

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM
October 21, 2021**

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

Others Attending – Village Attorney Joe Frateschi; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Chamber of Commerce President Matt Hunt; Brett Haas and Carrie Laug from *Greens and Grains*.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #124/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of October 7, 2021, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce President Matt Hunt spoke about their 2022 Big Chill event. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2022, from noon – 3 p.m. He requested a waiver of the rental fee for Mercer Park and also a waiver of the open container law. The mayor informed him that once the application and security deposit is received by the Clerk the waivers could be requested again at a future board meeting.

Brett Haas, a representative for the NYS ABC Law Consulting Group, and Carrie Laug, business owner at 1 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, answered questions regarding their request for a waiver of the 30-day advance municipal notice as it pertains to their liquor license. Haas noted that it is requested now for a March 2022 opening because of the large delay in the state issuance process of the license. The average for the issuance has been approximately 4 months but because of covid, it is even longer. The board agreed that the Clerk could issue them a waiver.

- **Waiver of the 30-Day Municipal Notice – Liquor License**

Resolution #125/2021 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved to waive the 30-day notification period for the establishment on 1 West Genesee Street, Greens & Grains – Claugbistroco, LLC. as part of the liquor license process.

Carried

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Stebbins noted his disappointment that the crosswalk warning signs were down again at the Brown/Oswego Street intersection. Stebbins commented how effective the signs were when they are kept up.

Trustee Wilder asked for an executive session on contract negotiations.

Trustee O'Donnell communicated on what a great event the Man and Woman of the Year banquet was. It honored both the 2019 and 2020 recipients, Tom Perkins and Clara Rose Thomas; and Janet Therrian and Bob Edgett.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- Needed to add an agenda item: Discussion regarding car charging stations.
- Reminded everyone to vote for the 2021 CNY Reader's Choice awards. Many local restaurants/businesses have been nominated.
- Spoke about the Trick or Treat event that will be happening on Saturday, October 23rd with the village businesses. There will be window painting at area businesses and then trick or treating around the village. Halloween trick or treating throughout the village will be held on October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- The Village is looking for a Christmas tree for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in November. If anyone has a nice pine tree, please contact the DPW so that they can come out and look at it.
- Told of the Red Mill Manor ribbon cutting. Rental includes meals, taxi service and many more amenities.
- Mentioned that the award of the Main Street Grant for approximately \$500,000.00 benefiting 22 businesses is looking good for the village as another 2.5 million was added to the kitty by the County Exec.

Department Head

Village Clerk Maureen Butler noted that village taxes are due to the village by November 1, 2021, and then they are turned over to the county for collection.

Treasurer Anna Custer mentioned that she has completed the August financials and would like all to review them and send her an email with any comments.

Ruth Troy, Senior Center Coordinator, noted that open enrollment for Medicare will be ending on December 7th and that the HEAP program is currently taking applications for home energy assistance. Signups for Rescue Mission home delivered meals for Thanksgiving (deadline is 11/5) and Christmas (deadline is 12/6) can be done at Canton Woods.

Public Works Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe noted that with winter upon us the DPW is winterizing everything including PMI bathrooms and electricity.

Pending Business

There was none.

New Business

- **Appointment – Village Treasurer**

Resolution #126/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to appoint Mark Baker as Village Treasurer in Training effective October 25, 2021, at a rate of \$20.00/hour and effective December 1, 2021, as Village Treasurer at a rate of \$20,000.00/year.

Carried

Mayor Clarke noted that Baker's references couldn't say enough nice things about his attention to detail and his ability in business.

- **Surplus**

Resolution #127/2021 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to declare an aged computer from the Codes department as surplus.

Carried

- **Tree Work Bid – Receipt and Award**

Resolution #128/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved to receive the bids for the 2021 Tree Removal and Trimming contract on Wednesday, October 19, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #129/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved to award the bid for the 2021 Tree Removal and Trimming contract to Black River Tree Removal, LLC., in the amount of \$37,500.00, contingent on the insurance requirements being met.

Carried

This includes the removal of ash trees, the grinding of the stump and the addition of new topsoil.

- **Election Notice**

Resolution #130/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved to designate the following offices as vacant at the end of the current official year to be filled at the Village Election to be held Tuesday, March 15, 2022, for the following term: Village Mayor – 4 years; Village Trustee (3 vacancies) – 4 years; and Village Justice – 3 years.

Carried

- **Car Charging Stations**

Resolution #131/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to approve the Village Engineer to file grant applications for two car charging stations to be placed in the village, one at Mercer Park and one at Baldwin Canal Square with us providing installation with no out-of-pocket cost to the village.

Carried

- **Executive Session**

Resolution #132/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the board retire into an executive session regarding contract negotiations with no action planned at 8:06 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #133/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the board return from executive session at 8:17 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #134/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract #16

• General Fund Checks	#47368 - #47412	\$	75,149.20
• Water Fund Checks	#25077 - #25084	\$	6,858.52
• Sewer Fund Checks	#24013 - #24016	\$	1,274.72
• Project Bond Checks	#1083 - 1085	\$	4,853.88

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #135/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk, Village of Baldwinsville