

**Public Hearing was held on April 3, 2008, at 7:25 p.m. by the Village Board of Trustees for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the consideration and establishment of a village wide sidewalk improvement district.**

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

Also Present – Daniel Warner, Police Administrator; Michael Lefancheck, Police Lieutenant: Tim Baker, Village Engineer; Jerry Elliott from the Public Access Station, Clare Merrick, Karen Gates, Melinda Shimer, John Salisbury, Rick Ravas from the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company, Sally Dayger, Cindy Clarke, and Mike Chemotti.

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

Mayor Saraceni stated that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear comments regarding the consideration and establishment of a village wide sidewalk improvement district.

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

Mayor Saraceni asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the consideration and establishment of a village wide sidewalk improvement district.

John Salisbury of 97 West Genesee Street stated that he realized that the Village couldn't afford to pay 100% of the sidewalk repair or replacement; therefore he feels the 50% is a good thing. He questioned the process in which the selection of what sidewalks will be repaired first.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the Village will choose a certain area that gets heavy traffic, and then do another area until the Village is completed.

John Salisbury questioned how the Village was going to repair the sidewalks that have been heaved by the tree roots.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the Village will allow turnouts around the trees until the tree dies and is taken down. At the time the tree is taken down; the Village will then come back and straighten out the sidewalk at its expense.

Cindy Clark questioned who would pay to replace the sidewalks that go through the Village right-a-way to the street.

Mayor Saraceni noted that the repair or replacement of that part of the sidewalk would be the homeowner's responsibility. He noted that the homeowner could make a business arrangement with the contractor to do the work and then they can be billed separately for that work.

Mayor Saraceni asked if anyone wanted to speak against the consideration and establishment of a village wide sidewalk improvement district.

No one spoke.

**Motion #346 –**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON APRIL 3, 2008, AT 7:35 P.M.**

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

Also Present – Daniel Warner, Police Administrator; Michael Lefancheck, Police Lieutenant; Tim Baker, Village Engineer; Jerry Elliott from the Public Access Station, Clare Merrick, Karen Gates, Melinda Shimer, John Salisbury, Rick Ravas from the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company, Sally Dayger, Cindy Clarke, and Mike Chemotti.

**Motion #347–**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that minutes of the meeting held March 20, 2008, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen’s Comments.**

Jerry Elliott noted that while he was walking, he came across a resident who was in a motorized wheelchair, who was having difficulty going down the sidewalk on the south side of West Genesee Street. She was trying to get around the barrels and yellow tape and her wheelchair got stuck on the grid that was around the Village tree. He noted that he helped her, but it was not an easy task. He questioned if the Village was going to have the property owner remove those barrels, so the sidewalk would go back to being wider and he also questioned if the Village was going to do something with the grids around the trees.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he would have the DPW look into the tree grids that are around the trees and see if they can be straightened. Mayor Saraceni stated he was not going to have the barrels and the yellow tape removed until the burned out building is declared stable and torn down. He noted that he has been in contact with the insurance carrier that is handling the claim for the burned out building. The insurance carrier stated that they have finally settled with the property owner and he should be getting the funds, Mayor Saraceni stated that he has been in contact with the property owner and mentioned to him that Onondaga County has a store front rehab program that would help restore the building. The Village will wait a couple weeks to see what progress is made, now that the insurance claim has been settled. It was noted that once repairs or construction begin the property owner will have to appear before the planning board and ARB Board.

Karen Gates stated that she wanted to compliment the water department on the work they did on River Street repairing a sewer problem between her house and her neighbor David Lane.

**Mayor’s Comments are as follows:**

- Stated that he had a very good meeting with Carmella Montello, Director of Canals in New York State. He noted that Rich Harris, Ken Flood, Steve Eidt, also from the New York State Canal Corp and Tim Baker were in attendance. They toured the canal property the Village wished to purchase from them. They are very excited about the proposed project that the Village has planned for the site. They also briefly discussed the shortening of the hours for the lock system. Ms. Montello stated that the process for purchasing the property the from Canal Corp could take up to 10 months to a year, since this process is new to them. She also stated that she was going to a meeting today, regarding the lock hours and they are hoping to be able find the funding to change the lock hours back to what they previously were. Mayor Saraceni stated that he would like permission to write a letter to the Canal Corp requesting the hours of the locks system be reinstated as they were in the year 2007, which were from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00p.m.

**Motion #348 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the Mayor be given permission to write a letter of support for the canal lock hours to be reinstated as they were in the year 2007, which were from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Mayor's Comments are as follows: (con't)**

- Thanked Trustee Mott and Trustee Saraceni for their help and service on the Village Board. He noted that Trustee Saraceni is the person that got him involved in Village government.

**Trustees' Comments.**

The Village Board members individually thanked Trustees Mott and Saraceni for their help and the service they provided to the Village during their terms in office.

Trustee Weaver noted that she would not be in attendance at the April 17, 2008, Village Board Meeting or the Public Safety Committee meeting on April 16, 2008.

Trustees Mott and Saraceni stated that they hoped to stay involved with the Village. Trustee Saraceni thanked the residents for allowing him to be on the Village Board the last 8 years.

**Department Heads.**

Ron Carr requested an executive session for a contractual issue.

The Village Clerk asked that a request for a waiver of the open container law from MSK Corp for an event on Paper Mill Island that would be held on May 24, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., be added to the agenda. She also thanked Trustees Mott and Saraceni for their help over the years during their terms.

Daniel Warner and Michael Lefancheck stated they appreciated the help they received from Trustees Mott and Saraceni as members of the Village Board and as Public Safety Committee members. Daniel Warner noted that he was notified that the Village received a wire transfer in the approximate amount of \$19,700.00 in restricted grant funding. Once they receive the paperwork regarding what the funds can be spent on, they will notify the Village Board.

Tim Baker noted that the new lights on River Street should be on by the end of the week. He also noted the power pedestals for the South Shore West Trail are with the shipper and are headed to Baldwinsville.

**Pending Business.**

***Discussion in regards to village owned facilities/business district study –Lock Street Property.***

There was nothing new to report.

***Discussion in regards to the updated status of Village Square.***

Mayor Saraceni stated that he spoke to EDR and they are behind putting together the estimate to do the Village Square, but they should have it for the May 1, 2008, Meeting.

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

***Discussion/Action in regards to a purchase of a pedestrian bridge from the Town of Van Buren in the amount of \$17,000.00.***

Tim Baker explained that the City of Ogdensburg had a bridge that was 12 years old, but had been in use for only 6 or 8 years. The Town of Van Buren was able to purchase the 44 feet long and 8 feet wide bridge for \$17,000.00 that would be used to cross Crooked Brook. He noted that it would cost approximately \$34,000.00 to purchase the bridge new today. It will only cost \$500.00 to \$600.00 to ship it to Baldwinsville. The Village Board noted that this is a good example of municipal cooperation.

**Motion #349 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the purchase of a pedestrian bridge from the Town of Van Buren in the amount of \$17,000.000 to be used for the South Shore East Trail.

**CARRIED.**

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

Mayor Saraceni removed this item from the agenda, since the issues would be discussed later in the meeting.

***Discussion/Possible Action concerning the state owned land on Meadow Street.***

Mayor Saraceni stated that Carmella Montello stated that the State Canal Corp. was pleased to hear the Village was going to purchase the canal property, and that the property would still be open to the public.

**New Business.**

***Discussion/Action regarding the request from John Sunderhaft, owner of Lock 24 Restaurant, for the waiver of the open container law on Paper Mill Island for May 17, 2008, during the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., which is the closing ceremony for the American Carp Society Northeast Regional Tournament, contingent upon receipt of the paperwork and approval of the Police Department.***

**Motion #350 -**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Weaver that the request from John Sunderhaft, owner of Lock 24 Restaurant, for the waiver of the open container law on Paper Mill Island for May 17, 2008, during the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., which is the closing ceremony for the American Carp Society Northeast Regional Tournament, be approved, contingent upon receipt of the paperwork and approval of the Police Department.

**CARRIED.**

John Sunderhaft requested that the Village Board come to the American Carp Society Northeast Regional Tournament that is going to be held May 14-17, 2008, and asked the Village to become a sponsor for this event as they were last year. He also asked that the fees be waived for Paper Mill Island. He noted that event will have a great economic benefit to Baldwinsville.

Mayor Saraceni stated that there will be a local prize given to any fisherman within a 25 to 30 mile radius of the Village.

**Motion #351 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the Village becomes a sponsor for the American Carp Society Northeast Regional Tournament Event that will be held May 14 -May 17, 2008.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action regarding the request from John Sunderhaft to use the Municipal parking lot at the Red Mill Inn for VIP guests and the area by the Edge Water Grill in the Village Square parking lot for the carp anglers.***

**Motion #352 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the request from John Sunderhaft to use the Municipal parking lot at the Red Mill Inn for VIP guests.

John Sunderhaft stated that they would not need the area by the Edge Water Grill in the Village Square parking lot for the carp anglers as they requested last year.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to the establishment of a village wide sidewalk improvement district.*

**Motion #353 -**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the Village establishes a village wide sidewalk improvement district, which shall consist of all streets within the Village along which there presently existing sidewalks, for the Village of Baldwinsville's Sidewalk Replacement Project Plan, dated April 3, 2008.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to a request from the Baldwinsville Softball Association for the waiver of the open container law for their tournament that is to be held at Community Park August 17, 2008, until 8:00 p.m.*

**Motion #354 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the request from the Baldwinsville Softball Association for the waiver of the open container law for their tournament that is to be held at Community Park August 17, 2008, until 8:00 p.m., be approved.

The Village Clerk noted that this is their annual event.

Michael Lefancheck noted that they have never had a problem with this event.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to a request from Daniel Maybury for a waiver of the open container law for a wedding reception that will take place in the Lion's Community Park Club House on May 10, 2008, contingent upon receiving a proper insurance certificate.*

**Motion #355 -**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the request from Daniel Maybury for a waiver of the open container law for a wedding reception that will take place in the Lion's Community Park Club House on May 10, 2008, be approved, contingent upon receiving a proper insurance certificate.

The Village Clerk noted that although the wedding reception that will take place in the Lion's Community Park Club House, our insurance agent recommended that the Village waives the open container law and request insurance certificates.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to the request from MSK Corp.. for a waived of the open container law for Paper Mill Island on May 24, 2008, between 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Blues Festival.*

**Motion #356 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the request from MSK, Corp. for a waiver of the open container law for Paper Mill Island on May 24, 2008, between 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a Blues Festival, be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #357 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the Village Board retire into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for a contractual matter.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion # 358-**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the Village Board return at 8:42 p.m. from Executive Session.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #359 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. Abstract #301: General (Cks. #30647- #30648)-\$1,971.45 & #302 (Cks. 30649-30714) - \$75,236.22; Water Abstract #302 (Cks. #21844-#21847)-\$334.45; Sewer Abstract #301 (Cks. #22024) -\$86.00 & #302 (Cks. #220250-22027) - \$533.70

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #360 -**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m., until the Annual Meeting to be held on April 17, 2008, 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

