

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street,  
Baldwinsville, NY.  
May 16, 2013**

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

Others Attending: Village Attorney Dave Jones; Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey; Village Treasurer Anna Custer; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Canton Woods Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Charles Elliott and Joe Loffredo, representatives from PAC-B, the Public Access Channel, Mike Chemotti, Nick Denierio from Syracuse Haulers, Sheriff Kevin Walsh, Officer Corleen Coakley, Deputies Michael Hoosock and Melissa Constanza with family and friends; Ashley Sixberry, 48 East Oneida St.; Kevin Stanton, 16 Seneca St.; Clifford Ross, 7493 Perry Rd.; Aaron Wilson, 10 West Genesee St.; and Heather Tompkins, 30 Tappan St. #B.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Saraceni and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Presentation of the Baldwinsville Police Department's Medal of Valor**

Mayor Saraceni, Police Chief Lefancheck, and Sheriff Walsh presented the Baldwinsville Police Department's Medal of Valor to Sheriff Deputy Hoosock, Deputy Sheriff Constanza and Officer Coakley for their acts of bravery and heroism during a fire in the early morning hours of November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Baldwinsville Police Lieutenant Thomas LeRoy recited a moving detail of events for each of the recipients. A brief reception was held to celebrate these three courageous individuals.

**Resolution #65/2013** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell  
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of May 2, 2013, be approved.

**Carried**

**Citizen's Comments**

Aaron Wilson, a former tenant at 10 West Genesee Street, noted that he was representing all tenants of Bob and Sue Weichert that were afraid to attend this evening in fear of retribution from the Weicherts. He feels that he was evicted because he filed a complaint with the village's codes office regarding the fire hazards and lack of maintenance on the residence at 10 West Genesee Street. He spoke of other tenant's apartments that have black mold, broken appliances, bed bugs, and gas leaks.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he and the board appreciate being made aware of these things and how important it is to inform the code enforcement officer of these unsafe issues. The code enforcement officer can only enter these buildings if invited in by the tenant or the owner. Another former tenant told of windows being screwed shut while another stated that she has had a lawsuit against Bob Weichert for failure to return the security deposit. These residents were told by the mayor that the allegations will be investigated and taken care of.

**Trustees' Comments**

Trustee Presley requested that an executive session for a personnel matter be added to the agenda.

Trustee Clarke mentioned that Erin Wisnewski is leaving her position as editor of the Messenger and is taking a position for the Baldwinsville Life Magazine. He also spoke highly about the program "Voices" that he and the mayor had

attended at village hall. Participants shared stories of old in this first session of the Summer Community Charrette series put on by the Erie Canal Museum, City Lore, a NYS-based cultural center and the village.

Clarke addressed the audience to become more aware of stop signs on village streets. While walking through the village he notices many cars not stopping at this signage and this is a safety concern.

Trustee Clarke stated that the Code enforcement office now has an informational pamphlet available regarding recreational fires.

### **Mayor's Comments**

The mayor:

- added another executive session to the agenda regarding a possible property transfer.
- spoke of his recent "Coffee with the Mayor" where there were safety concerns about the use of motorized scooters on the village streets. This discussion prompted the creation of a program named "Be Safe In B'ville" in which red safety flags will be given out for those who are interested in placing them on their scooters for more visibility. The flags can be picked up at Village Hall and at Canton Woods Senior Center. The first batch of flags were purchased by an anonymous donor. Thanks to The Bikery for selling us the flags at cost.
- recognized Shamballa Café stating that owner Emmitt Simpson hand roasts the coffee beans for the coffee that he serves. He suggests stopping by the café to try the delicious raisin bread that is served.
- attended the renaming ceremony of the Baldwinsville Post Office to honor Corporal Kyle Schneider, a Baldwinsville resident who lost his life serving our country. The mayor noted that it was an extremely emotional ceremony and was well attended. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the dedication will be held on Memorial Day. A plaque honoring Corporal Schneider will be placed on the Post Office building.

### **Department Heads**

Senior Center coordinator Ruth Troy stated that the Baldwinsville Community Band will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> a representative from the Public Policy and Education Fund of New York will be at the Center at 2:30 p.m., to talk about health care reform and the Affordable Care Act for anyone over the age of 21 that is interested.

Chief Lefancheck, in response to Trustee Clarke's comment regarding stop signs, noted that the officers are familiar with the areas that the signage is violated most and patrol those more often through the police department's selective traffic enforcement program. The bicycle safety program is nearing its end with the Grand Rodeo being held on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at The Word of Life Church at noon. The three top winners will be awarded bikes donated by the Optimist Club.

Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo stated that he had attended a security seminar earlier in the day. The discussion was mainly on security and infrastructure particularly as it pertains to transportation. Darcangelo also noted that he was a speaker at a Lions Club meeting about Community Park. He primarily spoke about the trail and the construction schedule for it. The members seemed pleased with the information.

### **Pending Business**

- **Communication Plan/Strategy**

Trustee O'Donnell stated that she and Trustee Clarke reviewed the feedback that they received and will be putting something together for a future meeting.

- **Rental & Vacant Properties**

Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey commented that he and Attorney Jones will be meeting with various members from the East Syracuse municipality to learn more about their NYCOM award winning program regarding rental and vacant properties. They hope to learn from East Syracuse how to implement a much needed program.

- **Proposed Farmer's Market**

Mike Samoraj did not attend the meeting but had been in contact with the mayor. The mayor mentioned that Samoraj has gotten the word out that the farmers market will be on Wednesday evenings beginning in June. He has communicated this through a website, a facebook page and through radio. He also intends to have live music during the market.

### New Business

- **In-Lieu of Parks Fund Balance Account**

**Resolution #66/2013** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to authorize Village Treasurer Anna Custer to establish a separate account at Solvay Bank for the In-Lieu of Parks fund balance, in the amount of \$113,182.80.

#### Carried

Trustee Stebbins explained that the in-lieu of parks account consists of funds from developers to the village when a home or apartment has been built under the premise that all of the village's parks have already been established and paid for by previous homeowners. This fund will provide for the maintenance of the current parks and new projects that occur in those parks.

- **Budget Transfers for March 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013**

**Resolution #67/2013** Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to approve the requested budget transfers for the year March 1, 2012 - February 28, 2013.

#### Carried

- **Waiver request for penalties – Syracuse Haulers**

**Resolution #68/2013** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to approve a partial waiver of \$1,250.00 in penalties requested by Syracuse Haulers for their violation of the village code for "failure to obtain a municipal hauler license".

#### Carried

Nick Denierio, Operations Manager for Syracuse Haulers, spoke to the board asking for a waiver of the \$1,500.00 in penalties assessed to them for failure to obtain a municipal hauler license. He stated that the \$25.00 application fee and hauler application was accidentally pushed aside and when a check was finally processed, it was misplaced and thought to have been mailed. He told the board that Syracuse Haulers pride themselves on being a step above other haulers concentrating on safe quality service. On behalf of Syracuse Haulers he apologizes for the oversight.

At the request of the mayor Village Clerk Maureen Butler gave a timeline of events regarding the request to Syracuse Haulers for the completed municipal hauler license and \$25 fee. The original invoice with application for the time period of March 1, 2013 – February 28, 2014 was sent out on January 31, 2013 with a February 28, 2013 deadline. Second notices and phone calls by the clerk followed and payment from Syracuse Haulers was eventually received on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Since Nick came in and pleaded his case personally Trustee Wilder suggested that the village waive \$1,250.00 of the \$1,500.00 penalty, assessing them with a \$250.00 penalty.

- **Open Container Law Waiver – MSK PMI Events**

**Resolution #69/2013** Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to approve Mike Chemotti's request to waive the Open Container Law from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., for the following PMI events: Saturday, June 15 (2p.m.-11p.m.); Wednesday, July 3; Thursday, July 4; Saturday, July 13; Saturday, July 20; and Saturday, August 17, 2013.

#### Carried

- **Request for Use – Village Lot @ Red Mill**

**Resolution #70/2013** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Clarke  
Resolved to approve Mike Chemotti's request for use of the village lot in front of the Red Mill Inn for the following PMI events: Saturday, June 15; Wednesday, July 3; Thursday, July 4; Saturday, July 13, Saturday, July 20; and Saturday, August 17, 2013.

**Carried**

- **SW Trail Concessions**

**Resolution #71/2013** Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Shepard  
Resolved to approve Mike Chemotti's request for use of the SW Trail for his Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show with the same board approved conditions as the Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> concert, but with the requirement to increase security and foot patrol.

**Carried**

- **Sewer Credit – Assembly of God**

**Resolution #72/2013** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Stebbins  
Resolved to issue a \$125.00 sewer credit to Word of Life Assembly of God for an abnormally high water/sewer bill as a result of a restroom fixture malfunction.

**Carried**

- **Sewer Credit – Studio 41**

**Resolution #73/2013** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder  
Resolved to issue a \$77.00 sewer credit to Studio 41 Salon for an abnormally high water/sewer bill as a result of a water pipe break in the building.

**Carried**

- **BPBA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

**Resolution #74/2013** Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee O'Donnell  
Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Baldwinsville Police Benevolent Association and the Village of Baldwinsville retroactive for the period of March 1, 2011 until February 28, 2014.

**Carried**

- **Canton Woods Agreement – Syracuse Time & Alarm Co., Inc.**

**Resolution #75/2013** Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Stebbins  
Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Syracuse Time & Alarm Co., in the amount of \$11,735.15 to upgrade Canton Woods Senior Center's fire alarm system.

**Carried**

- **Agreement with Solvay Bank – Police Patrol Cars**

**Resolution #76/2013** Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Presley  
Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Solvay Bank to borrow \$65,458.16 for the purchase of two new police patrol vehicles. This is a budgeted item and will be repaid in three annual payments.

**Carried**

Chief Lefancheck explained that this is an agreement to lease two police patrol vehicles with three annual payments and it has been budgeted for. At the end of the three years the police department will own the vehicles.

- **Executive Sessions-with anticipated action**

**Resolution #77/2013** Motion by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved that the board retire into executive sessions regarding a personnel matter and a possible property transfer at 9:00 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution #78/2013** Motion by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the board return from executive session at 9:25 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution #79/2013** Motion by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign a Preferred Developer Agreement with a Joe Alberici entity for the purchase of the village owned property on Lock Street.

**Carried**

**Resolution #80/2013** Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit.

**Abstract #6**

- General Fund Checks #38018 - #38082 \$126,144.39
- Water Fund Checks #23142 - #23153 \$ 5,167.34
- Sewer Fund Checks #22896 - #22902 \$ 779.39

**Carried**

**Resolution #81/2013** Moved by Trustee Clarke, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:31 p.m., until the next village board meeting to be held June 6, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**Carried**

**Adjournment,**

*Maureen Butler*

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**Village Clerk**