

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.  
March 17, 2022**

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

Others Attending – Attorney Joe Frateschi; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck, Engineer Greg Sgromo, Trustee elect Nate Collins, and Trustee elect Eric Reinagel via zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #220/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico  
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of March 3, 2022, and the Election meeting of March 15, 2022, be approved.

**Carried**

**Citizen's Comments**

**Trustee's Comments**

**Trustee Stebbins** asked that an item be added to the agenda – Discussion/possible action authorizing the mayor to sign the community solar subscriber agreement with OIA pending Village Attorney review.

**Trustee Dryden** congratulated both the re-elected positions and the newly elected officials. Dryden expressed his sentiments regarding the write-in campaign and those that participated in it. He felt that it was a cowardly way to try to win the election among other things. Dryden complimented Eric Reinagel for his perseverance after losing the first time he ran and for having the intelligence to research the election process/information, know that the vote was in March, find out that he had to get petitions signed to be put on the ballot, etc. instead of the group of people who tried to do a coup the other night. In his many years of service, Dryden noted that the few write-in campaigns he saw failed miserably, as this year's did.

**Trustees O'Donnell and Shepard** thanked Trustee Dryden for his time on the board.

**Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Clarke** noted that:

- the Chamber will be hosting a Chowder Cook-Off on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m.
- the installation of new streetlights has resumed. These white bulbed lights are more efficient.
- the Village Court is requiring masks when coming into the court. There is a drop box outside.
- there are two confirmed concerts (6/29 & 7/8) on PMI and 7 more that have not been released. One is tentatively scheduled for July 1 and there will be fireworks.
- the Memorial Day parade will be on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.
- as a follow-up to the election. Clarke is excited to have Eric Reinagel and Nate Collins on the village board. They started on the ZBA and Planning Board, respectively.
- he understood Trustee Dryden's feelings. Clarke was disappointed in what went down at the election and didn't agree with the premise that the village board is secretive. Clarke said that the village board meetings are not only live on Fb, are shown on Pac-B but also are posted on the village's website. Currently, he is on Fb with Shelley

Hoffman every other week discussing what is going on in the village and prior to that during Covid he was on once a week.

- he thanked Trustee Dryden for his service as a past mayor and trustee.

### **Department Heads**

**Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey** expressed that both Trustee elect Collina and Reinagel will be missed on the Planning Boards and Zoning Board of Appeals, respectively. Humphrey noted that 5 others have come forward for available vacancies on these two boards.

**Village Clerk Maureen Butler** stated that village taxes are due prior to April 1 without penalty. Butler thanked Trustee Dryden for all his input and help that he gave her during his years as trustee and mayor.

**Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy** stated that March 18<sup>th</sup> brings the first concert of the year to Canton Woods – John Vona will be performing at 2:30 p.m. Sponsors for the concert are Barnes Memorials, Red Mill Manor and Belle Tours.

**Chief Lefancheck** enlightened the audience that body cameras have arrived, and each Officer will have access to them.

### **Pending Business**

- **PMI Promoter Agreement**

**Resolution #221/2021** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to accept the PMI agreement as is and to send to promoter for his approval and/or edits.

#### **Carried**

Attorney Joe Frateschi made the requested edits to the PMI Promoter Agreement. Superintendent Chuck will send it to Promoter Chuck to review and sign.

- **Community Park Overnight**

**Resolution #222/2021** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to grant a license to Julian Fraize per his request to camp overnight at Community Park on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, pending completion and submittal of the village park application and required insurance.

#### **Carried.**

Julian Fraize was present at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting requesting an overnight stay at Community Park for him and 9 of his family members. This is a canoe trip from Cross Lake to Oswego.

### **New Business**

- **ZBA Appointment**

**Resolution #223/2021** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to appoint Kevin Baker as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective March 14, 2022, at a rate of \$50.00/month.

#### **Carried**

- **Surplus Declaration**

**Resolution #224/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to declare the following supplies from the DPW as surplus: HP laptop, HP Plotter, HP Ink Jet, Samsung Cell Phone & 11' snowplow.

#### **Carried**

- **Appointment – DPW Laborer**

**Resolution #225/2021** Moved by Trustee O’Donnell, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to authorize the appointment of Alexander Gould as a DPW Laborer at \$23.60 per hour, effective March 28, 2022. He will be assigned to the Water/Sewer Department.

**Carried**

Gould has been a seasonal laborer at the village for the past couple of summers and has proven to be a great worker. Gould went through the interview process along with many other applicants.

- **Community Development Grant – Community Park Improvements**

**Resolution #226/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to proceed with the 2020 Community Development Grant for the Community Park Improvements which includes a new playground, seating area and parking with handicap access.

**Carried**

Engineer Greg Sgromo gave details and answered questions about the playground apparatus at the work session.

- **Planning Board Appointment**

**Resolution #227/2021** Moved by Trustee O’Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to appoint Christopher Greer as a member of the Planning Board, effective March 22, 2022, at a rate of \$50.00/month.

**Carried**

- **Solar Farm Subscription**

**Resolution #228/2021** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O’Donnell

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the Community Solar Subscriber agreement with OIA pending Village Attorney review.

**Carried**

Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey gave the audience details on how the subscription works. A municipality can join the solar farm and get up to a 10% discount off their utility (National Grid) bills. The farm is located on Church Road in Baldwinsville and is run by David Hafner. There is no cost and is also available to homeowners and business owners. The village was asked to join the farm because they need a certain number of subscribers to meet their energy goals and for NYS approval.

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #229/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Shepard

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

**Abstract #26**

- General Fund Checks #47787 - #47805 \$ 72,347.99
- Water Fund Checks #25169 - #25176 \$ 16,510.04
- Sewer Fund Checks #24063 - #24066 \$ 4,714.91

**Abstract #2**

- General Fund Checks #47785 - #47842 \$ 69,431.82
- Water Fund Checks #25177 - #25182 \$ 9,350.15
- Sewer Fund Checks #24067 - #24067 \$ 988.08

**Carried**

- **Adjournment**

**Resolution #230/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico  
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m., until the Annual meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.  
**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Maureen Butler*

Village Clerk  
Village of Baldwinsville