**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.**

**June 17, 2021**

Via ZOOM

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke

Trustee Ruth Cico

Trustee Mark Wilder

Trustee Megan O’Donnell

Trustee Bruce Stebbins

Absent: Trustee Mike Shepard and Trustee Andrew Dryden

Others Attending – Village Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Codes Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck and Rotary representative Ken Schmidt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #61/2021** Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O’Donnell

Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of June 3, 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.

**Presentation by Rotarian Ken Schmidt - about their proposed August 14th Seneca River Day**

Rotarian Ken Schmidt conveyed to the board Rotary’s proposal for their annual Seneca River Day that will be held on Saturday, August 14, on Paper Mill Island. The plan is to have the first five hours as a free family event (like those in past years at Mercer Park) with activities, bands and food trucks. Around 5 pm. there will be a *Duck Pluck* in lieu of the annual *duck race*. Later in the evening they plan on having alcohol, multiple bands and food trucks on Paper Mill Island. Promoter Chuck Chao will be involved with the evening event. Schmidt noted that an application will be submitted soon and waivers will be requested.

**Trustee’s Comments**

Trustee Wilder requested an executive session be held regarding an update on a contract.

Trustee O’Donnell told of the annual **Margaritafest** that will be held on Saturday, July 17, from noon until 5 p.m.

Trustee Stebbins reported that while the Public Works committee met at Community Park, they noticed the many ash trees that are either dead or unsafe. This issue will need to be addressed. Stebbins also conveyed another ongoing concern about the traffic issues that occur daily at the entrance of *Dunkin Donuts* on East Genesee Street. He asked the Police Chief if anything can be done to curb these traffic jams. Police Chief Mike Lefancheck responded that nothing can be done because nothing illegal is being done. Lefancheck reiterated that no traffic laws are being violated. Stebbins recalled that when the site plan was done that there may have been stipulations put on the approval. Codes Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey will look into the past site plan approval and let the board know of his findings.

**Mayor’s Comments**

Mayor Clarke:

* announced that the Tuesday Farmers’ Market had a decent turnout for being the first one in a couple of years. Organizer Nick Sanford was pleased and noted that it was pretty steady.
* said that the Governor announced that most covid restrictions were lifted but it is up to the individual stores, restaurants and businesses whether they enforce a mask regulation for non-vaccinated persons.
* requested an executive session regarding a personnel matter.
* recounted a conversation with a few residents about the litter in the areas of the bridge and the Marble Street extension. There are approximately 50 trash receptacles throughout the village and Clarke stressed to the viewing audience to utilize them instead of littering.
* reported that the village should receive approximately $300,000.00 in federal covid stimulus money. It is calculated by the percentage of population in the two towns. There are requirements on what these funds can be spent on.
* noted that the SAM grant for the replacement of the electrical system at the Canton Street Waterworks is pending.

**Department Head**

Attorney Bob Baldwin reported that he has been following the legislation in Albany about the sewer funds usage. Baldwin said that it has been passed in both the Assembly and the Senate and will be sent to the Governor.

Clerk Maureen Butler told the board of the approximate 8% increase that is proposed by Excellus for the 2022 enrollment. Butler mentioned that Wellness Wednesdays began on Paper Mill Island as there was a yoga class held. It is a great venue for this class and the organizer hopes the number of participants grows each week. The mayor reiterated that it is a free event, but they do accept donations. Butler stated that you must register in advance and the link is on the village’s website.

Treasurer Anna Custer commented that she emailed the Lysander Water District Escrow account report to the board and the village attorney and also sent it to Lysander.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy told of the wonderful turnout for the outdoor music event that was held on the grounds of the Senior Center. She then enlightened everyone that due to the Covid restrictions lift, Canton Woods Senior Center is planning on being fully opened on the first of July. Troy noted how excited that her and the staff are to resume normal operations. She requested people to show proof of their vaccine status on their initial visit. Also, that if you are not vaccinated, masks will be required. Troy did say that modifications will be made if necessary, going forward.

Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe reported that for the most part the paving of Tappan and Downer Streets went very well. Due to some extra CHIP funding more streets (lower Downer Street, Seneca Street, Water Street and parts of Canton Street) were able to get paved.

McAuliffe commented that there are approximately 100 ash trees throughout the village that are either dead or unsafe that need to come down.

Mcauliffe noted that the water department is beginning the meter installation program up again.

Police Chief Lefancheck said that due to the amount of people speeding throughout the village, the speed reader will be put out on various streets. Those who are driving over the speed limit will be ticketed for the safety of our residents not because of the revenue that it would generate. The village police force does not ticket in order to get more money.

**Pending Business**

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

Mayor Clarke told of the upcoming meeting that is scheduled with W.E.P. representative Shannon Hardy regarding the sewer takeover.

* **Crosswalks Status**

The mayor informed the viewing audience that there are two intersections that now have the stands in the road warning drivers to slow down that there is a crosswalk approaching. He stated that these seem to be working. Clarke asked McAuliffe to look into purchasing and installing a couple more, one for Brown Street and the other at the school crossing.

**New Business**

* **Discussion** - **Allocation Revision to the $170,000.00 Bond**

The mayor explained that one of the designated bond items is to pave the lot behind Village Hall. $20,000.00 was allocated for this purpose but the estimate came in much higher. It is being requested to use funds allocated to other purposes of the bond to pay for the difference. One allocation that will probably not be done is the installation of safety glass on the windows in Village Hall. Since the building is not open it isn’t likely that this money would be used for this purpose. When asked, Attorney Baldwin stated that we would need a resolution in order to shift the funds around making sure the money is only allocated to those purposes stated in the original bond. Mayor Clarke said that this resolution would be done at the next board meeting once the exact cost of the paving is determined.

* **Appointment – Seasonal Laborer**

**Resolution #62/2021** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to appoint Brian Trowbridge as a part-time seasonal laborer in the Department of Public Works at a rate of $14.79, effective Monday, June 21, 2021.

**Carried**

Chuck McAuliffe, Superintendent of Public Works, shared that Brian had retired last year after 30 years with the DPW and has a lot of knowledge of the system. He did much of the mapping work and it hasn’t been updated since he left. McAuliffe asked him if he wanted to come back to update the map information.

* **Executive Session**

**Resolution #63/2021** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved that the board retire into two executive sessions regarding an update of a contract and a personnel matter at 8:31 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution #64/2021** Moved by Trustee O’Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 9:03 p.m.

**Carried**

* **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #65/2021** Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O’Donnell

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

**Abstract # 8**

* General Fund Checks #47038 - #47083 $ 390,940.33
* Water Fund Checks #25008 - #25014 $ 6,396.90
* Sewer Fund Checks #23970 - #23973 $ 5.215.22
* Sidewalk Phase 8 #1079 $ 64,486.97

**Carried**

* **Adjournment**

**Resolution #66/2021** Moved by Trustee O’Donnell, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in person at 16 West Genesee Street.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Maureen Butler*

Village Clerk

Village of Baldwinsville