

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON JANUARY 22, 2009, AT 8:22 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; Tim Baker, Village Engineer, Rolf Beckhusen, Codes Enforcement Officer, John O’Neal, a representative of the Public Access Channel, Erin Smith, The Messenger, Chuck McAuliffe, Laura Fields, Dawn Custer, Shane Kennard, Jack Baker, Sarah Baker, Pat McFall, Dave Weaver, Randy Reinhardt, Karen Mayo, David Lane, Joe Disano, Bruce Allen, Chris Porter, Bob Scherfling, Earl Styers, Dick Baker, Chris Sheehan, Ben Sheehan, Robert Weichert, David Sullivan & Lauren Witter.

Motion # 223 –

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the minutes of the meeting held December 4, 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.

There were no comments.

Trustees’ Comments.

Trustee Salisbury requested that an executive session be held to discuss a personnel matter. Trustee Stebbins apologized for being late. Trustee Presley mentioned he’d like to have item ‘D’ from New Business removed from the agenda. The Mayor requested the removal from the agenda of item ‘B’ from New Business, and he’d also like to add an executive session to discuss the purchase of land.

Department Heads.

Michael Lefancheck noted that he has received the results back from the SU Students of the Citizen’s Satisfaction Survey and they will be distributed to the board tonight, so that there can be discussion at the January 8, 2009, meeting. He also noted the completion of the storage of memorabilia in the display case in the foyer of the police department, and feels that the village residents should definitely take a look at it when they can.

Pending Business.

Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.

There is nothing new to discuss.

Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.

It was asked that this item be removed from the agenda until spring. It was noted that no sidewalks have been worked on.

Discussion/Possible Action in regards to the adoption of the proposed Local Law allowing inspections to be done on rental property by the Village’s Codes Enforcement Officer.

Trustee Presley spoke to thank people for showing up and has been encouraged by the different comments. He likes the idea of further exploring the education process. He feels it is our responsibility to ensure the safety of village residents. He does want to consider any and all possible alternatives to our village enforcement. He is in favor of not being in a rush to vote.

Trustee Augello agreed with Trustee Presley's view and will give the issue a lot of thought.

Trustee Stebbins knew that already the language had been changing before the meeting even began, he strongly recommended no action be taken tonight. He likes the idea of an educational workshop for the landlords and tenants.

Trustee Salisbury stated that if a law comes out of this discussion, another public hearing would have to be held. He's not in favor of this particular law. If they do go forward at some point, another public hearing would have to be held.

Trustee Shimer was encouraged by the input from the citizens and she knows it's a lot to be considered. She'd like some time to consider this.

Trustee Weaver stated that she does not like this law and has not liked it from the beginning. She still wants to know the number of complaints and what they were from the codes office. She likes the education steps that have been mentioned.

The Mayor appreciated the comments and concerns from the audience. The idea of an educational program (seminar) is awesome. He's encouraged by the fact that the landlords will attend. He does believe that most landlords do have concern for their tenants. We will look at alternate ideas for a proposed law. He is not in favor of going forward with this one. The next step is to have Rolf work with him for a date and agenda to meet with the landlords. This will no longer be on the agenda, if it is proposed again, the process will start over.

Trustee Presley spoke again to point out that this issue was important enough that it did rise to the level of being brought in front of the board. This means that problems have been found at several levels in our municipality. He'd like to know in the future what can be done to fix rental dwellings with problems. He wanted to know about how the concerns can get resolved. Also, are there twenty complaints about one rental property or twenty complaints about twenty different pieces of rental property. Does the complaint involve one landlord? What can we do to best address health and safety issues, in a non-bureaucratic way?

The Mayor stated the seminar will help. The village can make an assessment of how things are after that. Then in the future, the codes office could look at rental problems by the use of a different log in system for complaints coming into the codes office.

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

The Mayor spoke of his written request to the Mayor of Liverpool, Marlene Ward, regarding the loan of their seasonal ice rink. At their meeting, the village of Liverpool board approved that request. Mr. Ragonese, a Baldwinsville resident, has agreed to loan the village the use of a shed to house ice skates. The Mayor would like to ask that any resident with used skates who'd like to donate them to please do so. There is a committee to help go forward to maintain this. The Mayor asked Tim Baker to be in contact with the supervisor in Liverpool, to see the equipment and to determine what other costs may be involved. Tim has spoken with him and found that all was good except for a few places on the liner, and that cost is about \$800.00 to replace it. However, Tim thinks that we could use part of their liner, as the liner is quite large. He spoke of how things went last year to keep the ice rink going and the amount of time spent there by his staff. Liverpool also has a conditioner to loan to help with the resurfacing of the rink. Costs would be absorbed in the park budget.

There was a question as to the liability involved and the Mayor will check with our insurance agent.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to the adoption of the following resolution to purchase a pavement breaker:

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer recommends the purchase of a pavement breaker in order to approve efficiency and expedite water and sewer repair and;

WHEREAS, acquisition of a pavement breaker will allow the Village personnel to undertake minor concrete demolition projects and;

WHEREAS, a suitable pavement breaker is available on State Contract and;

WHEREAS, funds are available to purchase this pavement breaker in the Water Distribution budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Public Works Department is authorized to purchase the pavement breaker from Bobcat of Central New York for the price of \$7,453.00.

Motion # 224 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the adoption of the resolution from the village engineer to purchase a pavement breaker from Bobcat of Central New York, for the price not to exceed \$7,453.00, is approved.

It was discussed that this equipment will be of great help to the department and the village in the future. Tim Baker stated the costs will come from the water distribution fund. There will be no new money requested. Then, after further discussion, it was decided that the cost will be split between the water and sewer accounts.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Possible Action in regards to setting a Public Hearing for January 8, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments concerning the proposed Village Budget for the year starting March 1, 2009, and ending February 28, 2010.

Motion #225 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Salisbury that a Public Hearing be set for January 8, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments concerning the proposed Village Budget for the year starting March 1, 2009, and ending February 28, 2010.

CARRIED.

The Mayor said that a copy of the proposed budget will be in everyone's mailbox tomorrow. There will also be copies at the village clerk's office and posted on the village website. He is pleased with his department heads and their needs vs their wants.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving permission for Officer James Cerankowski to attend TASER Instructor training in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on January 25 & 26, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$550.00.

Motion #226–

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that permission be given to Officer James Cerankowski to attend TASER Instructor training in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on January 25 & 26, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$550.00.

CARRIED.

This is a mandatory requirement that is in the progression of steps necessary for training. It is a budgeted item.

Motion #227 –

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Shimer that the board retired into executive session at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #228 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board returned from executive session at 9:57 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #229 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #320 (Cks #31831-#31895) - \$121,354.73 ; Water (Cks #22025 -#22036) - \$7,603.37; Sewer (Cks #22123-#22130) - \$778.25.

CARRIED.

Motion #230 -

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Shimer that the meeting be adjourned at 9:59 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held January 8, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk