

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2008, AT 7:30 P.M.**

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

Also Present-Ron Carr and Dave Jones, Attorneys for the Village; Michael Lefancheck, Police Administrator; Maysel Markham, Highway Foreman, Jerry Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel, Clare Merrick, Erin and Bob Scherfling, Shane Kennard, Rick Ravas, Joy Swensen, Val Getman, Terry Mullen, Nancy Loveland, Tom Leo, and Erin Smith.

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

**Motion #165 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the minutes of the meeting held September 4, 2008, be approved and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen's Comments.**

Erin and Bob Scherfling, residents living at 49 West Genesee Street, adjacent to Mercer Park, voiced their continual concerns about the use of the park by disrespectful, loud, bad-mouthed teens, especially right after school. These teens congregate in groups on the swings, picnic tables, and walkways. It is very intimidating for parents with small children that want to frequent the park. At times the Scherflings cannot have their 3 young children outside because of the constant swearing that goes on at the park. They are afraid that their property may be vandalized if they confront the teens. They would like a long term solution to this ongoing problem.

Trustee Weaver stated that she stopped at Mercer Park today around 3:30 p.m. to check on this problem. She whole-heartedly agreed with the Scherflings that the behavior of the teens is very intimidating. Some were drinking while others were hanging off the swings talking using harsh language. She was glad that she did not have her children with her. If she had, she would have left the park.

Chief Lefancheck stated that he would try to have more foot patrol at Mercer Park during the after school hours. In the near future a surveillance camera will be put up at Mercer. The Chief noted that not much can be done legally since tickets can not be issued for foul language.

Mayor Saraceni was sympathetic to the problem and asked that the Public Safety Committee make it a priority to make our parks more family-friendly.

Clare Merrick questioned the status of the EDR/Village Square plan. The Mayor spoke of the recreational activities that have been and will be held at the site of the former Harrington Firehouse. He noted that the EDR plan is on hold waiting further funding.

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

- He noted that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Rt. 48/Chaucer sidewalk that was held earlier today. Senator DeFrancisco, who was instrumental in the village acquiring the \$50,000.00 for the project, also attended. The Mayor once again thanked the DPW for the excellent work they did on the one quarter mile sidewalk.
- Requested an Executive Session in regards to the purchase of property.

## **Trustees' Comments.**

Trustee Stebbins requested that an Item E. be added under New Business. This item is for the discussion/action in regards to declaring certain vehicles as surplus and sending them to the County for auction.

Trustee Presley requested an Executive Session in regards to a personnel matter. He also noted that he walked the new stretch of sidewalk on Rt. 48 and thought it was great!

## **Department Heads.**

Maysel Markham reported that Oneida Street and the portion of Mott Road from the village line to Brown Street were finally paved. He complimented the DPW employees on a job well done. He noted that they are a unique group that can do just about anything.

Frank Foster noted that the Senior Center will be offering flu shots on October 9th and October 30th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Center is also hosting an "Antiques, Collectibles and Memorabilia Sale" on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They're hoping for approximately 40 vendor booths to be there.

## **Pending Business.**

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

Maysel Markham noted that the mulch on Marble Street is finally gone. The mulch pile will not be dumped there again because there was little, if any, demand for the mulch.

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

Ron Carr was given the sidewalk bid contract to review. There was a small discussion on the timing of the financing. Thirty days will be needed after the bid is awarded for the funds to come available. The contract states that the sidewalk project will be started this year and completed in June 2009.

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

Ron Carr's letter regarding the proposed transfer of Meigs Road was discussed. He indicated in the letter that the village may not convey Meigs Road to the town of Van Buren for maintenance as a town highway without special State legislative permission. However, Section 214-c of the Highway Law gives the village the ability to give the town permission to repair and maintain the road with no consideration. Both the village board and the town of Van Buren board must approve this agreement in order for it to be in effect. Ron Carr will research the length of the term that can be defined in the contract.

## **New Business.**

### ***Discussion/Action in regards to the request from Mary Morgan from Girl Scout Troop #576 asking permission to use Community Park for an encampment on June 6 – June 7, 2009.***

A small discussion ensued regarding the status of the bathroom facilities. If the outside facilities are not renovated by then, the scouts will have to get permission to use the Lions clubhouse bathroom facilities.

**Motion #166 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Augello that the request from Mary Morgan from Girl Scout Troop #576 asking permission to use Community Park for an encampment on June 6 – June 7, 2009, be approved.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to the Canton Woods proposed budget for 2009.***

The village board decided to postpone the discussion on the Canton Woods proposed budget until the October 2<sup>nd</sup> village board meeting in order for the board to review the contents.

***Discussion/Possible Action in regards to the Inter-Municipality Agreement between the Baldwinsville Central School District and the Village of Baldwinsville for the five year period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012.***

After reviewing the agreement, Ron Carr made a revision to Item #6 - Indemnification by the Village. This revision was discussed and agreed upon by the board. The revised statement states “In addition, the Village shall indemnify the School District for any penalties, fines, costs, attorney’s fees and other expenses statutorily imposed *with respect to any discharge of petroleum product which is solely caused by the negligence or intentional acts of the Village in its use of the School District’s fuel storage facility.*”.

**Motion # 167 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the Mayor be given authorization to sign the Inter-Municipality Agreement, with recommended changes, between the Baldwinsville Central School District and the Village of Baldwinsville for the five year period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Possible Action in regards to giving permission for Officers Christine Weeks and Chrissy Allen to attend the FBI Officer Survival Course to be held at West Point, NY from October 6 – 10, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.***

**Motion #168 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Shimer that Officers Christine Weeks and Chrissy Allen be given permission to attend the FBI Officer Survival Course to be held at West Point, NY from October 6 – 10, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to declaring certain equipment as surplus and sending them to the County for auction.***

The following are the equipment to be declared surplus:

1. 1999 Dodge 1500 4WD
2. 1998 Ford Crown Victoria
3. 1957 White tank truck
4. 1977 Chevrolet C60

**Motion #169 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the above-mentioned equipment be declared surplus and sent to the County for auction.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Possible Action in regards to the request from the Women's Garden Club for funds to purchase bulbs to be planted in the various village parks.*

Nancy Loveland, a representative from the Women's Garden Club, addressed the board asking for funds to purchase bulbs to be planted at Canal Garden, Point Park and the Sergei Yevich Trail. In doing this, flowers will be blooming in the spring.

**Motion #170 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Shimer to approve an expenditure of \$500.00 to the Women's Garden Club for the purchase of bulbs to be planted by the Club at various village parks.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #171 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Shimer that the board retire into 2 Executive Sessions at 8:50 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #172 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the board return from Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #173 -**

Moved by Trustee Shimer seconded by Trustee Weaver that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #314 (Cks #31362-#31423)-\$65,539.58; Water (Cks #21960-#21975)- \$49,885.33; & Sewer (Cks #22090-#22100) - \$2,845.98.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #174 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the meeting be adjourned at 9:21 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on October 2, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk

