning” and the related Village “Zoning Map”, to amend Section 345-3(A) to adopt the Village of Baldwinsville Zoning Map dated February 11, 2020, as the Official Zoning Map of the Village.

Carried

- **Engagement Agreement – Melinda B. Bowe, Esq.**

Resolution #18/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign an *Engagement Agreement for Labor and Employment Legal Services* in order to retain Melinda B. Bowe, Esq. to provide selected labor and employment legal services as per agreement.

Carried

- **Revised Paper Mill Island agreement for smaller events**

Resolution #19/2021 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to approve the use of the revised *Paper Mill Island agreement for smaller events* with a sliding fee scale depending on if the entire island is closed off to the public. Fees will be at Clerk Maureen Butler’s approval.

Carried

New Business

- **GBCC request – Baldwin Canal Sq Waiver of Fees**

Resolution #20/2021 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to approve a request from the GBCC for a waiver of the \$50.00 fee for the rental of Baldwin Canal Square on May 22, 2021, from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., for a community garage sale.

Carried

The impact fee still comes into play if there is any damage to the grassy area that needs repair or if any items are left at the Square.

- **PMI Waiver – Yoga Classes**

Resolution #21/2021 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to approve a request from Kevin McMahon for a waiver of the Paper Mill Island fee for his free yoga classes every Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., starting May through September, 2021.

Carried

McMahon stated that this is a free community event.

- **Mercer Gazebo Waiver – Baldwinsville Public Library**

Resolution #22/2021 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to approve a request from the Baldwinsville Public Library for a waiver of the Mercer Park gazebo fees for their craft/story time events to be held on Wednesdays and Fridays for the months of July and August.

Carried

The reservation is for Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Trustee Stebbins noted that this kind of event is just what the village needs.

- **Declaration of Surplus**

Resolution #23/2021 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to declare miscellaneous equipment and furnishings (monitors, printers, keyboards, storage/file cabinets and chairs.) at Canton Woods Senior Center as surplus.

Carried

- **CGI Communications – renewal**

Resolution #24/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the renewal agreement with CGI Communications for their video tour of the village on the village's website. There is no cost to the village, but CGI does solicit local businesses for participation/money.

Carried

- **Requested Encumbrances – 2020 – 2021 budget**

Resolution #25/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to approve the requested encumbrances from the 2020 – 2021 budget.

Carried

- **Budget Amendment – Water fund**

Resolution #26/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to amend the 2021 – 2022 water fund budget as follows: Increase appropriation account # F8340.43 (Water Distribution Projects) and decrease Fund balance, in the amount of \$26,280.00.

Carried

This amendment is to cover the completion of the Rt 31 Booster pump and Doan well rehabilitation.

- **Appointment – Charles McAuliffe – Superintendent of Public Works**

Resolution #27/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to appoint Charles McAuliffe as Superintendent of Public Works, retaining work-related jobs from being Labor Crew Leader, effective immediately at a rate of \$93,500.00/year.

Carried

This rate will be retroactive to March 1, 2021.

- **Appointment – Seasonal Laborer**

Resolution #28/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to appoint Alexander Gould, as a Seasonal Laborer in the Parks department, at a rate of \$14.50/hour effective Monday, May 10, 2021.

Carried

- **Home Rule – Use of Sewer Surplus**

Resolution #29/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to authorize a *Home Rule Request* – for an Enactment of a Special Law (Senate bill # 5405-A and #6376-A) in regard to authorizing the use of sewer surplus for infrastructure projects other than sewer projects in the village of Baldwinsville; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof. It is hereby declared that a necessity exists for the enactment of such legislation, and that the facts establishing such necessity is that the local government does not have the power to enact such legislation by local law.

Carried

The mayor reported that this is a one-year law. Attorney Baldwin informed the board that this statute or proposed law allows the village to place the funds in a specified reserve fund. Baldwin recommends that the village devise a special reserve fund that would go along with the language in the law and then adopt a resolution.

- **Executive Session**

Resolution #30/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the board retire into an executive session regarding a personnel matter at 8:50 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #31/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 9:04 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #32/2021 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Wilder

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

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- General Fund Checks #46928 - #46972 \$ 75,003.71
- Water Fund Checks #24984 - #24992 \$ 34,237.51
- Sewer Fund Checks #23957 - #23961 \$ 702.96
- Sidewalk Phase 7 Checks #1074 \$ 37.80

- Sidewalk Phase 8 Checks #1075 \$ 618.67

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #33/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m., until the next Village Board meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk