

A Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees for the purpose of hearing comments regarding a proposed local law amending the Membership Structure of the Architectural Review Board, at Village Hall on May 15, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also Present-Ron Carr and Dave Jones, Attorneys for the Village; Dan Warner, Police Administrator; Michael Lefancheck, Police Lieutenant; Tim Baker, Village Engineer, Charles Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Rhoda Smith, Sarah Baker, Frank Foster & Karen Gates.

The Public Hearing was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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The Deputy Village Clerk read the legal notice that was published in the Messenger.

The Mayor asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the proposed local law amending the Membership Structure of the Architectural Review Board.

No one spoke.

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Sarah Baker explained how the ARB began, why it was formed and why she feels that it is extremely important for the village to continue to have proper representation placed on that board. She feels that although it is being discussed that a trustee may be removed from mandatory placement on that board, a member of the Planning Board and Zoning Board should remain on that board. Those representatives help to keep the lines of communication between the boards open. That way the PB and ZBA would be kept aware of what is being discussed with particular issues relative to the ARB, and issues in front of the ARB would be known to the other boards as well.

Motion # 74-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Village Clerk

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The Mayor mentioned that Paul Anderson, developer of the property, would be arriving late and would speak then.

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No one spoke.

Motion # 75 –

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Weaver that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Village Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON MAY 15, 2008, AT 7:43 P.M.

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

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Motion # 76-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the minutes of the meeting held May 1, 2008, be approved and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen's Comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor's Comments.

The Mayor requested that three executive sessions be added to the agenda. One regarding a personnel issue, one regarding a possible contractual issue and the last one a possible land acquisition issue.

He mentioned the Carp tournament that is going on locally with about 42 teams. The opening ceremonies were great with many local dignitaries in attendance. Carmella Mantello, NYS Canal Corporation, was able to attend and talk with him at length also.

The Mayor also stated that notices of 2 awards were given to him from Senator DeFrancisco. The CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) award has increased 19.71 %, to \$77, 194.00, to be received this year. This money is used for paving projects and general improvements. The AIM (Aid Incentives for Municipalities) award also increased 5% to \$58,435.00 in aid. This money is used to help municipalities ease the burden of local property tax.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Stebbins requested that an item 'H' be added to the agenda under new business. The item is a request to make a change to the 2008 Community Development Project request to renovate the bathrooms at Lions Community Park. They would like to discuss the idea of changing the location of the bathrooms closer to the main picnic area and boat launch.

Department Heads.

Dan Warner reminded the board that this is his last meeting as Chief of Police.

Tim Baker mentioned he had several items. First, the Village of Baldwinsville's water placed 2nd in the Onondaga County water tasting contest held last week by the health department at Great Northern Mall. Second, he mentioned that gravel is being hauled in and will be rolled into place out on the Rt 48 sidewalk project. It will be left as a hard packed surface until they start laying the concrete after school lets out in June. Third, the installation of the marine power project along the South Shore West Trail will start next week. The brush pick up schedule for summer begins then and frees up more time for the DPW to complete other village projects. He mentioned last that the concrete floor of the cold storage building was poured a week ago and in about 3 weeks time they can start moving in the heavy equipment from the Lock Street building.

Frank Foster spoke about the Annual Report for the Canton Woods Senior Center that everyone should have and if there are any questions they should call him. The big news is that the 30th Anniversary of the center will be celebrated on

Friday, June 20, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with entertainment and dedication of the new gazebo there. On Saturday, June 21, 2008, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., there will be a picnic at the center along with entertainment to honor the seniors, with over 200 already signed up to attend. He also mentioned that there is an article in the June issue of the magazine 55+ that highlights the senior center and the Baldwinsville community.

The Mayor asked about the accreditation of the senior facility and Frank stated it is still being worked on and that there is not a deadline.

At this time Paul Anderson, with Anderson-Barney, was introduced by the Mayor in order to speak regarding the second public hearing. He spoke giving the reasons he has for why he is in favor of the adoption of the local law mentioned earlier. He mentioned what's happening at their site on Downer Street and the many plans for redevelopment and new proposals they are working on. They are going for a "town-square" concept design as opposed to a strip mall, with landscaping and green space with pedestrian access. It will be an exciting change to the area, with more local and regional tenants, not a national tenant like Wal-Mart. This proposed change to local law can only help continue this work.

Ron Carr, village attorney, explained why the designation of a 'Planned Development District' is best for this area. It was noted that the Planning Board Chairman, Chris Savacool, has already submitted a letter recommending this zone change and how it will serve the best interests of the village and the developer. This designation deals with properties that are bigger than 10 acres only and this is the best designation for this site, as it gives the village some control and the planning board can be flexible with the area. This is a good idea as it allows for a planned concept instead of a haphazardly built one. The proposed plan could not be undertaken with the zoning the way it is currently written for this area, without many variances being applied for.

Pending Business.

Discussion in regards to the updated status of Village Square.

1. Discussion regarding the cost estimates submitted by EDR.

The Mayor said he has passed out to the board the report from EDR and he would like the DPW committee to review it and to give recommendations back to the board on how to proceed. This report was a necessary step in the procedure in order to see the costs involved to work on the property. It provides the board with a cost estimate and opens up the opportunity to try to obtain funding, both public and private. Any recommendations from the DPW committee will be discussed at the village board meeting on June 19, 2008.

Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.

Tim Baker spoke about his meeting yesterday with Steve Eidt, where they discussed the process to acquire a permit, if possible, for the land on Meadow Street, which is canal property, on which the village wants to put the trail across. Tim wanted to find out how and where they could issue a permit to us? Also, if the canals did not issue a permit, what would the village do if they would only sell the property? Tim said the village should first make request for a permit, then, see what happens from there.

He also said they are still working to find the best way to connect the downtown village area with Community Park. They are working on finding the best area to install the bridge, and on the different easements and permit applications for doing that.

Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.

The Mayor said the DPW recommended for the first sidewalk improvements an area of approximately 19,106 total square feet. The first proposed area is shown on the map as the district described as the pie shaped wedge starting at the point at the corner of West Oneida and West Genesee Streets continuing east on both sides of West Oneida Street; south down both sides of Walnut Street; west onto West Genesee Street, both sides of the street; to the corner meeting back at West Oneida Street. (This area also includes the east side of Triangle Place.) This is approximately 12,500 sq ft which is less than the 19,106 sq ft mentioned previously because only 65.6% of that area needs replacement.

The cost for the village would probably be higher than the 50% split previously mentioned. Many factors will come into this figure, for example, such as the replacement of the wider corner access block on a corner lot, where the village would fix the block at the corner for better handicapped accessibility.

The total cost estimate as of now for this first district is 12,500 sq ft at \$10.00/sq ft, so approximately \$120,000.00. Ron Carr stated that there would need to be a taxing district created first. Then, a public hearing would be held for that district. The DPW would plan to meet first with each homeowner before any work is done as there are many different work plans possible. The taxing district would apply whatever the unpaid amount is to the taxes and can assess it against the property for up to 3 years. The village could get an installment bond with a fixed rate and use that rate for the property owner.

Tim will get the map updated to include the north side of West Oneida St and also the new dollar figures for the village board.

Discussion/Action in regards to the adoption of the proposed local law amending the Membership Structure of the Architectural Review Board.

Motion # 77–

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the adoption of the proposed local law amending the membership structure of the Architectural Review Board, be approved.

There was a discussion regarding the membership structure of the board. It was agreed that there must be a PB and ZBA member on the board, especially if the trustee requirement is to be removed. Several trustees said they would have to vote no to this motion if the language couldn't be changed from the way it is stated. Ron Carr said that this language in the proposal of the law can be changed to provide mandatory placement of PB and ZBA members and it can be ready by the next meeting. He also stated that this does not require another public hearing. The Mayor said he would like to see the new amended language brought to the board and will table this until the next meeting.

Motion # 78–

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the motion to adopt the local law amending the membership structure of the Architectural Review Board be tabled until amended language is brought to the board.

CARRIED.

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Motion # 79–

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Presley that the adoption of the proposed local law amending the Zoning Law of the Village of Baldwinsville by changing the B-1 Business use symbols and indications as of the Zoning Map of the Village of Baldwinsville for that property in the area at the corner of Downer Street and Meigs Road, consisting of approximately 26.307 acres, to the designation of a Planned Development District, be approved.

CARRIED.

The Mayor is very impressed with how the new owners are handling this project and how they are really looking out for the village's concerns. Trustee Presley stated again that the Planning Board is really doing their job.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to the approval of the appointments of Jeremy Brand, Kyle Sochia and Brent Scott, as seasonal laborers, at the rate of \$7.95 per hour with an effective hire date of 5/19/08.

Motion # 80 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the approval of the appointments of Jeremy Brand, Kyle Sochia and Brent Scott, as seasonal laborers, at the rate of \$7.95 per hour with an effective hire date of 5/19/08, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/ Action authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for a Legislative Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to upgrade the computer systems of the Baldwinsville Police Department.

Dan Warner noted that this grant was obtained with the assistance of Assemblyman William Magnarelli's office.

Motion # 81–

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the authorization be given to the Mayor to sign an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for a Legislative Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to upgrade the computer systems of the Baldwinsville Police Department.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to upgrade the patrol vehicle computer systems.

Dan Warner also mentioned that this grant was obtained with the assistance of Senator John DeFrancisco's office.

Motion # 82 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the authorization be given to the Mayor to sign an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to upgrade the patrol vehicle computer systems.

CARRIED.

There was then a brief presentation given by Rhoda Smith, a representative from 'Tobacco-Free Onondaga County'. This group was formed in 1992 as a partnership of local organizations and individuals committed to the encouragement of a smoke-free environment in Onondaga County. She left some packets of information with each board member and intends to return to a meeting in the future to further discuss initiatives mentioned that could be considered for use in the village.

Discussion/Action in regards to issuing a refund of \$358.15 to the property owner at 81 W. Genesee Street, since their assessment had been lowered by a small claims action with the Town of Lysander and their 2008-2009 tax bill did not reflect the lower assessment.

Motion # 83–

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the Village Clerk is authorized to issue a refund of \$358.15 to the property owner at 81 W. Genesee Street, since their assessment had been lowered by a small claims action with the Town of Lysander and their 2008-2009 tax bill did not reflect the lower assessment.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request for relief of the sewer portion of the water/sewer bill from the property owner of 7630 Canton Street. The sewer relief amount recommended by the DPW Committee is \$200.00.

Motion # 84-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the Village Clerk is authorized to grant relief of the sewer portion of the water/sewer bill from the property owner of 7630 Canton Street, in the amount of \$200.00.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning year-end budget transfers submitted by the Village Treasurer.

There was a short discussion regarding the transfers. It was decided that the approval of the year end budget transfers submitted by the Village Treasurer be tabled until the next board meeting to give time for further discussion with the treasurer.

Motion # 85-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the motion to approve the relocation of the site of the 2008 Community Development bathroom renovation Project to a site closer to the picnic area and boat launch be accepted.

There was discussion concerning this request to make a change to the 2008 Community Development Project request to renovate the bathrooms at Lions Community Park. This request was approved to complete renovations to update and make the bathrooms ADA compliant. Tim Baker stated some of the problems with the present building and how it was not big enough to make it ADA compliant. After noting this and evaluating the situation, the DPW committee decided to advise the board to construct a new building and to change the location of the bathrooms to be closer to the main, more frequented picnic area and boat launch. The new location presents the option of being able to possibly heat the building. This opens the building up to being of better use to the community in the future. The possibility exists of developing a walkway from the baseball diamonds to the new restrooms also. So by approving this change to the request, Community Development notes that the village would like the County to consider the change.

CARRIED.

Motion # 86-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board retired into executive session at 9:35 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion # 87-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board returned from executive session at 10:05 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion # 88-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #306 (Cks #30830-#30902) - \$85,925.68; Water #306 (Cks #21869 -#21881) - \$10,512.34; Sewer #306 (Cks #22039-#22050) - \$3,864.65.

CARRIED.

Motion # 89-

Moved by Trustee Weaver seconded by Trustee Presley that the meeting be adjourned at 10:07 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held June 5, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk