

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

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

Also Present-Ron Carr and Dave Jones, Attorneys for the Village; Daniel Warner, Police Administrator; Tim Baker, Village Engineer, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Rick Ravas, Lee Wilder, Lori Diver, Melinda Shimer, John Salisbury, Marcia Cage and Michael Banks with WaterBanks Event Company, LLC.

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

Motion #306–

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the minutes of the meeting held January 17, 2008, be approved and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

There were none.

Mayor’s Comments.

The Mayor wanted to thank everyone involved who worked together to make the Big Chill event such a success. It was great fun for a first year event and he can only see it growing in the future. The village restaurants and bars were busy all day and he felt this was good for the local economy. He said the fireworks were a surprise to some residents and a very beautiful sight to see with the snow falling. He is really pleased to see the excitement surrounding the ice rink and he noted that the ice rink is open if the lights are on. In closing, he especially wanted to thank this board for approving the sponsorship of this event and their willingness to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce.

He also stated he’d talked with Town of Lysander Supervisor Barry Bullis, as to whether the village would object to the town going after Community Development Funds for help with connecting the village and town trails. The Mayor thought this was a perfect intermunicipal project and he’s excited that they’ll be working together.

Trustee Presley said that he is pleased that the Town of Lysander is working toward the completion of this trail project and he hopes that the village can support this effort.

Trustees’ Comments.

All trustees agreed with the Mayor about the Big Chill event and the interest and great feedback they are getting in regards to the continued use of the ice rink. Everyone stated this event was good for the village and had a positive impact here. They noted that the way that the village has formed another successful partnership with the chamber is working out great.

Trustee Mott noted he’d had an informal meeting with the people working on the renovation at Tri County Mall. He feels that some of the concepts that they have planned for this project will be of great benefit to the village.

Trustee Augello passed along a thank you from the staff at Canton Woods Senior Center to Tim and the DPW crew, specifically Jeff Bordwell, Dan Weir and Dennis LaQuay, for their work on the lights at the center.

Department Heads.

Tim Baker, Village Engineer, stated he would like to add an item ‘E’ to the agenda under New Business. He wanted to discuss the Village of Baldwinsville’s list of Community Development Projects (Five Year Plan). This is an annual wish

list of approximately ten projects that the village would like to see completed. He mentioned that the submission deadline is February 29, 2008, and a public hearing will need to be scheduled also.

Pending Business.

Discussion in regards to village owned facilities/business district study.

Lock Street Property-Tim Baker mentioned that he is still gathering historical information for the ERP. In regards to the connecting of the trail project in that area, they are still considering where the trail will go, either across the property or along Lock Street. The construction of the cold storage building is almost finished up by the DPW building. When the floor is completed and the doors are on, the village can begin the process of emptying out the old garage on Lock Street.

Discussion in regards to the updated status of the former Harrington Fire Station property.

There was discussion about the change to the reference name of 'the former Harrington Fire Station' to the 'Village Square' as it has been named by EDR and is to be referred to in the future. They discussed the best way to get funds to redevelop the area and whether it could be included on the Community Development Project list (Five Year Plan).

The Mayor noted that EDR had requested that the topographical survey be completed and it has been, so the basic requirements are done and the village can meet with EDR again.

Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.

There was discussion to update the board on the presentation by QPK that was made to the DPW committee showing their designs and concepts. Tim suggested that if the board is ready they move forward on the design. The village would like to use a smaller bridge in the area and so QPK is working on a final design.

Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.

The Mayor will have a new plan in all of the trustees' boxes tomorrow. It addresses the concern with a 50/50 sharing of costs between the homeowner and village for repair and replacement of sidewalks and the choices that are available for payment from the homeowner. He asked that the trustees please read over this information and it will be up for discussion at the next board meeting.

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

Tim Baker stated that he would like to have the Mayor sign the application to the NYS Canal Corporation for the purchase of 2.806 acres of property on Meadow Street. He would also need the payment of \$595.00 to be included with the application, which is a check for a \$500.00 survey and appraisal deposit fee and a check for the \$95.00 application fee. The Mayor read the cover letter that will go with the application and noted there would need to be a few changes.

Motion #307-

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the Mayor is authorized to sign the application for the purchase of 2.806 acres of property on Meadow Street from the NYS Canal Corporation and that the checks for the payment in the amount of \$595.00 are approved to be sent with the application.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Possible Action in regards to time frame for scheduling events on Paper Mill Island. (Tabled from last meeting)

There was a discussion about the necessary time frame that promoters need for scheduling public events and the paperwork to be filed with the state in order to hold events on Paper Mill Island. The Mayor is in favor of proposing a time period which would provide that no private events would be allowed to rent the island until May 1st each year. This would give the promoters for public events up until May 1st to reserve the island.

All of the trustees agreed that the village wants to encourage public events on the island to bring people into our community. The island venue was originally intended to be an 'economic engine' that would bring people here to Baldwinsville. There are other parks in the village where private events and parties can be held.

The Mayor asked that this time period allowance for public events be thought about and it will be up for discussion again at the February 21, 2008, board meeting.

Michael Banks with WaterBanks Event Company, LLC, spoke and said that his company, who handles the Syracuse Inner Harbor events, is considering booking something on the island. He will get the Paper Mill Island contract and call with any questions.

New Business.

Adoption of a resolution establishing that the official election inspectors of the General Election to be held March 18, 2008, will be Norma Graham, Chairperson, Susan LaQuay, Linda Ross, Louise Corrigan, Christina Knaul, Laura Ross, Patricia Pidgeon, and Sarah Baker. The compensation for each inspector of the Election will be \$7.15 per hour, plus an additional amount of \$15.00 for the Chairperson.

Motion #308-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the official election inspectors of the General Election to be held March 18, 2008, will be Norma Graham, Chairperson, Susan LaQuay, Linda Ross, Louise Corrigan, Christina Knaul, Laura Ross, Patricia Pidgeon, and Sarah Baker. The compensation for each inspector of the Election will be \$7.15 per hour, plus an additional amount of \$15.00 for the Chairperson.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the adoption of a resolution levying the Real Property Tax for the year 2008-2009 with the tax rate for the Lysander portion of the village to be \$6.36 per thousand and the tax rate for the Van Buren portion of the village to be \$6.36 per thousand, which produces \$1,903,412.00 with an additional in lieu of payment of \$50,000.00. Also, the levying of the additional amount of \$54,820.07 in water and sewer arrears, plus the exemptions left unpaid from prior sales amounting to \$2,809.51.

Motion #309-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Augello that the adoption of a resolution be approved, which will levy the Real Property Tax for the year 2008-2009 with the tax rate for the Lysander portion of the village to be \$6.36 per thousand and the tax rate for the Van Buren portion of the village to be \$6.36 per thousand, which produces \$1,903,412.00 with an additional in lieu of payment of \$50,000.00. Also, the levying of the additional amount of \$54,820.07 in water and sewer arrears, plus the exemptions left unpaid from prior sales amounting to \$2,809.51.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the approval of the appointment of Marie Giannone as Secretary P.T. for the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and ARB Board.

Motion #310-

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the appointment of Marie Giannone as Secretary P.T. for the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and ARB Board be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to sign a hold harmless/defense and indemnification form from the Onondaga County Board of Elections for the use of their voting machines.

Motion #311-

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Weaver that the Mayor is authorized to sign a hold harmless/defense and indemnification form from the Onondaga County Board of Elections for the use of their voting machines.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the Community Development Projects list (Five Year) Consolidated plan.

There was a brief discussion about the projects list Tim Baker passed out and when it needs to be submitted by. The list is annually updated and prioritized by the DPW committee for recommendation to the village board. Tim discussed the 'Village Square' area and where it could fit in on this list and would it be the top priority. The Mayor asked that the board take a look at the list and write down any other ideas and the possibility of putting them into a new order. It also needs to be decided whether or not the village would want to submit more than one grant application (depending on the number of projects possible). This will be up for discussion February 21, 2008.

Motion #312 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #295 (Cks #30377 -#30447) - \$108,557.81; Water #295 (Cks #21800 -#21809) - \$4,911.34; Sewer #295 (Cks #22003-#22006) - \$3,173.43.

CARRIED.

Motion #313 -

Moved by Trustee Weaver seconded by Trustee Augello that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on February 21, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk