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

**November 4, 2021**

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke

Trustee Bruce Stebbins

Trustee Ruth Cico

Trustee Megan O’Donnell

Trustee Mike Shepard

Trustee Andrew Dryden

Absent: Trustee Mark Wilder

Others Attending – Village Attorney Bob Baldwin; Deputy Village Clerk Jody DePaulis; Treasurer Anna Custer; In-coming treasurer Mark Baker; Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Lieutenant Mike Lockwood; Citizen Jack LePorte.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #136/2021** Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of October 21, 2021, be approved.

**Carried**

**Citizen’s Comments**

Jack LePorte, who lives at 37 Virginia St, spoke about how drivers are running the stop signs near the entrance to the school and also at the corner of Oneida and Virginia Streets and as well at Elizabeth and Virginia Streets. He stated that this is happening at all hours of the day. He doesn’t have a solution on what should be done, but something needs to be done.

Lt. Lockwood spoke about having a police presence in the area and Mr. LePorte is going to get back to Lt. Lockwood on times of the day where he is seeing most violations at the stop sign. Lt. Lockwood is going to have some police officers stationed there for police monitoring. This is their step detail.

**Trustee’s Comments**

Trustee Shepard noted that he has known citizen Jack LePorte a long time and he is glad that the police are going to look into the traffic problem. This issue has been bothering Mr. LePorte for a long time.

**Mayor’s Comments**

* The mayor spoke about the Au Chocolat event that will be coming up on Thursday, November 11 from 3-9 p.m. Local businesses are involved and there will also be a trolley for anyone who would like to use that.
* The mayor also reminded everyone that this weekend we will be changing the clocks back an hour.
* He wanted to make citizens aware to look out for the elderly and struggling families during this time of year. There are many places offering Thanksgiving dinners, so reach out if you need the help, make a phone call and people are there to help.
* The County has commended the Village of Baldwinsville for the Smoke Free Policy. They will be doing something special regarding our recognition.
* Mayor Clarke noted that the river is starting to recede. The Mercer Park trail near the river is finally viewable again. Looks like it has gone down a couple of inches in the past few days.
* The mayor also spoke about a new left hand turn lane for Aspen Springs Dr. This was approved by the State and will be part of the 2022 construction season.

**Department Head****s**

Treasurer Anna Custer stated that financials are still being worked on. It has been wonderful working with Mark Baker. He has a lot of new ideas and ways of doing things that she didn’t know about.

In-coming Treasurer Mark Baker stated that it all comes down to debits equal credits from his first class in accounting. It’s going to be great.

Senior Center Coordinator, Ruth Troy, wanted to let the Board know that the signs for the new walking trails behind Canton Woods are completed and will be installed next week. There is also going to be a birthday party for anyone who is 85 and older on November 22nd. You can sign up for the Rescue Mission Christmas participation through Canton Woods. This needs to be done by December 6th. Also, if anyone needs help with HEAP, give Canton Woods a call with help signing up.

Chuck McAuliffe said that leaf pick up is a little slow, because the leaves haven’t really fallen yet. Plow trucks are up and ready. There have been 150 ash trees taken down by the village and now have a contractor working on the bigger trees. The water department had their yearly walk through with the health dept. This was the first year for Corey Perkins to handle it and he did well.

Lieutenant Mike Lockwood spoke about the upcoming events, the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning and the Parade of Lights on November 27th, that will have an impact on traffic. There will be road closures for both events. The Parade of Lights will have the 4 corners shut down and there will be no parking the entire day on Oswego or Elizabeth Streets. It will be clearly marked, and it will be posted on the website and the Facebook page.

**Pending Business**

* **Resolution amendment – Term for Village Justice**

**Resolution #137/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to amend Resolution #130/2021 to read that the term for Village Justice is 4 years instead of the approved resolution of 3 years.

**Carried**

**New Business**

* **Unpaid Water to Town of Lysander Taxes**

**Resolution #138/2021** Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O’Donnell

Resolved to turn over the list of the 2021 unpaid water/sewer bills for the Town of Lysander Districts in the amount of **$6,738.41** to the Town of Lysander for collection.

**Carried**

* **Unpaid Water – Maple Road to Town of Van Buren**

**Resolution #139/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O’Donnell

Resolved to turn over the list of the 2021 unpaid water/sewer bills for the Maple Road Water District in the amount of $2,570.09 to the Town of Van Buren for collection.

**Carried**

* **Renewal – 2022 Excellus**

**Resolution #140/2021** Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O’Donnell

Resolved authorizing the mayor to sign the 2022 renewals of the current Excellus medical plans at a 7.3% increase and the current dental plan at a 3.4% increase with an effective date of January 1, 2022.

**Carried**

* **Fund Transfers**

**Resolution #141/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to transfer funds from F8320.1/Water Plant Personnel to F1440.4/Engineer Contractual, in the amount of $38,654.59.

**Carried**

**Resolution #142/2021** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to transfer funds from G8120.1/Sewer Plant Personnel to G1440.4/Engineer Contractual, in the amount of $38,654.59.

**Tabled**

* **Authorization for Signing Privileges**

**Resolution #143/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved authorizing Mark Baker, Village Treasurer, to be added as a signer on all village bank accounts.

**Carried**

* **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #144/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

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

**Abstract #17**

* General Fund Checks #47413 - #47453 $ 99,613.64
* Water Fund Checks #25085 - #25096 $ 19,993.38
* Sewer Fund Checks #24017 $ 22.00

**Carried**

* **Adjournment**

**Resolution #145/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O’Donnell

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Jody DePaulis*

Deputy Village Clerk, Village of Baldwinsville