

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.
May 20, 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; Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Chamber President Matt Hunt; Sandy and Mark Baker and their granddaughter Carmella Arcuri.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #34/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of May 6, 2021, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Mayor Clarke noted that due to the Corona virus, the meeting is held via zoom. We were unable to connect to Facebook Live tonight so any comments or questions can be posted on our Facebook page. The meeting can also be viewed on our website and on Pac-B.

Carmella Arcuri, granddaughter of Sandy and Mark Baker and resident of another municipality, voiced her concern about the lack of effectiveness at the crosswalks, particularly the one crossing Oswego Road/Rt. 48. Carmella had written a letter to the mayor recounting how her and her sister love to play at the Elden playground while visiting Baldwinsville. Carmella stated that the cars don't stop for them at the crosswalk, and she asked if the village could get better signage. Chief Lefancheck told Carmella that he has a call into NYS DOT for a LED light system that he feels would be perfect for the village's crosswalks. Mayor Clarke thanked her for her letter and told her that in the meantime the DPW will rebuild ones that sat in the middle of the road. Clarke also will launch a campaign to promote crosswalk safety.

Chamber President Matt Hunt informed the board that the Chamber would be happy to join the campaign to promote crosswalk safety.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Shepard recounted his conversation with PMI promoter Chuck Chao. Chao told him that both previously scheduled concerts have been cancelled and he won't be able to get anything going until early August. There might be an issue with logistics now that the Red Mill Inn has sold. Shepard will have discussions with him weekly. Shepard announced that Margaritafest will be held on July 17th from noon until 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Wilder commented on the Carp tournament that has begun at Community Park. Wilder stated that he learned a lot from these nice carp fishermen and suggested for all to go and check it out.

Trustee Stebbins requested that an executive session be added to the agenda regarding a personnel matter.

Trustee O'Donnell announced that Bob Edgett and Janet Therrien are the 2020 Man and Woman of the Year. A celebration for them and last year recipients Tom Perkins and Clara Rose Thomas is being planned.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- announced that the locks are officially opening tomorrow morning at 7 a.m.
- shared that Randy Czyz, Pastor at the Word of Life Church is retiring and moving south. He has been a fixture in the community and will be missed. Well wishes are sent to him and his wife from all of us.
- informed the viewing audience that the Lunchbox Deli, located next to the Police station is reopening.
- congratulated Trustee Wilder, Dennis Wellman and Tom Lilienthal on being inducted into the Baldwinsville Baseball Hall of Fame. Kudos Mark!
- reported that after being notified that the lights on the dam were off, the DPW rebooted the lights, and they are working again. Residents, please let us know if you see an issue because it is possible that we are not aware of it.

Department Head

Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey reiterated that the village does not pick up furniture and mattresses left at the curb. You must contact your own trash service for pick up or arrange for removal yourself.

Clerk Maureen Butler congratulated Trustee Wilder and her nephew Dennis for their induction. Butler also informed those residents who participated in the most recent sidewalk program that the invoices have been mailed out. Let the Clerk's office know if you choose to pay outright or have it levied over three years on your taxes.

Treasurer Anna Custer informed the board that the Town of Van Buren has asked for a financial report for Canton Woods. She will send it to both Towns.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy mentioned that more programs are opening up thanks to the new CDC guidelines regarding masks and social distancing. Mayor Clarke mentioned that the front ramp at the Center needs to be replaced as well as the parking lot. The lot needs to be sealed and restriped. Trustee Stebbins asked if the two towns are funding these projects. Mayor Clarke responded that the towns budgets are done but they would reimburse us once they do next year's budget.

Chuck McAuliffe reported that paving will begin in June, mostly on the southside of the village. The goal for next week is to hang the flower baskets and install the kayak launches and docks.

Pending Business

- **W.E.P. proposal**

Mayor Clarke recounted his conversation with County rep. Shannon Hardy regarding the sewer money. Hardy told him that both the Town of Lysander and Van Buren are ready to sign off on turning over their sewers to the county. Since both towns pay us for sewer connections (River Mall and Aspen Springs) we have to realize that we won't be receiving that money from the towns any longer. Clarke informed Hardy that someone will have to pay us for those two hook ups. He will meet with her to discuss further.

- **Taste of Baldwinsville**

Resolution #35/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to approve the request from the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce to waive the Paper Mill Island rental fee for their *Taste of B'ville* event to be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

Carried.

Clerk Butler noted that the application and the approved insurance had been submitted. They will still be responsible for the security deposit and the trash fee.

Resolution #36/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved to approve the request from the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce to waive the Open Container Law for their *Taste of B'ville* event to be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Carried.

Chamber President Matt Hunt thanked the board for the waivers and conveyed the participating restaurants and Chamber's excitement for a great turnout.

New Business

- **Appointments – Seasonal Laborers**

Resolution #37/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved to appoint the following seasonal laborers in the Parks department, effective Monday, May 24, 2021: Michelle Jetty – Flower Tech at \$15.00/hour; Mackenzie Randolph – Flower Tech at \$15.00/hour; and David Parker – Seasonal laborer at \$14.50/hour.

Carried.

- **Appointment of Police Officer**

Resolution #38/2021 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved to appoint Zachary D. McCaleb as a full-time police officer with an effective date of Saturday, June 12, 2021, at a salary of \$65,793.00. This motion is contingent upon the successful passing of a physical examination and transfer approval from the Onondaga County Department of Personnel.

Carried

Chief Lefancheck told the board that McCaleb is bringing 4 years of experience with him from SUNY Upstate. He will be filling Marty Knaul's full-time spot.

- **Memorial Day Proclamation**

Resolution #39/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved to proclaim Sunday, May 30, 2021, as Memorial Day in the Village of Baldwinsville.

Carried.

The mayor read the proclamation in its entirety. Clarke went on to say that due to the Covid restrictions at the time of planning there will not be a parade. There will be a small ceremony held to honor those who have served.

- **SEQR – Crego Subdivision**

Resolution #40/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the consent for the Town of Van Buren Planning Board to become lead agency for the Crego Subdivision.

Carried

Attorney Baldwin noted that as an adjoining municipality we were sent this SEQR notification. The village can voice any concerns that they may have.

- **Engineering Firm**

Resolution #41/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign a *General Services agreement For Professional Engineering and Consulting Services* with Dunn & Sgromo Engineers, PLLC. for the duration of the budget year pending review of agreement and terms and conditions of the financial obligations.

Carried

The mayor noted that the village received a few proposals, but this firm seemed to fit the everyday necessities. Others may also be hired for their specialties on an as needed basis.

- **Farmer's Market – Baldwin Canal Square**

Resolution #42/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the board assess the fee of \$300.00 for the use of Baldwin Canal Square to Nick Sanford to host the Farmers Market from June through September 2021.

Carried

The mayor recounted that this was the amount discussed with the Samorajs for last year's season, which did not occur. The village and Sanford, owner of Toss & Fire Wood-Fired Pizza are excited for the market to begin again!

- **Executive Session/possible action**

Resolution #43/2021 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the board retire into executive session regarding a personnel matter at 8:36 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #44/2021 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 8:49 p.m.

Carried

- **Personnel Change - DPW**

Resolution #45/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to approve the creation of a second *Labor Crew Leader* position for the village on the Onondaga County Personnel roster.

Carried

Resolution #46/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to authorize Chuck McAuliffe to fill the position of *Water Maintenance Crew Leader* effective today with a pay increase of \$3.00 and pay retro to May 6, 2021.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #47/2021 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Shepard

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

Abstract # 6

• General Fund Checks	#46974 - #47009	\$ 89,557.88
• Water Fund Checks	#24993 - #25002	\$ 9,038.41
• Sewer Fund Checks	#23962 - #23967	\$ 2,018.18
• Sidewalk Phase 8	#1076 - #1077	\$ 953.59

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #48/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:51 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk
Village of Baldwinsville