

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON JULY 17, 2008, AT 7:30 P.M.**

Present – Mayor Saraceni, Trustees Presley, Augello, Stebbins, Shimer, and Weaver.

Absent – Trustee Salisbury.

Also Present-Ron Carr and Dave Jones, Attorneys for the Village; Michael Lefancheck, Police Administrator; Tim Baker, Village Engineer, Jerry Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel, and Joe Disano.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Motion #127 -**

Moved by Trustee Weaver seconded by Trustee Shimer that the minutes of the meeting held July 3, 2008, be approved and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen's Comments.**

There were none.

**Mayor's Comments were as follows:**

- He mentioned an invitation that he received from Carole Sponable from Phoenix, to observe the 'Bridgehouse Brats' in action on one of the next few Saturday mornings, and encouraged the trustees to plan to meet at the lock there on August 2, 2008.
- He noted that this past Sunday, during the hard rain here in Baldwinsville, he witnessed a slight flooding event at the corner of Mott and Brown Street. He'd like the DPW committee to look at road damage and the drainage system along Brown Street in that area. There was some discussion about the heavy rains that flow into the village in this area from outside the village, and that is being watched by the DPW. Tim Baker mentioned that part of the problem is that the Giddings Crest area retention pond is not doing as it should be.
- He wanted to address the issue of people fishing from the bridge in the village, as he has seen and been advised of unsafe activity going on related to the fishing. He has spoken with Chief Lefancheck and the police intend to keep an eye on what is going on in the area. They will be periodically checking for fishing licenses and then advise those people fishing to clean up their garbage and watch for pedestrians. Ron Carr said in the future that the village could regulate activity by prohibiting fishing on the bridge. Trustee Stebbins stated the village may need to work with the DEC on any such regulation.
- He stated that the activity in the village on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was awesome. The combination of the people out and about and the island crowds in the area, along with those coming in for the fireworks that night was huge. It was a plus that there were no police incidents to report.

**Trustees' Comments.**

Trustee Stebbins mentioned that for next year's July 4<sup>th</sup>, the village will have a mass gathering permit ready, as Trustees Presley and Augello are familiar with the permit procedure.

He also mentioned that the DPW has been in discussion with an Eagle Scout who would like to work with the Rotary Club on a proposed project involving a garden area where River Street and the parking lot at Mercer Park meet. This project would help better define the edge of the walkway and Mercer Park area.

Tim mentioned that his department has been working along River Street on re-lining the road and parking spaces at Mercer Park to define the boat parking area.

He stated that at a low cost, the concrete can be poured for the curbing that would set this area apart. The cost is within the DPW budget, and it could be scheduled to be done within the next few weeks. The Eagle Scout is very eager to get this project going and completed. The garden would be planted with perennials which will not require a lot of maintenance by our department. The source of funding will be parks.

Trustee Stebbins will contact the rest of the Rotary Club to be sure to urge that maintenance in the future will be taken care of at the site by the club.

There was board support of the project and the Mayor said the DPW should go ahead.

Trustee Presley had two things to mention. This first issue ties in with what was just mentioned about future maintenance of the proposed project area at Mercer Park. The Sergei Yevich Trail is in need of attention from our DPW. It is embarrassing to see the mess and trash on that trail. For example, one part of the fence along the trail is completely down. There are weeds along the walkway and the fence. He strongly believes that our village must be able to build and then maintain the projects that we propose and complete.

There was a discussion about how the DPW can better monitor this trail and all parts of the village on a daily basis, especially when there is something in need of repair or trash to be picked up, etc. Tim will get a crew to the area in the next few days.

The second thing Trustee Presley mentioned is that Plumley Engineering started an I & I study several years ago, and he is wondering where we are with that now? Tim stated that he feels the village is behind on that, but he will target problem areas such as the Brown and Mott intersection and make them a priority. He has been working on compiling the maps from Plumley associated with the study into one good drawing.

### **Department Heads.**

Chief Lefancheck stated that although this year they weren't prepared for such a large crowd the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>, work is being done to be ready for future years. He will get back to this board with any updates.

Tim Baker reported that the Route 48 sidewalks are moving along. The transformers on the South Shore West Trail are ready to be put in place and they hope to do so this coming week. The transformers will take the larger 480 voltage and reduce it to the 120/240 voltage the boaters need.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding what the policy will be on the trail in dealing with payment for the electricity and water. An operational costs plan for the village needs to be developed and put in place as this needs to be a revenue source for the village. It was decided that whether the village uses an honor system or has a staff person there or uses the visitor's center to monitor usage, the village must have money coming in to cover expenses. Tim noted that they are setting up for the capability of charging for services as they do the installation there.

Trustee Stebbins will ask Onondaga County Parks for input and ideas related to this issue.

### **Pending Business.**

***Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.***

Tim Baker spoke of recently receiving new floodway maps for the area to help eventually figure out the bridge installation. The village needs to first make application for an easement across National Grid's property then later apply to place the bridge. He needs to spend \$200.00 to apply for the easement.

***Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.***

Tim stated that he and Rolf Beckhusen, the Village Codes officer, have not had a chance to meet this week.

***Discussion/Action in regards to the adoption of a resolution accepting dedication of streets and drainage easements for Aspen Springs, Section 1 Subdivision.***

There was a short discussion and according to Tim all requirements had been met, there were no outstanding issues and they have met the letter of agreement for the pumping station. Ron Carr stated that this is an important step to get completed.

**Motion #128 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the adoption of a resolution accepting dedication of streets and drainage easements for Aspen Springs, Section 1 Subdivision, be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**New Business.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to a request from Nancy Blais, who is seeking permission to have a Block Party on Saturday July 19, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. –8:00 p.m. They would like to block off the road from 50 Athena Drive to 39 Athena Drive, and also request the waiver of the Open Container Law.***

**Motion #129-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the request from Nancy Blais, who is seeking permission to have a Block Party on Saturday, July 19, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and also requesting a waiver of the Open Container Law, be approved. They would be blocking off the road from 50 Athena Drive to 39 Athena Drive.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to the request from Carmen and Kathy Spensieri for the fees to be waived for the use of Paper Mill Island on Sunday, July 5, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a family reunion to be held.***

There was a brief discussion noting that the Spensieri family donated this land to the village and we have granted this request for them in the past.

**Motion #130 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the request from Carmen and Kathy Spensieri for the waiver of the rental fees, security deposit and the certificate of insurance requirement for the use of Paper Mill Island on Sunday, July 5, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a family reunion, be approved.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to the request from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Department for a 3 month extension to the rental agreement for the South Side Fire Station on Mildred Avenue.*

**Motion # 131 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the request from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Department for a 3 month extension to the rental agreement and if necessary, rental on a month by month basis for the South Side Fire Station on Mildred Avenue, be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #132 -**

Moved by Trustee Shimer seconded by Trustee Weaver that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #310 (Cks #31106 -#31174)-\$100,580.29; Water (Cks #21917 -#21927)- \$14,052.28; & Sewer (Cks #22067-#22074) - \$353.72.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #133-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board authorizes the release back to the developer of the last \$1,000.00 that was being held for the Festa Fairways Subdivision.

**CARRIED.**

Trustee Stebbins asked that Tim have Lynn give a current state of the “in lieu of parks payments” fund to the next DPW committee meeting.

**Motion #134-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on August 7, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk