

A Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees on December 5, 2013, for the purpose of hearing comments concerning a Local Law (No. 4) amending the Zoning Law of the Village of Baldwinsville by changing the symbols and indications on the Zoning Map of the Village of Baldwinsville in the area at the corner of Downer and Meigs Road, consisting of approximately 26.307 acres.

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

Absent: Trustee Rick Presley

Others Attending - Village Attorney Dave Jones; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Village Treasurer Anna Custer; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Michael Lefancheck; Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Colin Kahl, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Conifer Village residents – Kathleen Hogan, Peter Kirchgessner, Diane Sutton, Carol Setzer, Sandra Fleming, Robert Bielat, Judy Murray, Arlene Luckette, Carol Northrup, Dorothy Greitner, Nancy Troup, Chuck Gay, Helen Regon, MaryAnn Bowles, Sharon Swift, Theresa Murphy, Jodie Clark, Justine Recipare, Peter Gravlin, Dora Lee Curtis, and Dennis Belder, Attorney Richard Andino from the law firm of Costello, Cooney and Fearon, Pat Blandicef, Julius DeSantis, Attorney Kathleen Bennett from the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, Tom Sciuga – Golden Legacy, LLC., Tami Scott – Messenger, and Bob Wicks.

The Public Hearing was called to order @ 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Saraceni and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear comments concerning a Local Law (No. 4) amending the Zoning Law of the Village of Baldwinsville by changing the symbols and indications on the Zoning Map of the Village of Baldwinsville in the area at the corner of Downer and Meigs Road, consisting of approximately 26.307 acres.

The Village Clerk read the legal notice that was published in the Messenger.

Comments in favor of the Local Law:

- Attorney Kathleen Bennett, of Bond, Schoeneck and King, representing Morgan Management (developer of the Tri-County Mall Development Project) spoke on behalf of her client explaining that the creation of the Planned Development District would allow for the redevelopment of the Tri-County Mall property into a residential apartment complex with a total of approximately 416 units.

Comments against the Local Law:

- Attorney Richard Andino, of Costello, Cooney and Fearon, representing RCP Conifer and Conifer Village residents spoke against the zone change. His clients are unhappy due to the fact that if the plan is approved the access point between the Conifer Village complex and the surrounding community will be closed off. Andino feels that there were a number of vital planning issues that were not adequately addressed by the developer during the Planning board review process. One concern that he spoke of was whether the proposed local law is consistent with the 2009 Downer Street Corridor Study. Another concern is the impact this proposed development will have on emergency access for Conifer Village. With the closing of the access road, the only road accessible to the residents of Conifer would be Conifer Drive.

Conifer Drive resident Sharon Ash submitted a petition of approximately 100 signatures of Conifer Village residents and letters to the board opposing the proposed development plan.

A few Conifer Village residents and Conifer Village management spoke to the board about their concerns about the closure of the access road.

Attorney Kathleen Bennett refuted Andino's statement that Morgan Management did not address recommendations by the Planning board. She stated that Morgan Management revised plans during the Planning board review process a number of times to address the concerns about pedestrian flow and safety. Morgan Management empathizes with the Conifer residents' concerns but for liability purposes will not keep the access point. They will be helping with the construction of sidewalks along Meigs Road.

Tom Sciuga, Faith Ridge and Golden Legacy developer, noted that he is the owner of the property that is in between Conifer Drive, the access road, and the former Tri-County Mall. He does not want the liability of having individuals walking through his property to go between Conifer and the former Tri County Mall. He is in favor of the proposal noting that it would be a great improvement to that location. (Please note that on Friday, December 6th Sciuga closed off access to his property.)

Resolution #230/2013 Motion by Mayor Saraceni, second by Trustee Clarke
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

**Maureen Butler
Village Clerk**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 8:25 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
December 5, 2013**

Resolution #231/2013 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Clarke, Trustee Wilder abstained. Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of November 21, 2013, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

There were no comments.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Saraceni:

- Removed Item B, 2014 Canton Woods Senior Center Agreement, under Pending Business from the agenda. The agreement is still being revised.
- Reminded everyone of the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting festivities on December 7th, beginning at 3:30. The evening will end with fireworks culminating the village's 165th anniversary celebration.
- Congratulated the Kiwanis Club on another successful Turkey Day Trot. There were approximately 3,000 participants.
- Reassured village residents that currently the village is in a healthy financial position. He understands that rumors have been going around negating that statement. The rumors are not true.

Department Heads

Village Clerk Maureen Butler stated that the water/sewer levy was completed for the timeframe ending November 30, 2013, and \$111,138.00 will be levied on the upcoming 2014-2015 village taxes. This is an increase of approximately \$1,800.00 from last year's levy.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy expressed her appreciation to the Pritchard family for the donation of the tree for Canton Woods. The center had its tree lighting and it was enjoyed by all. A holiday shop will be held at the center on Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00 am. - 4:00 pm.

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck announced that once again the Police department will be receiving the AAA Gold award from the Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board.

Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo noted that the Doan Well improvements are continuing and should be completed and on line within 2 weeks. The bridge installation on the SSET will be done on Friday, December 6th. The purchase of 90 trees have been made and the plantings have begun. The majority of the tree planting will be done in the Aspen Springs area.

Pending Business

- **Communication Plan/Strategy**

Trustee O'Donnell stated that the changes to the website are underway and we should be up and running by the end of the year.

- **Public Hearing – Local Law#4/2013**

Resolution #232/2013 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to adopt a local law amending the Zoning Law of the Village of Baldwinsville by changing the symbols and indications on the Zoning Map of the Village of Baldwinsville in the area at the corner of Downer and Meigs Road, consisting of approximately 26.307 acres.

Carried by Roll Call vote – Trustees Shepard, O'Donnell, Stebbins, Clarke, Wilder and Mayor Saraceni – yes.

Trustee Stebbins spoke regarding the concern of emergency access stating that many developments (ex. Baldwin Hill) only have one entrance/exit.

In regards to Conifer concerns about snow removal along Downer Street, Trustee Wilder noted that the village's code enforcement office will fine those residents that have not cleared their sidewalks.

Trustees Clarke, O'Donnell, and Shepard all sympathized with the residents but feel that the board does not have a right to tell a landowner whether it is Morgan Management or Tom Sciuga what to do with their property.

The mayor noted that he and the board are extremely concerned about pedestrian safety but does not have the right to tell the developer what to do with their property. He intends to keep the discussion of extending sidewalks and other alternatives for pedestrian safety in the forefront. He noted that he is not obligated to vote but wanted it known his position of the project.

New Business

- **Meeting Room – Purchase of Television**

A discussion was had about purchasing a television for the meeting room for use by all the boards for various presentations. Funding is available in the Clerk's budget for this expenditure. At the request of the mayor, Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo will get a few bids for the television and installation and report back at the next board meeting.

- **Budget Work Session**

Resolution #233/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to set the 2014 – 2015 budget work session for Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

This will be held prior to the board meeting and possibly will reconvene after the board meeting.

- **Resolution – Asian Carp**

Resolution #234/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to support the finding of a permanent solution to stop the Asian carp from invading the Great Lakes.

Carried

The mayor explained that the invasive carp in the Mississippi River pose one of the greatest threats to the integrity and well-being of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence ecosystem. They are devastating water transportation.

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #235/2013 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract #19

- General Fund Checks #38736 - #38772 \$ 603,038.36
- Water Fund Checks #23282 - #23287 \$ 2,138.30
- Sewer Fund Checks #22973 - #22976 \$ 2,145.41

Carried

Resolution #236/2013 Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m., until the budget work session at 6:00 p.m. and the village board meeting to be held December 19, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

Carried

Adjournment.

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Village Clerk