

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
March 02, 2023**

A Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees on March 02, 2023, for a Local Law to offer a tax exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service personnel.

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

Others Attending – Attorney Joe Frateschi; Village Clerk Jody DePaulis; Treasurer Mark Baker, Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; residents S. Patterson, Cindy Clarke, Tony McIntyre, Lori McIntyre and Pac-B videographers Brian Hewitt and Lori Newcombe.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Bruce Stebbins and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Village Clerk read the Proof of Publication.

Comments in favor of the proposal: Fire Chief, Tony McIntyre spoke and thanked the village for doing whatever they can. They appreciate the consideration and a little goes a long way.

Comments against the proposal: There were none.

Resolution #257/2022 Motion by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:40 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #258/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Reinagel
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of February 16, 2023, be approved.

Carried

Resolution #259/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved to certify the resolutions that were voted on Friday, February 24, 2023:

Resolution #260/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved to amend the February 16 board resolution - - to hire William Gregg Humphrey as a Parttime Codes officer rather than an independent contractor.

Carried

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Collins mentioned the great reviews that the Angry Smokehouse is getting.

Trustee Stebbins wanted to let everyone know they are in preliminary planning discussion with a company for planning for the village with the vacant lands that are currently not developed. He will be setting up another meeting to include the planning board in the discussion.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- Discussed the water main break on Friday, February 24th. The water dept was very quick in action and had the main break restored in a couple of hours. Chuck should be very proud of his depart, they worked in tough conditions and got it done.
- Noted the Board of Education finally got it right by hiring Joseph DeBarbieri as the next Superintendent. Very pleased with the outcome
- Spoke about the Codes position. There has been some good feedback and Chuck will be interviewing someone next week. They are also looking for a Planning Board member, so if there is any interest, please call the village.
- Discussed how the Town of Lysander is looking into a new water district. The board will need to address this soon and will need to be prepared to discuss it.
- There is a county grant program for senior facilities. Ruth Troy has actively been contacting the county to say that Canton woods is interested in it. They are looking at a new roof and a Meals on Wheels kitchen update with the grant money.
- Noted that there is a new \$10,000 grant application that is due by May 1, 2023.

Department Heads

Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe also spoke of the water break on Friday, February 24, 2023. Water dept had a major leak on Water St and under the bridge. The water department was there until 4:00 am and they really took control of the situation. The water department also worked with the fire department, shutting down roads and thanking them for their help.

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck spoke about a grant that was received by the village for upgrading body camera equipment. This will enable all members of the department to have a body cam. They are also looking at long range planning of their server that data is saved to. In about another 2-3 years the need to look at sending data to the cloud, cost will be an issue.

Pending Business

- **Local Law 3/2023 – Volunteer Fire fighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Personnel**

Resolution #261/2022 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to approve the proposed Local Law 3/2023 to offer a tax exemption for Volunteer Fire Fighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Personnel.

Carried

- **Agreement with Rent,fun LLC for kayak rentals**

Resolution #262/2022

Resolved to authorize the village to enter into an agreement with Rent,fun, LLC for kayak rentals on village property, subject to final legal review

Tabled

Attorney Joe Frateschi is still working on details of the contract, specifically how much money they want down for the rentals. There were also some other questions brought up regarding NYS Law to have whistles on life vests and also will there be a time lock on the rentals, so residents are not renting them during the night and getting onto the river.

- **Reallocate 2020 Project bond funds.**

Resolution #263/2022 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Reinagel

Resolved to reallocate remaining 2020 Project Bond funds to Village Hall Insulation Project

Carried

New Business

- **Release of bid package**

Resolution #264/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Collins
Resolved to ratify the release of the bid package for the 2023 village of Baldwinsville Insulation Project
Carried

- **Surplus**

Resolution #265/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to declare a Village Court HP Laser Jet Pro DT0053715 as surplus.
Carried

- **Water rate increase**

Resolution #266/2022 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved to approve the proposed water rate increase for 2023.

Trustee Stebbins stated this increase is necessary for maintenance of water lines. Increase would be 3% for village residents and 4% for non-residents.

Carried

- **Motion to Pay Bills as Audited**

Resolution #267/2022 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Collins
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract # 25

- General Fund Checks #48772 - #48808 \$ 33,643.42
- Water Fund Checks #25395 - #25401 \$ 3,809.20
- Sewer Fund Checks #24189 - #24192 \$ 1,022.45

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #268/2022 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m., until the next Village Board meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jody DePaulis
Village Clerk