

Public Hearing was held on March 6, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. by the Village Board of Trustees for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the Village of Baldwinsville's 2008 Community Development Application and its revised Community Development 5-Year Plan.

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

Absent – Trustee Mott.

Also Present – Ron Carr, Village Attorney; Michael Lefancheck, Police Lieutenant; Tim Baker, Village Engineer; Tom Leo from Syracuse Newspapers; Jerry Elliot from Public Access Station, Rick Ravas from the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company, and Sarah Baker.

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 concerning the Village of Baldwinsville's 2008 Community Development Application and its revised Community Development 5-Year Plan.

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 Village of Baldwinsville's 2008 Community Development Application and its revised Community Development 5-Year Plan.

No one spoke.

Mayor Saraceni asked if anyone wanted to speak against the Village of Baldwinsville's 2008 Community Development Application and its revised Community Development 5-Year Plan.

No one spoke.

Motion #324 –

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON March 6, 2008, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Absent – Trustee Mott.

Also Present – Ron Carr, Village Attorney; Michael Lefancheck, Police Lieutenant; Tim Baker, Village Engineer; Tom Leo from Syracuse Newspapers; Jerry Elliot from Public Access Station, Rick Ravas from the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company, Mike Chemotti from MSK Corp and Sarah Baker.

Motion #325 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the minutes of the meeting held February 21, 2008, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen's Comments.

Sarah Baker Co-Chairperson of the Memorial Day Committee stated that she had concerns in regards to a concert being booked on Paper Mill Island on May 30th, the day of the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremony that is held in the Riverview Cemetery. She asked that the promoter consider interrupting the concert and have silence on Paper Mill Island during the throwing of the wreath over the bridge and during the ceremony at Riverview Cemetery, which is approximately 45 minutes long.

Mike Chemotti from MSK Corp, who is the promoter for the event, reassured the Village Board and Sarah Baker that there would be silence on Paper Mill Island during the times she requested. Mike Chemotti stated that he would coordinate with the Police Department and have them signal him by radio or cellphone to have the band stop the music during the two events mentioned above.

Mayor's Comments are as follows.

- Requested that a discussion/action in regards to a payment of an electric bill for the Aspen Springs pumping station be added to the agenda under New Business.
- Noted that he had a resident stop in and state his concerns with the truck traffic and the speeding of vehicles on Phillips Street. The Mayor asked if the Public Safety Committee would review the situation in that area.

Mike Lefancheck stated that he would have the officers schedule a detail in that area. He noted that they frequently have problems in that area.

- Requested two executive sessions, one being a contractual issue and the other being a land acquisition issue.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Weaver stated that she attended the open house for the Silver Fox Facility located at 24 East Genesee Street. She noted that she was very impressed with the facility and she wished them luck with their business.

Trustee Augello stated that the Baldwinsville Theater Guild's play was playing this weekend and next weekend and if anyone wanted tickets to see her.

Department Heads.

The Village Clerk noted that the proposal from EDR for Village Square should be on the Village's website tomorrow. She requested that a discussion/possible action concerning issues from promoters regarding the use of Paper Mill Island be added to the agenda under Pending Business.

Pending Business.

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

Mayor Saraceni stated that the Village Board would have to consider the adoption of the following resolution so the Village could move forward with its application for the Environmental Restoration Program.

Discussion/Action in regards to the adoption of the following resolution.

Tim Baker explained that this program was set up to help clean up a contaminated site. The program allows 90% from the state for reimbursement for research and clean up of the site. He explained some the funding that could be reimbursed.

Motion #326 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the following resolution authorizing the items listed below pursuant to the Clean Water / Clean Air Bond Act of 1996, be adopted.

WHEREAS,

Village of Baldwinsville

herein called the "Municipality", after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, herein called the "Project", is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the Project; and

WHEREAS, Article 56 of the Environmental Conservation Law authorizes State assistance to municipalities for environmental restoration projects by means of a contract and the Municipality deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under this law to enter into a contract therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY

Board of Trustee

1. That

Mayor Joseph P. Saraceni

is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the Municipality's in all matters related to State assistance under ECL Article 56, Title 5. The representative is also authorized to make application, execute the State Assistance Contract, submit Project documentation, and otherwise act for the Municipality's governing body in all matters related to the Project and to State assistance;

2. That the Municipality agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of the Project and that fund will be available to initiate the Project's field work within twelve (12) months of written approval of its application by the Department of Environmental Conservation;

3. That one (1) certified copy of this Authorization be prepared and sent to the Albany office of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation together with the Application for State Assistance;

4. That this Authorization take effect immediately.

CARRIED.

