

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON OCTOBER 2, 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; Thomas LeRoy, Police Lieutenant; Timothy Baker, Village Engineer; a representative of the Public Access Channel, Michael Chemotti, and Sally Dayger.

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

Motion #175 -

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Weaver that the minutes of the meeting held September 18, 2008, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen's Comments.

Sally Dayger questioned the status of 3/5/7/9 West Genesee Street. She noted that it is an eyesore for the downtown district and it seems that it has stood in its state of disrepair for over a year and something should be done.

Tim Baker stated that he has a meeting with the Codes Enforcement Officer tomorrow regarding that property.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he is just as frustrated as the public, but the Village is moving forward. He noted that there are actions that are taking place that he is not at liberty to say tonight. He told Sally Dayger that he will be able to speak to her and the public by the next Village Board meeting.

Mayor's Comments are as follows:

- Noted that he met with Wendy and Larry Vanderbogar and John Harwood, owners of the former Rite Aid Property on East Genesee Street. He showed them EDR's Plan for the downtown district and the plans for Village Square and they were very excited. He noted that Chris Savacool was also present at the meeting and he mentioned the work that the Planning Board was doing implementing EDR's Plan. Wendy Vanderbogar is a landscape architect for the State of New York. The owners questioned if the Village would consider mixed use for their property, which would be retail on the first floor and condos or apartments on the second floor.
- Noted that the Oktoberfest is a week away and things are moving forward. He thanked Police Chief Lefancheck and Lieutenant LeRoy for being involved in the process and he feels that the Village will have a safe event. He stated that there are a lot of not-for-profits involved and it was nice to see the event back in Baldwinsville.
- Requested an Executive Session for possible land acquisition, be added to the agenda.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Shimer noted that she would not be present at the next meeting as she will be out of the country.

Trustee Salisbury requested an Executive Session for labor contract negotiations, be added to the agenda.

Trustee Stebbins requested a discussion/action in regards to giving the Village Engineer and Highway Foreman permission to attend NYCOM's Department of Public Works Training in Saratoga, New York.

Department Heads.

Michael Lefancheck stated that he went to Mercer Park on Friday after the last meeting between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. and observed the kids that were in the park. The kids were not doing anything illegal; they were running around and smoking. The following Monday, Lieutenant Tom LeRoy and Officer Pat Holtman went to Mercer Park and spoke to a group of kids and explained to them the reports and complaints the Village was receiving at the board meeting. He noted that School Resource Officer Marty Knaul has been brought up to speed on the situation and will also speak to the kids in school. The Police Department will also be touring the park during the time periods that problems seem to be occurring.

Trustee Presley questioned the cameras in Paper Mill Island.

Michael Lefancheck stated that hardware for the camera system is installed and the software should be installed on Monday.

Tim Baker stated that next week the DPW will be picking up brush as quickly as possible throughout the Village and not going according to the daily schedule. They are scheduling to cold patch the pot holes in the roads next Thursday and Friday, when the weather is suppose to be in the 70's. Therefore if residents have brush, he asked that they put out their brush as early as they can.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he went with Tim Baker to get sound readings during last weekend's concert. The Village rented a sound meter with a calibrator and ran it next to the Village's sound meter and the two meters were getting very close readings. A neighbor of the resident, who purchased a sound meter and was getting a higher reading, was apparently setting their sound meter for DBE scale instead of DBA scale, which was why they were getting the higher numbers. The two meters Tim Baker was using were getting numbers averaging 75 DBA, which is within the limit allowed in the Village's code.

Mayor Saraceni suggested that next year the Village hire a sound consultant to look at the set up of the area of Paper Mill Island and give the Village ideas to help with the noise levels coming out of the park.

Pending Business.

Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.

Tim Baker stated that he received a verbal approval from DEC for the permit for the installation of the bridge. The Village should receive the original in the mail any day. The Army Corp. has not located the application yet, and he will continue to follow up on where it is. He met with Steve Eidt in regards to obtaining a permit to use their property for the trail. He sent him a letter and a map showing the State that the Village is substantial upland owner of the area, since the Village has obtained property in that area and has another one pending. The Village will be charge a lower rental fee being the upland owner and additional permits would be limited.

Mayor Saraceni questioned if the State had agreed to use the Village's survey for the area.

Tim Baker stated that he had heard back, but he will check the status of the survey issue.

Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.

Tim Baker stated that there were four contractors at the pre-bid meeting for the sidewalks replacement program. He noted that two contractors were from Baldwinsville, one from the Syracuse area and the other from Binghamton. The bid opening will be October 7, 2008, at 1:00 pm. The work could start this fall as the weather allows.

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

Ron Carr stated that he had been in contact with the Town of Van Buren's attorney to try to solve this matter. He felt that any municipal agreement with the town could only have a five-year term.

The town's attorney feels the matter could fall under Section 142 (c) under the Highway Law that a Town Board can direct its Highway Superintendent to repair, improve a village street under such terms and conditions agreed upon by the Town Board and the Village Board. The Town suggested that they write a municipal agreement under Section 142 (c) with a 20-year term and 10-year extensions. The Town attorney asked if he would support this agreement and he told them that he was not in a position to support or not support it; that would be the Village Board's decision. He noted that he does not have a problem with the Village entering into an agreement for 20-years, but he cannot guarantee that extensive term would uphold. He noted that if the Village wanted to enter into such agreement and at some point the agreement wasn't renewed, the Village could have a condition that the opening in the road that Village allowed, as part of the agreement, would be closed off.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he would not be comfortable blocking off the street because of the safety issue. He noted that Onondaga County Planning Agency wants to see another entrance /exit in case the other is blocked for some reason.

Ron Carr noted that any agreement the Village enters into will have to have a term and at the end of that term there will be a chance that agreement will not be renewed, which is something the Village Board has to decide if that is going to be an issue.

The Village Board decided to have the Town of Van Buren draft a municipal agreement and they will review it.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving Tim Baker, Village Engineer and Maysel Markham, Highway Foreman permission to attend NYCOM Public Works Training in Saratoga, New York with the cost not to exceed \$750.00.

Motion #176 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Salisbury that Tim Baker, Village Engineer and Maysel Markham, Highway Foreman be given permission to attend NYCOM Public Works Training in Saratoga, New York with the cost not to exceed \$750.00.

Trustee Stebbins noted this was a budgeted item.

CARRIED.

Motion #177 -

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Shimer that the board retire into two Executive Sessions, one for labor contract negotiations, and the other being possible land acquisition at 8:16 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #178 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the board returned from Executive Session at 9:03 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #179 -

Moved by Trustee Shimer seconded by Trustee Weaver that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #315 (Cks #31424-#31494)-\$44,983.57; Water #315 (Cks #21976-#21986) - \$5,200.39; & Sewer #315 (Cks #22101-#22104) - \$1,355.04.

CARRIED.

Motion #180 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on October 16, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

