

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON NOVEMBER 20, 2008, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Also Present – Ron Carr and Dave Jones, Attorneys for the Village; Michael Lefancheck, Police Administrator; Timothy Baker, Village Engineer, Charles Elliott from the Public Access Channel, Terri Stamp from Canton Woods Senior Center; Lee Wilder and Lori Diver from the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce, Karen Mayo, and Shane Kennard.

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

Motion #207 -

Moved by Trustee Weaver seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the minutes of the meeting held November 6, 2008, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen's Comments.

Karen Mayo of Charlotte Street submitted a petition with written comments concerning the noise levels coming from the concert series on Paper Mill Island. She noted that some of the comments were people could not sleep until after the music ended, they could not hear the TV, and they were getting stressed with the constant sound of the bass. She asked if the Village could have something that measured the bass sound.

Mayor Saraceni suggested that the Village hire a sound specialist to help them minimize the sound levels. He noted that a sound specialist will be able to tell the Village how to maneuver the speakers to minimize the sound levels and install sound screens. He asked that this issue be put on the DPW agenda to discuss what action will be taken to solve the sound levels and bass levels. He noted that these meetings were open to the public if Karen Mayo wanted to attend or the DPW Committee can keep her informed on the progress of the issue.

Lori Diver, President of the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce presented the Village with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be put toward the construction of Village Square. The funds came from the proceeds of the Oktoberfest Event that was held in October of this year. She asked the Village Board if the Village would be a co-sponsor of the Big Chill Event that will be held in January of 2009. She noted that the Village was a co-sponsor last year, which was a big success.

The Village Board agreed to be a co-sponsor for the Big Chill Event to be held in January.

Mayor Saraceni's comments were as follows:

- Requested an Executive Session for a personnel matter.
- Noted that Santa Claus is coming to town on a fire truck at the Red Mill Inn on November 29th at 5:30 p.m. The tree lighting ceremony will also take place at that time and there will be a lot of activities going on.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Salisbury requested an Executive Session for Labor Contract Negotiations.

Trustee Stebbins stated that the DPW Committee will be looking at the sound levels at Paper Mill Island. He noted that this has been an ongoing issue since the Amphitheater was built. He noted that the Village has tried over the years to address the problems, but has had limited success.

Department Heads.

Michael Lefancheck comments were as follows:

- Stated that the survey measuring satisfaction with the Village Police Department that is being done by the students from Syracuse University should be completed within the next couple of weeks. When it is completed he will present a copy to the Village Board.
- Noted that Police Officer Jim Cerankowski is being awarded the Medal of Honor by the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police on December 3, 2008. The ceremony is going to take place at the Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica. He asked the Village Board that if they wish to attend to let him know and he would make the reservations.
- Noted that one of the police officers was injured while making an arrest a couple of weeks ago. He has been put on light duty for approximately 6 to 8 weeks or until his doctor releases him.
- Noted that the overnight parking ban is now in effect until April 15, 2009.

Tim Baker stated that the Village is trying to get around and pick up the leaves that have been left at the curb.

Terri Stamp gave a yearly report of activities that have taken place at Canton Woods Senior Center. She noted upcoming events.

Pending Business.

Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.

Tim Baker noted that the Village received the canal permit for the bridge. He will be getting prices for the sheet metal for installation of the bridge. He hopes to have the bridge in this winter or early spring depending on the weather.

Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.

The contractor for the sidewalk work is completing another project in Sterling, New York, and when that is done, he will start the work in the Village weather permitting.

Discussion/Possible Action concerning the proposed transfer of Meigs Road.

Mayor Saraceni noted that the Village received a revised agreement from the Town of Van Buren. He noted that some of the changes in the revised agreement were that the Town of Van Buren stated that the knoll in the road would not be repaired at this time and the Town of Van Buren stated that they would have control as to future entrance/exits onto Meigs Road.

The Village Board discussed these changes and decided that it was not in the best interest of the Village residents to enter into an agreement with the Town of Van Buren. The Mayor requested Tim Baker contact the developer directly and discuss the payment of the \$65,000.00 and where the Village would like to see the entrance/exit onto Meigs Road.

Tim Baker noted that once the developer makes his cut onto Meigs Road, there would be entrances/exits at both ends of Meigs, the Village could possibly close off the middle and make the repairs and take out the knoll in the road with the \$65,000.00.

Discussion in regards to adopting a Local Law allowing inspections to be done on rental property by the Village's Codes Enforcement Officer.

The Village Board agreed with the language of the proposed Local Law and requested the Village Attorney put the document in final form. At the next meeting the Village Board will set a public hearing date. It was noted that approximately 30 % of the properties in the Village are rental property.

Tim Baker stated that the Codes Enforcement Officer will inspect the rental property and depending on what he finds, he will give them a rating. Depending on those ratings, it will dictate what renewal cycle will be needed for a re-inspection.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to amending the Village Code concerning the sign law as it relates to A-frame signs.

Mayor Saraceni noted that the Village Codes Enforcement Officer requested the following changes be made to the Sign Law in the Village Code. "1) An A-frame sidewalk sign may be placed in front of places of business between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 2) An A-frame Sidewalk sign are allowable in front of places of business from April 15 through November 1st."

The Village Board discussed the changes and felt that changes are needed, since there are A-frame signs along the streets within the four corner area. It was noted some businesses have them out twenty-four hours, seven days a week and are not taking them in when their businesses are not open. It makes it very difficult to plow the downtown sidewalks. They feel the A-frames should be out in front of the business and only out when the business is open. The Village discussed where the best locations of an A-Frame sign would be, whether it is to be located so many feet in front of the business or so many feet from the side of the street or curb. Mayor Saraceni suggested that the Public Safety Committee review this issue and make a recommendation to the board. Trustee Presley suggested that the DPW Committee also should review and make their recommendation. Tim Baker stated that he would mention this issue to the ARB at their next meeting to get their comments.

Trustee Presley noted that there are a lot of signs that are attached to utility poles, which are not allowed. He asked what the Village was going to do about those signs.

Tim Baker noted that the Codes Enforcement Officer had removed them the night before. He noted that he takes them down either late at night or early in the morning when there is less traffic.

Discussion in regards to adopting a Local Law regarding a disruptive conduct law.

Mayor Saraceni asked the Village Board to review the information regarding this proposed Local Law that was put in the Trustee's mail trays.

Michael Lefancheck stated that he mentioned this issue to the Public Safety Committee at their last meeting. He noted that the Village of East Syracuse has adopted a Local Law regarding disruptive conduct for rental property. He explained that under law, if the police are called to a rental residence three times within a rolling year for disruptive conduct as described in the law, that tenant can be evicted from the property. When the incidents occur, there would be a written report that would be filed with the Codes Enforcement Officer and a copy would be sent to the landlord and the tenant. He noted that the police have been called to a rental on Mechanic Street 25 to 30 times within a three month period, the tenants have since been evicted. He noted that he spoke with the Codes Enforcement Officer and he felt that it worked hand in hand with the proposed Local Law regarding the rental inspections.

Mayor Saraceni noted that he has spoken to residents who are very frustrated when they live next door to residences who have no respect for the law and that living next to them is unbearable.

Discussion/Action in regards to changing the Village Board Meeting dates in January 2009, from January 1st and January 15th to January 8th and January 22nd, because January 1st is a Holiday.

Motion #208 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the Village Board change the Village Board Meeting dates in January 2009, from January 1st and January 15th to January 8th and January 22nd, because January 1st is a Holiday.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning the approval of the waiver of State Aide Funds for the Youth Recreation to both the Towns of Lysander and Van Buren for the year 2009, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the documents for same.

Motion #209 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the waiver of State Aide Funds for the Youth Recreation to both the Towns of Lysander and Van Buren for the year 2009, be approved and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the documents for same.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding giving the Mayor authorization to execute the application for New York State Division for Youth Funds. The Village should receive funds for youth services, which include funds that are being waived from the Towns of Lysander and Van Buren to the Village.

Motion #210 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the Mayor be authorized to execute the application for New York State Division for Youth Funds. The Village should receive funds for youth services, which include funds that are being waived from the Towns of Lysander and Van Buren to the Village.

CARRIED.

Motion #211 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board retired into two Executive Sessions (Personnel and Labor Contract Negotiations) at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #212 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board returned from Executive Session at 10:09 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #213 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #318 (Cks #31640-#31754)-\$33,245.54; Water #318 (Cks #22009-#22010) \$8,176.00; & Sewer #318 (Cks #22116-#22120) - \$266.89.

CARRIED.

Motion #214 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on December 4, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