Mayor Saraceni stated that Tim Baker, Trustee Stebbins and himself met with EDR regarding their proposal for Village Square. He noted that the next step in the process would be to fine tune their design and work up a cost estimate to do the project. When the cost estimate is complete the Village could seek funding whether it be by private or public means. EDR feels it will take approximately a month to complete the cost estimate.

Trustee Stebbins noted that they discussed the option of doing the project in phases. Therefore the Village Board would have as much information in their hands as possible.

Tim Baker noted that the Village has a topographical map of the site and that the design proposal prepared by EDR may change. He explained that because of the information from the topographical map of the area items in the design may be modified but the general concept would be intact. He suggested that as the Village moves closer to preparing the final design, they want to receive public input from those businesses that would be affected.

Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.

Tim Baker stated that he has had some discussions with different agencies to find ways to reduce the cost of the project.

Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he waited until this meeting to move forward regarding his proposal for the sidewalk plan, so all of the board members could voice their opinions regarding the plan. He noted that he spoke to Trustee Mott and he stated that he supported the plan.

Trustees Augello and Saraceni stated that they also were in favor of the plan and would like to see this issue move forward.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the next step would be to set a public hearing to hear comments concerning the formation of a district defined by the sidewalks.

Attorney Carr stated that at the first public hearing the Village would be establishing the greater district that would be defined by the sidewalks and the explanation of the program and what process will be taking place.

Attorney Carr explained that once the greater district is defined by the sidewalks, then the Village would form smaller assessment districts within the greater district and notify the property owners of the smaller assessment district their options to repair or replace heir sidewalks.

Mayor Saraceni stated that since the Village Board has worked hard creating this plan he would like to see a motion accepting the plan and have a roll call vote by the village board.

Tim Baker suggested that the Village check with the State DOT and the utilities in regards to work that they will be doing in the Village, so the Village is not putting in sidewalks and having them taken up by other amenities.

The Village Board discussed the formation of the smaller districts. It was decided that the public hearing date would be set for establishing the greater sidewalk district, then turn the issue over to the DPW Committee for their recommendation of the small districts.

Motion #327 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that a public hearing date be set for March 20, 2008, at 7:25 p.m. to hear comments regarding the consideration and establishment of a village wide sidewalk improvement district.

CARRIED.

The Village Attorney stated there needs to be a 10-day public notice instead of 5-day notice. Therefore the Village Clerk polled the Village Board and received permission to reschedule the public hearing for April 3, 2008, at 7:25 p.m.

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

There was nothing new to report. The State has received all of the information they need at this time. Since this process of selling off their property is a new process, it may take 6 months or a year before any decision is made. Mayor Saraceni noted that he had a call from Carmella Montello requesting a meet and greet meeting on April 2, 2008. He noted that Ken Flood will be attending with her and he will be involved with the land acquisition process.

Discussion/Action regarding a sidewalk at 4 River Street.

Mayor Saraceni stated the property owner has requested permission to remove her sidewalk on her property.

Tim Baker stated that the current sidewalk is located on her property and not in the Village's right-a-way. He does not see a public safety issue if the sidewalk is removed. He noted that there is an issue concerning getting residents from West Genesee Street to the new River Street walkway, but the removal of the sidewalk at 4 River Street will not have any effect regarding that issue.

Motion #328 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the property owner of 4 River Street has permission to remove her sidewalk pavers that cross her property.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Possible Action concerning issues from promoters regarding the use of Paper Mill Island.

The Village Board discussed the three issues that were submitted by promoters who have or would like to use Paper Mill Island. The issues were, the number of portable toilets, leaving an ice machine on the site between concert dates and being able to raise the noise levels.

The Village Board thoroughly discussed all of these three issues and they came to the conclusion that there is the need for additional portable toilets on the South Shore West Trail, because of the boaters who dock along the wall and currently there is just one. They agreed that the portable toilets could remain on Paper Mill Island as long as they were kept clean and empty.

The Village Board decided that an ice machine could remain on Paper Mill Island once it was placed for the first event until the last event. The Village would place a meter to meter the electrical use that the ice machine was costing and that cost would be passed on to MSK Corp, who was placing the ice machine on the Island. Then it would be up to him to decide if he wants to share the cost with other users of the ice machine.

The Village Board decided to keep the permitted noise levels the same, but a promoter could make a request for a one time waiver if there were special circumstances.

