

A Public Hearing was held via zoom by the Village Board of Trustees on January 6, 2022, to consider a proposed Local Law to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year pursuant to the authority granted in subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c.

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

Others Attending – Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Mark Baker, Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Ruth Troy, Canton Woods Senior Center Coordinator; resident Danielle Borelli and restaurant owner Jeff Rogers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Clarke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Village Clerk read the Proof of Publication.

Comments in favor of the proposal: There were none.

Comments against the proposal: There were none.

Resolution #171/2021 Motion by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:32 p.m.

Carried

A Public Hearing was held via zoom by the Village Board of Trustees on January 6, 2022, to hear comments regarding the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2022 and ending on February 28, 2023.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Clarke.

The Village Clerk read the Proof of Publication.

Comments in favor of the proposal: There were none.

Comments against the proposal: There were none.

Resolution #172/2021 Motion by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:34 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:35 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
January 6, 2022**

Resolution #173/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of December 16, 2021, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Resident **Danielle Borelli** spoke about her plan to purchase a hot dog cart/bicycle in order to sell concessions throughout the village. She asked the village what the permit process, fees, etc. would be to utilize village property for such a venture. Borelli was interested in setting up in Baldwin Canal Square as well as other locations. The mayor asked her to contact the Code office as Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey is in the process of finalizing a local law regarding food trucks. Humphrey will work with her on her next steps.

Jeff Rogers, new owner of the Lock 24 Smokehouse, Inc, (*Angry Smokehouse*) at 33 Water Street – requested a waiver of the 30-day notification period to the village regarding the NY Alcoholic Beverage Control Section 110-b law. Rogers described his plan for his new restaurant at 33 Water Street. He also told the board about the long delays in getting a liquor license through NYS explaining the reason for the waiver. He hopes to be open for Memorial Day weekend.

Resolution #174/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to approve Jeff Rogers' request for a waiver of the 30-day notification period to the village regarding the NY Alcoholic Beverage Control Section 110-b law.

Carried

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Wilder informed the board that he had sold his home quicker than he thought and would have to step down as a village trustee at the end of January. He spoke fondly of his many years (roughly 12) on the board, the people that he had worked with and the community that he had served. Wilder was sad to have it come to an end and hoped that he would be a Baldwinsville resident again someday. Wilder noted that he would be resigning effective January 31st.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- expressed his sadness that Trustee Wilder was leaving and told the viewing audience what a great advocate that Wilder was for the village. It is a loss to the board.
- reminded everyone about the upcoming Polar Plunge on January 29th. This Chamber/Rotary event is a fundraiser for both organizations as well as the participant's charities. In addition to the plunge, there is a *Best in Bowl* food competition and a Poker Run.
- Asked the board members who would be interested in being on a committee to revamp the park applications, including rate proposals and insurance requirements. Both Trustee Cico and Trustee O'Donnell volunteered to join the committee with Deputy Clerk Jody DePaulis.

Department Heads

Attorney Bob Baldwin mentioned to Gregg that there are at least two sets of regulations, one for food trucks in a municipal area, like village parks and another for food trucks that are on private areas, like a food truck that's taking up space in a private shopping area.

Baldwin also said that he had drafted a provision about putting together some procedures for defective sidewalks allowing the board to declare them as public nuisances, the same way that is done with certain buildings, which would allow the village to assess the cost of repair of those sidewalks to the adjacent property.

Treasurer Mark Baker informed the board about his transition into the treasurer's position. Baker spoke of the various trainings that he has attended and his many goals for the future, including forming a Finance Committee and a new and improved reporting format for the board.

Canton Woods Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy informed the audience that it is newsletter subscription renewal time and also time to update their personal vaccine information at Canton Woods. Mayor Clarke advised that if any senior citizen has a question or issue to contact Canton Woods as they are very knowledgeable when it comes to aging resources. **Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe** noted that the DPW is in winter mode and will no longer be picking up brush.

Chief Mike Lefancheck informed residents that more at-home covid testing kits were received today and a portion will be distributed at Canton Woods for their members on Friday. The balance of kits received were sent to the Baldwinsville library for distribution on Friday and Saturday morning. **Mayor Clarke** chimed in stating that the Town of Lysander will be having a drive-up distribution of masks on Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Pending Business

- Local Law 1/2022 – Property Tax Override

Resolution #175/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden, Resolved to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year pursuant to the authority granted in subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c.

Carried

Mayor Clarke noted that this is done as a precautionary measure and the village is not planning on going over the cap.

- 2022 – 2023 Village Budget

Resolution #176/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico Resolved to adopt the proposed village budget for the fiscal year March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023.

Tabled

Due to the recent changes to the proposed budget, it will be tabled to give the board and residents more time to review it.

New Business

- Resignation – Ken Svitak

Resolution #177/2021 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder, Resolved to accept the resignation of DPW employee Ken Svitak, with an effective date of December 27, 2021.

Carried

Mayor Clarke stated that Svitak had to resign as he had been elected as Highway Superintendent for the Town of Lysander.

- Motion to pay bills as audited

Resolution #178/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Shepard Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract # 21

- General Fund Checks #47593 - #47643 \$ 40,304.40
- Water Fund Checks #25124 - #25133 \$ 13,579.25
- Sewer Fund Checks #24038 - #24044 \$ 2,299.46

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #179/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until the next Village Board meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk