

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON MARCH 1, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.

Present – Acting Mayor Presley, Trustees Stebbins, Mott, Tupper, A. Saraceni, and J. Saraceni.

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Daniel Warner, Chief of Police; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; a representative of the Public Access Channel; Thomas Leo from the Post Standard, Erin Smith from the Messenger; Jon Alvarez, Maysel Markham, Carrie Weaver, Robin Augello, Nadine Macomber, Frank Foster from Canton Woods Senior Center, Don Cronk, Charles Farrell, Tom Perkins, Rick Ravas, Mark Wilder, Don Naetzker and Greg Stevens, from Barnes/Stevens Redevelopment, Patrick Corlein, Mike Elmore, Ray Cooper, Greg Ramin.

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

Motion #358 –

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the minutes of the meetings held February 15, 2007, and the Special Meeting held February 22, 2007, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Presentation by Barnes/Stevens Redevelopment, concerning proposed redevelopment of Lock Street.

Greg Stevens, Mark Wilder, and Don Naetzker from Barnes/Stevens Redevelopment, made a presentation concerning a proposal for the Former Village DPW Facility located at 12 Lock Street. They showed slides of the existing site and slides of what their visions are for redevelopment. Their suggested uses being as follows:

- Waterfront mixed use community – consistent with Village Master Plan.
- Unique waterfront site – Greenway River Walk extended 2300’ along north shore of Seneca River.
- Waterfront retail – Villagers can park, ride a bike, rollerblade, walk, canoe/kayak, have a coffee or glass of wine and a sandwich.

The representatives from Barnes/Stevens Redevelopment explained that if the village decided to choose them for the redevelopment, the village would contribute the 12 Lock Street real estate “As Is”. Then the village would appoint Barnes/Stevens Redevelopment as Designator Developer (DD), and the DD will remediate and redevelop the site. As a Designated Developer, they will analyze, demolish, and remediate the current contaminated site and prepare a clean site for redevelopment with an approved redevelopment plan.

It was noted that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment has been completed and the DD will conduct a Phase II Environment Site Assessment which will determine the extent of contamination and the remediation expense. They further explained the process for the redevelopment. (A printed copy of the presentation is on file in the Village Clerk’s Office)

The Village Board stated that they were very interested in the project, but their first thoughts are to make sure there are no risks to the village taxpayers, before moving forward on the project.

Presentation by CNY Waterways regarding flood control and recreation on the Seneca River, and discussion concerning the possibility of adopting a resolution.

Maureen Doyle, representing Central New York Waterways, Inc., which is a non-profit taxpayers organization, working to mitigate flooding and to eradicate invasive species along the NYS Canal system in Center New York across the Oswego River Drainage Basin. She explained some of the current issues regarding flooding along the NYS Canal system and noted that the CNY Waterways, Inc. organization suggests the creation of the Oswego River Basin Commission and the installation of the three flood control projects they would like see done. She was present to request the support of the village.

Motion #359 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the Village of Baldwinsville is in support of creating the Oswego River Basin Commission and also supports the installation of the three flood control projects they suggest.

CARRIED.

Citizen's Comments.

Charles Farrell noted that the Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Baldwinsville Economic Development Committee is sponsoring a Carp Fishing Tournament, from May 16 to May 19, 2007. The Committee would like to request the use of the village parks for fishing off the banks. They would like the fees to be waived and would like to request the waiver of the open container law for Paper Mill Island for May 16th and May 19th for the opening and closing ceremonies.

There was a discussion that none of the parties involved were a not-for-profit organization, therefore, if the village became an additional sponsor of the event, the fees could be waived.

Motion #360 –

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Village of Baldwinsville will partnership with the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce, the Baldwinsville Economic Development Committee and the American Carp Association for the events that will be held May 16th through May 19th, 2007.

CARRIED.

Mayor's Comments.

Acting Mayor Presley requested that two Executive Sessions, one being a personnel issue and the other being a litigation matter, be added to the agenda.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee A. Saraceni requested that a discussion/action concerning approving the labor contract between the Village of Baldwinsville and the AFSCME Local 2970 and New York Council 66 for the DPW labor crew and giving the Acting Mayor permission to execute said contract, be added to the agenda. He also requested an Executive Session for a possible land contract issue be added to the agenda.

Trustee J. Saraceni suggested that a letter of thanks be written to the Syracuse University students who made presentations to the Village Board on February 22, 2007. The Village Board agreed and Trustee J. Saraceni stated that he would take care of the letter. The Village Board directed the Village Clerk to see if there was a way to make copies of the each of the student's projects.

Department Heads.

J.C. Engelbrecht stated that the Planning Board spent an hour going over the different designs submitted by the students at their February meeting and they were impressed with their designs. The Village Board directed the Village Clerk to see if there was a way to make copies of each of the student's projects.

Claude Sykes stated that the village received the DEC's evaluation of year three stormwater annual report and it commends the Village of Baldwinsville for the work they have done. The Village Board complimented Claude for his work on the stormwater plan.

Pending Business.

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

Nothing new to report.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

Nothing new to report.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Nothing new to report.

Discussion concerning the Village's infrastructure.

Acting Mayor Presley stated that he met with Plumley Engineering and they updated him on the work that has been currently done on the study of the village's infrastructure. He noted that this would be a three-year project.

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

It was noted that the village board had just received the revised bid specifications and they would like some time to review them. It was noted that the bus transportation for the proposed day trips is quoted by Frank Foster for each individual trip and not quoted or bid out as a whole package. The village board suggested that bid specifications be prepared for the bus transportation for all of the trips.

Discussion/Action regarding the request from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company requesting permission to continue to rent the South Side Fire Station for another year.

Motion #361 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company be granted permission to continue to rent the South Side Fire Station for another year at the rate of \$2,000.00 per month with the first payment being made as soon as possible for the months January 2007 to June 2007 and the second payment to be made in July for the months of July 2007 through December 2007.

CARRIED.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to amending Resolution #349 of 2007 to state the approval of the adoption of a resolution levying the Real Property Tax for the year 2007-2008 with the tax rate for the Lysander portion of the village to be \$6.995 per thousand and the tax rate for the Van Buren portion of the village to be \$6.995 per thousand, which produces \$1,903,727.00 with an additional in lieu of payment of \$50,000.00. Also, the levying of the additional amount of \$48,015.31 in water and sewer arrears, plus the exemptions left unpaid from prior sales amounting to \$3,438.01 and unpaid miscellaneous charges amounting to \$1,707.14.

Motion # 362 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins that Resolution #349 of 2007 be amended to state that the approval of the adoption be given for a resolution levying the Real Property Tax for the year 2007-2008 with the tax rate for the Lysander portion of the village to be \$6.995 per thousand and the tax rate for the Van Buren portion of the village to be \$6.995 per thousand, which produces \$1,903,727.00 with an additional in lieu of payment of \$50,000.00. Also, the levying of the additional amount of \$48,015.31 in water and sewer arrears, plus the exemptions left unpaid from prior sales amounting to \$3,438.01 and unpaid miscellaneous charges amounting to \$1,707.14.

Acting Mayor Presley and Treasurer Lynn Campbell explained that there was a change in the assessed value received from the Towns of Van Buren and Lysander between November 30th, when the treasurer requested the numbers to prepare the budget and February 20th when the assessed value was given to run the actual tax bills. Therefore the village had to lower the tax rate, since it can not collect more funds than was adopted in the budget.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding giving permission for Police Officers Lisa Dell and Corleen Coakley to attend Search Warrant training at the State Police Academy, March 7th to March 9th, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

Motion #363 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that permission be given for Police Officers Lisa Dell and Corleen Coakley to attend Search Warrant training at the State Police Academy, March 7th to March 9th, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding authorization for the Police Administrator and the Police Lieutenant to attend the Police Executive Symposium in Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y., June 4th, 5th and 6th, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00

Motion #364 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the Police Administrator and the Police Lieutenant be given permission to attend the Police Executive Symposium in Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y., June 4th, 5th and 6th, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding authorization for the Police Administrator and the Police Lieutenant to attend the annual Training Conference of the New York State Association of Chiefs' of Police being held July 15th, 2007, to July 19, 2007. The conference is being held in Alexandria Bay. The costs will not exceed \$1,200.00 each for the conference.

Motion #365 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Stebbins that authorization for the Police Administrator and the Police Lieutenant be given to attend the annual Training Conference of the New York State Association of Chiefs' of Police being held July 15th, 2007, to July 19, 2007. The conference is being held in Alexandria Bay. The costs will not exceed \$1,200.00 each for the conference.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action giving the Supt. of Public Works permission to solicit bids for street lights products for a total of 16 lights for Aspen Springs and the approval to set a bid date of April 2, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. at Village Hall to receive such bids.

Motion #366 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Supt. of Public Works be given permission to solicit bids for street lights products for a total of 16 lights for Aspen Springs and the approval to set a bid date of April 2, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. at Village Hall to receive such bids.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action giving the Acting Mayor authorization to execute all necessary contracts with Verizon for internet and phone services.

Motion #367 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Acting Mayor be given authorization to execute all necessary contracts with Verizon for internet and phone services.

Claude Sykes stated that the Village Clerk, Police Chief and he met with the representative from Verizon and it will cost the village less than what the village is being charged by Time Warner Cable and MetTel Communications. It was also noted that the service should be better.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Acting Mayor authorization to execute a hold harmless/defense and indemnification form from the Onondaga County Board of Elections for the use of 4 voting machines for the March 20, 2007, Village Election.

Motion #368 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Acting Mayor be given authorization to execute a hold harmless/defense and indemnification form from the Onondaga County Board of Elections for the use of 4 voting machines for the March 20, 2007, Village Election.

CARRIED.

Motion #369 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Tupper that the labor contract between the Village of Baldwinsville and the AFSCME Local 2970 and New York Council 66 for the period of March 1, 2007 through February 28, 2010, for the DPW labor crew be approved and the Acting Mayor be given permission to execute said contract.

CARRIED.

Motion #370 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the Village Board retire into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss a land contract issue, a personnel issue and a litigation issue.

CARRIED.

Motion #371 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Village Board returned to Regular Session at 10:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #372 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Tupper that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #270 (Cks #29613 -#29685) - \$76,469.12 & #271 (Cks #29614-#29619) – \$54,000.26; Water #270 (Cks #21564 -#21572) - \$2,360.33; Sewer #270 (Cks #21029-#21032) - \$485.75.

CARRIED.

Motion #373 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Tupper that the meeting be adjourned at 10:16 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on March 15, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

