

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.  
December 16, 2021  
Via ZOOM**

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

Absent: Trustee Andrew Dryden

Others Attending – Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Mark Baker; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Public Works Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy and Police Chief Mike Lefancheck.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #165/2021** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Cico  
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of December 2, 2021, be approved.

**Carried**

**Citizen's Comments**

**Trustee's Comments**

Holiday Wishes were expressed by all.

Trustee O'Donnell commented on what an extremely generous community Baldwinsville is. The Christmas Bureau serviced over 130 families this year.

Trustee Stebbins praised the DPW for adding another brush pick-up in December.

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Clarke:

- thanked Mayer Construction for assisting the DPW in putting the Christmas tree back up after it was brought down by high winds.
- noted that he was contacted by Jack LePorte on the quick response he received from the Police department regarding his complaint about the disregard for STOP signs on Virginia Street. New signs have been placed at the bottom of the official STOP signs. LePorte notices a difference.
- enlightened the viewing audience that the *Angry Garlic*, a local restaurant, purchased *Lock 24* restaurant. Owner Jeff Rogers told him that it will serve BBQ food and hopefully will open near Memorial Day.
- expressed retirement good wishes to Van Buren's Justice Ed Van Der Water and Supervisor Claude Sykes.

**Department Heads**

Attorney Bob Baldwin commented that at the last board meeting the board adopted the local law opting out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments and that the publication was posted notifying the public that it was adopted. Baldwin reminded that there is a deadline for filing petition which will occur before our next meeting, so he wanted to make it known that the publication did go out.

Village Clerk Maureen Butler reminded water customers within the village that any outstanding balance at the end of November were levied on the village taxes that come out in March.

Ruth Troy, Senior Center Coordinator, thanked the community for their support of Canton Woods all year long and also for participating in the various activities throughout the holiday season.

Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe shared the Christmas tree mishap and how the DPW and John Mayer pitched in to get it back up. McAuliffe noted that brush pick-up is DONE for the season.

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck spoke on school safety. When the department is notified of a potential threat against a school, they (the Police department) immediately go into their threat assessment process. This process includes the questions of what type of threat is it, where the threat originated from and the validity of the threat. They involve school officials and the DA and then determine if there is an access to weapons, etc. The district is fortunate to have a police presence in the schools. Members of the village's Police department and the Sheriff's department are SROs in the various schools as School Resource Officers. Having a good relationship with the school district is paramount for school safety.

### **Pending Business**

There was none.

### **New Business**

- **Set Public Hearing – Waiver of Tax Cap**

**Resolution #166/2021** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to set a Public Hearing for Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., regarding a waiver of the tax cap.

**Carried.**

The mayor explained that this is done as a precautionary measure in case something unforeseen comes up prior to the passing of the budget.

- **Set Public Hearing 2022 – 2023 Village Budget**

**Resolution #167/2021** Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to set a Public Hearing for Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 7:35 p.m., regarding the adoption of the proposed 2022 – 2023 village budget.

**Carried.**

- **Declaration of Surplus**

**Resolution #168/2021** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to declare a 1962 Stewart trailer mounted rodder, serial # 844994, as surplus.

**Carried**

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #169/2021** Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O'Donnell

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

#### **Abstract #20**

- General Fund Checks #47535 - #47592 \$ 137,405.48
- Water Fund Checks #25116 - #25123 \$ 6,392.93
- Sewer Fund Checks #24031 - #24037 \$ 3,948.72

**Carried**

- **Adjournment**

**Resolution #170/2021** Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m., until the Public Hearings and the next village board meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Maureen Butler*

Village Clerk

Village of Baldwinsville