

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON JUNE 21, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Also Present - John Merritt, Police Agent; Mace Markham, DPW Foreman; Village Attorneys Ron Carr and David Jones; Jerry Elliott from the Public Access Channel; Kevin, Bonnie and Courtney Beverine, Lee Wilder, David Weaver, Roxanne Parmele, Marge Finnegan, Chris Ludden and members of the Baldwinsville Crew Team, Robert Berry, and Karen Gates.

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

Motion #128-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the minutes of the meeting held June 7, 2007, be approved, with corrections, and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

There was a presentation by Mayor Saraceni recognizing the Baldwinsville Girls Crew Team for winning the Women's Scholastic Second 8+ Final Event at the 2007 New York State Scholastic Rowing Association Championship Regatta, held in Saratoga Springs, New York, on May 13, 2007. The Mayor read the names of the girls on the team and congratulated the team and their coach for the hard work and dedication that winning a state championship takes.

Motion #129-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the board members take a short break to take pictures and have cake for the Baldwinsville Crew team members.

CARRIED.

Motion # 130-

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that the meeting be resumed.

CARRIED.

The Mayor noted that Peter Crissey, Crissey Architectural Group, was not in attendance for his presentation this evening.

Citizen's Comments.

Robert Berry, 10 Mechanic Street, had a few comments. He is concerned about the water hardness in the village, and asked about it and its effect on his home. There was a short discussion as the trustees gave examples of their own experiences with water and the use of water softeners in the village. Mr. Berry is also concerned with the crosswalks, especially the one in front of the library and post office. He understands there will be further discussion about this later in the meeting. (The Mayor mentioned that there will be an upcoming article in the Messenger regarding crosswalk safety.) His last comment is about the speed of the traffic that is traveling on Mechanic Street. He feels the street is used as a race track between East Oneida Street and East Genesee Street. Trustee Presley said this last issue will be addressed at the next Public Safety Meeting.

Mayor's Comments.

The Mayor noted that the first Neighborhood Advisory meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at Shamballa Café, 34 Oswego Street, and will last about an hour. His intention is for the once a month meetings to include 14 representatives from different areas of the village, although the meetings will be

open to anyone. It is his hope that the village and its residents will benefit from the positive environment and the sharing of thoughts and ideas.

The Mayor requested an Executive Session to discuss a Labor Relations issue.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Weaver requested an Executive Session to discuss a Labor Relations issue also.

Trustee Saraceni noted he had been in touch with Barry Bullis and Mary Crego to try to set the date for the first intermunicipal meeting to be on Friday, June 29, 2007. They will try for July 6, 2007, if that date is not good for everyone to meet. He will let everyone on the board know.

Trustee Stebbins and Trustee Augello will be out of town for the next meeting on July 5, 2007.

Trustee Presley requested an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel issue.

Department Heads.

Police Agent John Merritt read a letter from an appreciative resident expressing thanks to the police force for their help recently during an emergency situation.

At the request of Trustee Presley, Mace Markham noted some comparisons between our water and the water from OCWA, but he mentioned that the best information about both water systems can be attained by talking to Chuck McAuliffe, Water Foreman or Claude Sykes, Superintendent of Public Works.

Pending Business.

Discussion in regards to Village Owned Facilities/Business District Study.

Former Harrington Fire Station.

The Mayor noted there is nothing new to report and Peter Crissey is not here to present any ideas. He reminded everyone that a previous ad-hoc committee several years ago had suggested using the area for parking. Trustee Stebbins mentioned that the DPW committee has discussed this and that the concrete that is still on the site at the fire station will be costly to remove in order to make it usable for parking. It is their recommendation that that not be done this year.

Lock Street Property.

The Mayor is still waiting on recommendations and a rough draft from Doreen Simmons and there has been no word about plans for the site from Jake McKenna and his partner. Mace Markham then reported on the clean up they are doing at the site.

Cold Storage Facility.

There was a discussion on the importance of having a storage facility available. Trustee Stebbins noted that no discussion has happened with the DPW while Claude Sykes has been out. Consideration needs to be given to the village equipment and various items from the police department that has to be kept in storage for 6 months. The buildings we presently have do not have adequate space. It was stated that although there is no crisis yet, it is important that we plan and think ahead.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

There is nothing new to discuss.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he spoke with Carl at QPK to try to move the process along.

Discussion/Action concerning bid specifications for Canton Woods Senior Center Travel.

Trustee Augello updated the board with the latest discussion she had with the Senior Center board in regard to travel. After some discussion about the process involved with the seniors and their trips, it was decided that the village can use an RFP for the transportation costs only, and either look at who has the best cost per mile or per hour, since the public funds involved are \$7,000.00. This way, in the future, the Senior Center board can decide where and when they want to go on a trip. The village will get the best cost value for the transportation for the taxpayers. Trustee Augello will update the Senior Center board and then update the village board at the next board meeting.

Discussion/Action in regards to a flag system for the Village's crosswalks.

Trustee Weaver spoke of a program designed to help the safety of pedestrian traffic at the crosswalks in the village. She hopes that if this program is adopted, at a relatively low cost to start up, it will help better identify the crosswalks and therefore provide added safety to the pedestrian. She hopes people will see that we in the village take pedestrian safety seriously. If this program is presented and publicized well, it should be easily recognized by the motorists throughout the village. There was also a short discussion regarding the painting of the crosswalks, whose responsibility it was, and how frequently it is done.

Motion #131-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that spending for the flag safety pilot program, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion in regards to succession and transition of leadership among village employees.

Trustee Stebbins reminded everyone of the upcoming retirement of Claude Sykes. This can be seen as an opportunity to look at any changes that are necessary and how village government is structured. Claude has created a document with details of his job description to help in the transition. It was noted that it would be helpful if every employee would do this and let the board members be familiar with all of the responsibilities and daily duties of our village staff.

Discussion in regards to Village sidewalks repairs and improvements.

There was a lengthy discussion about a few possible solutions for the village sidewalk repairs and improvements that need to be done. It was determined that there is no easy solution to the many issues associated with this. A few points addressed were village/resident ownership of the 19 miles of village sidewalks, the length of time to try to do this large of a job over, who would do the work-an outside company or the village DPW, the village code regarding sidewalks, how, when and whether to enforce code violations, and a proposed plan to share the responsibility with the village residents for taking care of the sidewalks.

The mutual decision was to table this discussion until the July 5, 2007, meeting. This discussion is just the beginning and the Mayor urges and welcomes public feedback and ideas. He noted he will discuss this at the upcoming Neighborhood Advisory meeting.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting a new bid date for the River Street Pedestrian Trail Project.

The Mayor explained the bid modifications are to be made available by Plumley Engineering by next Wednesday, June 27, 2007, in time for the DPW committee meeting. It was decided a bid date of July 17, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., be set in order to keep the project on time.

Motion #132 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the new bid date for the River Street Pedestrian Trail Project be set for Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. at village hall.

CARRIED.

Discussion /Possible Action in regard to EDR's offer to design a plan for the Former Harrington Fire Station in the amount of \$1,500.00.

The Mayor mentioned that Peter Crissey was not at this meeting, and we should wait to see his proposal. He does want to keep EDR's offer in mind though as it is clear they want to be involved. It will help to have a design plan when looking at future available grant opportunities. There was a short discussion about where money would come from to fund this. This discussion was tabled until July 5, 2007.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request from Dorota Koziol for the waiver of the Open Container Law for Community Park on July 1, 2007, for the hours between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. They will be renting the Lions Clubhouse for a graduation party.

This had been tabled from the last meeting for lack of information.

Motion #133 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the request from Dorota Koziol for the waiver of the Open Container Law for Community Park for a graduation party on July 1, 2007, be approved, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request from Keith Bond, 5 Canterbury Road, for relief for a portion of his sewer bill.

Trustee Stebbins explained the situation with a water driven sump pump that had the rod set incorrectly.

Motion #134-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the request from Keith Bond, 5 Canterbury Road, for relief for a portion of his sewer bill, in the amount of \$183.40, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the village website.

Trustee Augello led the discussion on the best and quickest way to get important information and news put onto the website. She will let the board know the best recommendations that she can find out, as far as if there is one contact at VIGcraft who would be best to talk to, or would an update be handled quicker if done by a village representative.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to the appointment of Travis Reis as a part-time seasonal laborer for the DPW at the rate of \$7.75/hr. with the effective date of June 25, 2007.

Motion #135 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Weaver that the appointment of Travis Reis as a part-time seasonal laborer for the DPW at the rate of \$7.75/hr. be approved, with the effective date of June 25, 2007.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request from Wendy Magiera and Pat Moses to close off Triangle Place to all traffic (except for access to Emergency vehicles) for a neighborhood party that would be held on Triangle Place, on August 5, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are also requesting a waiver of the Open Container Law during that time period.

Motion #136 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the request from Wendy Magiera and Pat Moses for a waiver of the Open Container Law and to close off Triangle Place to all traffic (except for access to Emergency vehicles) for a neighborhood party that would be held on Triangle Place, on August 5, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor permission to sign the agreement between the Village of Baldwinsville and Midlakes Navigation Company, Ltd, for the permit for operations of the Cruise Boat for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from July 4, 2007, through August 22, 2007.

Motion #137 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the Mayor be given permission to sign the agreement between the Village of Baldwinsville and Midlakes Navigation Company, Ltd, for the permit for operations of the Cruise Boat for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from July 4, 2007, through August 22, 2007.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning the request from Mike Chemotti, MSK Corp, for a waiver of the Open Container Law, and for use of the parking lot on Syracuse Street in front of the Red Mill Inn, for events scheduled on August 11, 18, 25 & Sept 1, 2007 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Mike Chemotti was not in attendance.

Discussion/Action concerning the request from the representative of the Baldwinsville Class of 1977, Roxanne Parmele, for a waiver of the Open Container Law, and for permission to set up a tent on Friday and remove it on Monday, for a reunion they are having on Paper Mill Island on July 21, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Motion #138 -

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the request from the representative of the Baldwinsville Class of 1977, Roxanne Parmele, for a waiver of the Open Container Law, and for permission to set up a tent on Friday and remove it on Monday, for a reunion they are having on Paper Mill Island on July 21, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., be approved.

CARRIED.

Motion # 139-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board members retire into Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. for 2 Labor Relations issues and 1 Personnel issue.

CARRIED.

Motion # 140 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the board members return at 10:50 p.m. from Executive Session.

CARRIED.

Motion #141 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General # 280 (Cks #21260 - #21324) - \$100,126.08; Water # 280 (Cks #21648- 21659) - \$12,363.54; Sewer #280 (Cks #21325 - #21330) - \$885.97.

CARRIED.

Motion #142-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 10:51 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on July 5, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk