

A Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees on June 2, 2022, at the Mercer Park pavilion at 7:00 p.m., to consider a proposed Local Law authorizing the Village Board and other Village public bodies to use videoconferencing technology to participate in public meetings.

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke
Trustee Bruce Stebbins
Trustee Eric Reinagel
Trustee Megan O'Donnell
Trustee Michael Shepard
Trustee Nate Collins
Trustee Ruth Cico

Others Attending – Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Mark Baker, Canton Woods Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe; Police Sergeant Jason Guinn; Ellie and Jack Schmidel and Pac-B videographer Brian Hewitt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 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 #59/2022 Motion by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Reinagel
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:02 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler, Village Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:02 p.m. at Mercer Park pavilion
1 North Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
June 2, 2022**

Resolution #60/2022 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Reinagel
Resolved that the minutes from the Public Hearings and Village Board meeting of May 19, 2022, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

There were none.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Cico enlightened the viewing audience on the success of the Memorial Day parade.

Trustee Collins congratulated the girl's lacrosse team on winning the Section 3 Championship. Collins noted that the team will be playing Corning on Saturday.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke reiterated the success of the parade and read a thank you note from Chairperson Linda Ross. Clarke reminded the viewing audience of the upcoming events: Chamber's Spring Fling at Baldwin Canal Square on the 4th, from 4 – 7 p.m.; the Farmers' Market's opening day - Tuesday, June 14th from 3 – 7 p.m.; Seneca River Days – Friday, June 11th and Saturday, June 12th. Fireworks will be Friday night and Margaritafest will be held on July 16th. Clarke requested an executive session be held regarding a personnel matter.

Department Heads

Village Clerk Maureen Butler enlightened the board that the insurance was received from Creative Concerts and was approved by the village's insurance company. This completes his outstanding requirements therefore his scheduled concerts are a go!

Treasurer Mark Baker told of a budget webinar that he participated in. He hopes to get a copy of the very informative webinar so the board and department heads could watch it. Baker distributed the March financials and would like feedback.

Canton Woods Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy thanked those that participated in the Memorial Day parade, particularly Derek Shepard Sr. for offering his tractor/flat bed for the float. Troy gave a brief listing of the upcoming events at the center.

Supervisor of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe reiterated to the public not to fish off the kayak launches at the parks. McAuliffe told of the upcoming vacancies in the highway department that are listed on Fb, the Messenger and the village's website.

Pending Business

- **Local Law 8/2022 – Videoconferencing in Public meetings**

Resolution #61/2022 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to approve the proposed **Local Law 8** authorizing the Village Board and other Village public bodies to use videoconferencing technology to participate in public meetings.

Carried (4 ayes, 3 nays – Trustees Stebbins, Reinagel, Shepard)

A discussion ensued after Trustee Stebbins asked why; what is the purpose of this law. Stebbins feels that like in the past, if a trustee cannot make the meeting, so be it and if they cannot participate in many of the meetings then they should resign. Stebbins commented that the extraordinary circumstances need to be defined. Both Mayor Clarke and Attorney Baldwin explained the purpose of the law. Attorney Baldwin noted that this basically extends the remote participation that they already had during covid. If a local law is passed, a decision does not have to be made on a case-by-case basis. Attorney Baldwin noted that the board needs to have a policy in place naming the extraordinary circumstances. Baldwin noted that this policy can be done after the approval of the local law.

New Business

- **Resignation – Cedric Oakes**

Resolution #62/2022 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to accept the resignation of DPW employee Cedric Oakes, effective June 13, 2022.

Carried

- **2021 – 2022 Encumbrances**

Resolution #63/2022 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Reinagel

Resolved to authorize the treasurer to encumber \$58,052.32 from the 2021-2022 General fund, \$34,000.00 from the 2021-2022 Water fund and \$34,000.00 from the 2021-2022 Sewer fund. See attached list of requested encumbrances.

Carried

- **Surplus Declaration**

Resolution #64/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Collins

Resolved to declare the following Justice Court equipment as surplus: three computer monitors, two scanners, two keyboards and one scansnap.

Carried

- **Executive Session – No Anticipated Action**

Resolution #65/2022 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Collins

Resolved that the board retire into an executive session regarding a personnel matter at 7:34 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #66/2022 Moved by Trustee Reinagel, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the board return from executive session at 7:52 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #67/2022 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico

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

Abstract # 007

- General Fund Checks #48026 - #48068 \$ 24,702.62
- Water Fund Checks #25225 - #25230 \$ 5,410.09
- Sewer Fund Checks #24085 - #24090 \$ 1,030.85

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #68/2022 Moved by Trustee Reinagel, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m., until the next Village Board meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk