

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON DECEMBER 4, 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, Thomas Kohler, Robert Weichert, Larry Wick, Christopher Savacool, and Shane Kennard.

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

**Motion #215-**

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

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen's Comments.**

Larry Wick stated that his friend and fiancé were dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and had attended the Village's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. He noted that someone from the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce asked them to leave and when they didn't leave, they called the Police Department, accusing them of being intoxicated, when they were not. He feels the Village should apologize to his friend and next year the event should be held on public property and not private property.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he had spoken with his friend and did apologize to him. He explained that the event is sponsored by the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce and they choose the location. He also explained that the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce had hired a Santa Claus, who was about to arrive in a Fire Truck and by having a second Santa at the site it would confuse the children.

Thomas Kohler stated that he wanted to speak about the proposed Local Law concerning Rental Inspections. He noted that he opposed this proposed Local Law. He feels that his tenants are smart enough not to live in an apartment that is not safe and if they have a problem, they notify him and he will make the repairs. If they don't like what is being done, they move out and find another place to live. He noted that the proposed \$25.00 fee that will be charged for this inspection will be paid by the tenant.

Robert Weichert stated that he is a landlord and he is also opposed to this proposed Local Law. He stated that he does not feel the Village can legally adopt this type of legislation. He warned the Village of Baldwinsville that, if they adopted this Local Law, he will bring an Article 78 against the Village. He explained to the Village Board why he felt this proposed Local Law could not be legally adopted.

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

- Noted that he attended the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and he felt it was a great success. He noted that there were a lot of sponsors that made it a great event. There were activities for the children; and they could have their picture taken with Santa.
- Noted that the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot event held on Thanksgiving Day that is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club was attended by 900 runners this year. The Village has these two traditions to kick off the Holiday Session and they both are very successful.
- Noted that the Village was awarded a \$70,000.00 grant to be used to improve water front property on Marble Street. It is federal funds that were awarded through the state. He would like to see sheet piling installed which would allow boat traffic from the east to access the Village. He noted that is one area that would benefit from boat parking.
- Requested an Executive Session for a Labor Relations issue.

**Trustees' Comments.**

No comments.

**Department Heads.**

Michael Lefancheck thanked Mayor Saraceni for attending the Medal of Honor Ceremony held in Utica yesterday to honor James Cerankowski. He noted that Mayor Saraceni was the only elected official that had attended the event and he appreciated his attendance. He noted that Thomas Leroy and he will be meeting the Syracuse University student to go over the citizen's satisfaction survey that was prepared. Michael Lefancheck stated that he received a letter from the Automobile Association of America (AAA), which stated that the Village would receive the platinum award, which is their highest award on January 14, 2009. He noted that one of the Police Department's former employees, Ann Hawkins, who was a sister to Sue Ellis who currently works on the desk in the Police Department, had passed away last evening. He asked that everyone keep the family in their thoughts and prayers.

**Pending Business.**

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

Tim Baker stated that he had been in contact with QPK to go over the plans for the South Shore East Trail. Now that the Village has the permits it needs they can move forward on the plans for the trail. They walked the trail and discussed the different features that we would like installed. QPK feels that they can complete the work they need to do within their original budget.

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

Tim Baker stated that the contractor hired by the Village apologized for not being able to get started on this project before winter set in, but he had to complete a previously committed project. He will start the Village's project when the weather breaks in the spring.

*Discussion in regards to setting a Public Hearing date to hear comments concerning the adoption of a Local Law allowing inspections to be done on rental property by the Village's Codes Enforcement Officer.*

**Motion # 216 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Salisbury that a Public Hearing be set for December 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments concerning the adoption of a Local Law allowing inspections to be done on rental property by the Village's Codes Enforcement Officer.

The Village Clerk was directed to put the proposed Local Law on the Village's website and copies will be available at the Village Clerk's Office.

**CARRIED.**

**New Business.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to declaring the attached list of police equipment as surplus and to give the Police Administrator permission to take the equipment to Onondaga County's surplus auction.*

**Motion #217 -**

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Shimer that the following list of police equipment be declared as surplus and to give the Police Administrator permission to take the equipment to Onondaga County's surplus auction.

Trustee Presley noted that information on the computers has been destroyed.

Units	Item	Make	Serial Numbers
1	Toughbook	Panasonic	CF-28MCFGZEM
1	Toughbook	Panasonic	CF-28S3QGBDM
1	Toughbook	Panasonic	CF-28P3JAZQM
2	Power cord	Panasonic	None
8	Keyboard	Assorted	Wired
8	Mouse	Assorted	Wired
	Power		
6	converters	Assorted	a/c d/c power converters
6	Jotto Desk	Assorted	None
1	Tower	Dell	CH7KQ11
1	Tower	Dell	H3S1J61
1	Tower	Dell	HH7KQ11
1	Tower	Dell	31NMB41
1	Tower	Dell	9WY1321
1	Tower	Dell	3FR2J61
1	Tower	Dell	FK55Y21
1	Monitor	Dell	CN-opo151-64180-41d-obd3
1	Monitor	Dell	CN-09m556-64180-01LB
			CN-04P121-47804-2AF-
1	Monitor	Dell	L5E1
1	Monitor	Dell	CN-09M556-410-26B-01FZ

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to the construction of a seasonal ice rink.***

Mayor Saraceni stated that a lot of people have questioned him if the Village is going to construct an ice rink this year. It seems that there are people who would like to see it again and there have been people who said they would volunteer to help maintain it this year.

Tim Baker noted that the Village still has the wood that goes around the outside, but the plastic liner that was used last year is now under the floor of the cold storage facility. He noted that he would like to put a layer of sand on the gravel to protect the new plastic liner.

Trustee Stebbins noted that the Village of Liverpool had put their skating rink in storage and did not use it last year. He suggested that someone contact them and see if they would let us put it up and their residents come to Baldwinsville to skate.

Trustee Presley questioned the costs incurred last year installing and maintaining the ice rink. He also questioned the usage of the ice rink by residents.

Tim Baker stated that they did not take a head count of residents using it, but he estimated that it cost the Village \$2,000.00 in materials and maintenance.

Mayor Saraceni suggested that if the Village does move forward, that a used skate drive takes place. He noted that a lot of kids came in sneakers, because they didn't have skates. He would also like to get private sponsors to help build a shed and to cover costs for the electric supply.

Tim Baker stated that he would contact the Village of Liverpool regarding the use of their ice rink. He would also put a budget together for the installation and maintenance of the ice rink.

**Motion #218 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board retired into Executive Session for a Labor Relations issue at 8:00 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #219 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board returned from Executive Session at 9:16 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #220 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #319 (Cks #31755-#31830)-\$299,755.86; Water #319 (Cks #22011-#22024) \$8,957.52; & Sewer #319 (Cks #22121-#22122) - \$329.11.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #221 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the meeting be adjourned at 9:17 p.m., until the Public Hearing to be held on December 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