Mike Chemotti stated that he finds it a hardship to have to pay for all of the events in advance. He noted Mayor Dryden for two years let him make 3 payments throughout the summer season, which allowed him a better cash flow. The Village Board noted some concerns, for instance if a promoter had booked events under the 3 payment plan and decided not to have those concerts and the Village had not received the funds due, they would not have any recourse to get the balance of the funds and it would be too late for someone else to book the Island. The Village Board agreed to look further into this issue.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to the Operations Agreement between Cecil E. and Dorothy M. Reeves (Or Their Successors), Village of Baldwinsville, Town of Van Buren, Town of Lysander and the Baldwinsville Little League.

Mayor Saraceni noted that the Village Board had received copies of the revised copy of the Operations Agreement between Cecil E. and Dorothy M. Reeves (Or Their Successors), Village of Baldwinsville, Town of Van Buren, Town of Lysander and the Baldwinsville Little League. He asked the Village Board if they wanted to take action in regards to the revised agreement. He noted that this revised agreement better defines the roles of those involved. It also brings the two towns involvement closer in regards to the operation and maintenance of the park.

The Village Board decided that they would like more time to review the agreement and requested that this item be tabled under Pending Business until the next meeting on March 20th.

Discussion/Action in regards to the request from the Seneca River Days Committee to use Mercer Park after dusk for their fireworks display to be held Friday, July 11th at approximately 10:30 p.m. Also they are asking permission for the boat launch at Mercer Park to be closed to the public for safety reasons, with the exception of emergency access, and to be used for the launching of boats for their events, from Thursday through Sunday morning.

Motion # 329 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the request from the Seneca River Days Committee to use Mercer Park after dusk for their fireworks display to be held Friday, July 11th at approximately 10:30 p.m., be approved and they were also given permission to be close the boat launch to the public for safety reasons, with the exception of emergency access, and to be used for the launching of boats for their events, from Thursday through Sunday morning.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the request from MSK Corp. - Syracuse for the waiver of the open container law for Paper Mill Island for the following dates – May 30th (Friday), July 11th (Friday), July 12th (Saturday), July 18th (Friday), August 2nd (Saturday), August 9th (Saturday), and August 16th (Saturday), from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Motion #330 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the request from MSK Corp. - Syracuse for the waiver of the open container law for Paper Mill Island for the following dates – May 30th (Friday), July 11th (Friday), July 12th (Saturday), July 18th (Friday), August 2nd (Saturday), August 9th (Saturday), and August 16th (Saturday), from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the request from MSK Corp. – Syracuse for permission to use the front parking lot at Paper Mill Island from early afternoon to the end of their events on the same dates listed above.

Motion #331 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the request from MSK Corp. – Syracuse for permission to use the front parking lot at Paper Mill Island from early afternoon to the end of their events on the same dates listed above, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the electric bill for the pumping stations for Aspen Springs Development.

Mayor Saraceni stated that currently there is a pumping station for Aspen Springs Development that has increased the water pressure for the Baldwin Hill Development. The developer has been paying the electric bills for the station, although his development has not been benefiting from it. There are some problems with the pumping station, which is the reason it has not been turned over to the Village. The developer has asked to be reimbursed for the past and current electric bills.

Tim Baker explained the problem with the pumping station and noted the Village and the developer are working on fixing the problems.

Trustee Presley asked if the Village had anything that would give the developer incentive to make sure the problems would be fixed as soon as possible.

Tim Baker noted the Village is holding final plats that have to be signed by the Village in order for the developer to move forward with his development. The electric bills are in the amount of approximately \$2,000.00 over the past year in a half.

Motion #332 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the Village pay the electric bills for the pumping station for the time being, given there is sufficient motivation that this is not going to be a long standing commitment.

CARRIED.

Motion #333 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the Village Board retire into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for 2 issues regarding a land acquisition issue and a contractual matter.

CARRIED.

Motion # 334-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the Village Board return at 10:32 p.m. from Executive Session.

CARRIED.

Motion #335 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. Abstract #297: General (Cks. #30524- #30586)-\$40,143.01 & #298 (Cks. 30526, 30587-30590) - \$37,042.38; Water Abstract #297 (Cks. #21824-#21834)-\$1,722.22 & #298 (Cks. 21835) – \$1,845.72; Sewer Abstract #297 (Cks. #22016- #22017) -\$433.05.

CARRIED.

Motion #336 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the meeting be adjourned at 10:33 p.m., until the Special Meeting (Election Day) to be held on March 18, 2008, at approximately 9:10 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

