

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

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

Absent – Trustee Mott.

Also Present - Thomas LeRoy, Police Agent; Claude Sykes, DPW Superintendent; Village Attorneys Ron Carr and David Jones; Jerry Elliott from the Public Access Channel; Tom Leo from the Syracuse Newspaper; Erin Smith from the Messenger; Town of Lysander Representatives, Barry Bullis, Supervisor; Bob Ellis, Chairman, Parks & Rec. Commission; Ann Smiley, Director, Parks & Rec. Dept.; Jim Laird, RLA, Design Consultants; Robert Berry, Patricia Berry, Charles Farrell, and Karen Gates.

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

Presentation by the Town of Lysander’s Officials in regards to bringing the Village Board up to date on their canal walkway that will tie into the Village’s North Shore East Trail.

Representatives from the Town of Lysander stated that they have held their Pubic Hearing regarding their Seneca River Trail Project. Supervisor Bullis stated that they had received positive comments and grant funding; therefore they will be moving forward with the Phase I of the trail. This would pick up at the Village’s trail at the Village line and go to Barbara Lane. They expect to have the trail completed by the fall of 2008. They expect to have a design plan ready by this summer. It was noted that Phase II would take the trail from Barbara Lane to Onondaga Lake Park off Route 370.

Mr. Bullis noted that through this process, they found out that there is a sewer pumping station for boaters in place at the County’s Sewer Facility on Barbara Lane. Onondaga County shut it down, because it wasn’t being used. He has spoken to the County and they say it is functional and they would consider reopening it in the future. There also could be a restroom facility at that site.

The Village Board discussed the issue and it was decided that the trails would connect at the Village Line. It was also discussed that the plan is to make a parking lot for their trail system in the Barbara Lane area, then the trail users would head toward the Village.

Motion #118–

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the minutes of the meeting held May 17, 2007, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

Charles Farrell, President of the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Village for partnering with the Chamber of Commerce, Baldwinsville Economic Development Committee and everyone else who helped with the Carp Tournament that was held in the Village. He noted that 35 teams of fisherman had entered the contest and they hope to have 100 teams next year. He noted that the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce was moving to 12 Oswego Street on July 1, 2007.

Mayor's Comments were as follows.

- Noted that because of the great partnership between the Village, Towns of Van Buren and Lysander and State Representatives, the Carp Tournament was a successful event. He also noted that because of the success of this event, the future events will only get bigger.
- Noted that the Memorial Day Parade was a great success with 78 entries. He also noted that everyone should attend the ceremony that is held in the Riverview Cemetery after the parade. It reminds you of why we celebrate Memorial Day.
- Attended moving up day at Baker High School and he presented some scholarships. He noted that there were over \$124,000.00 in scholarships, not including a military scholarship, and others that were given out.
- Spoke to John Camp from C & S regarding the Route 48 sidewalks. He stated that John would like time to do more research that might delay the project, but it could save the Village some money in the long run.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Weaver stated that she handed out information regarding the use of the flag system for the crosswalks. She is going to make a presentation to the Public Safety Committee on June 19th. She would like the rest of the Village Board to review the material and have a discussion regarding this system at the next board meeting.

Trustee Saraceni noted that the Intermunicipal Consortium Committee worked well in regards to the Carp Tournament and he would like to see the momentum keep going on other issues.

Mayor Saraceni stated that Trustee Mott wanted him to mention a couple of comments he had e-mailed to him before he left for Florida. Trustee Mott wanted to thank everyone involved with the Carp Tournament and also thanked Tom Taylor for working with the Village making his project at the Lake Effect Restaurant on Syracuse Street, a safe endeavor.

Trustee Stebbins would like to add an item to the next meeting's agenda. He would like to see a discussion under Pending Business in regards to succession and transition of leadership among employees. He noted that there are a number of leadership employees that are approaching changes. He stated that he would like the item to remain on the agenda as a reminder and that there might be times the Village Board will need to request an executive session to address the issue.

Trustee Augello stated that she has reviewed the Village's website and she will e-mail her comments and recommendations to the Village Board Members for their review. She would like to have a discussion regarding them at the next Village meeting. She congratulated Baker High School for their musical program that received a SALTY Award (Syracuse Area Live Theatre Youth) for best musical, high school division, for the school's production of Peter Pan.

Trustee Presley stated that he would like to see the issue regarding cold storage for the Police Department become a standing item on the agenda under pending business, as a reminder that it is something that the Village needs.

Mayor Saraceni requested that he would like a discussion regarding sidewalk improvements to be placed on the agenda under Pending Business for future agendas.

Department Heads.

The Village Clerk noted that Trustee Mott requested that the July 2, 2007, ARB Meeting be rescheduled until July 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. because of the July 4, 2007, Holiday.

Thomas LeRoy noted that Officer James Cerankowski has successfully completed his FBI training that the Village gave him permission to attend.

Maysel Markham noted that the Village received notification from the NYS Parks Department which stated that the Village will receive \$90,000.00 in grant funds by July 15, 2007, to cover the costs associated with the North Shore East Trail. There is some paperwork and an audit that would have to be done before the Village will receive the final 10% payment.

Pending Business.

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

Former Harrington Fire Station.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the site is clean. Peter Chrissy will have a recommendation for the site hopefully for the next meeting.

Maysel Markham stated that the site is taped off for safety issues. He noted that the concrete floor is slippery when it gets wet and there is a ridge around the outside of the concrete that a vehicle could get hung up on.

Mayor Saraceni requested that a discussion regarding the offer by EDR to help with the design for the former Harrington Fire Station Property for the cost of \$1,500.00 be added to the agenda for the next meeting. He noted that he does not think that the Village will do any work on the site this year, but it should have a plan set for next year.

Lock Street Property.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he walked the Lock Street Property with Doreen Simmons last week and also with the appraiser the Village hired. The Village should have a rough draft of the recommendation from Doreen by June 11th.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

There was nothing new to report.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Trustee Stebbins stated that they are still waiting to hear back from National Grid regarding the easement.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he went to CNY Land Surveying and spoke to Doug Reith and there is a positive development. He picked up copies of the survey maps from Doug Reith and distributed them to the Village Board. The Village Board discussed the path of the proposed trail and any issues that might come in taking that path. The Mayor stated that if the board was comfortable with the proposed path, he would ask QPK to prepare a cad drawing for National Grid to review.

Discussion/Action in regards to awarding the bid for the River Street Pedestrian Trail Project that was opened May 15, 2007.

Trustee Stebbins noted that the bids for this project were received at the last meeting and they came in too high for the Village to do the project as it was originally planned. It is the recommendation of the DPW Committee to reject the bids and make some modifications to the project to reduce the cost.

Maysel Markham stated that he spoke to Steve from Plumley Engineering and if the bids are rejected, he can turn around with a revised bid package within two weeks and the project still could be completed by the second construction period scheduled for September of this year.

During the discussion, it was noted that the original bid asked for stampcrete, which was one reason the bid came in high. It was also noted that the Village could use a different material to lower the bid. Trustee Saraceni noted that the Baldwinsville Economic Development Committee has some funding for the electric lighting for the project, which would help with the cost of the project.

Karen Gates stated that the project would not be completed as nicely as the neighborhood had been promised if the Village used cheaper products to get the project done. She requested that she be allowed to be present when the discussion is being held to reduce the cost of the project.

Trustee Stebbins stated that they would contact her when he knows the changes will be discussed. It was noted that the revised bid specifications could be ready for the next DPW Committee Meeting for review and the next regular board meeting on June 21, 2007.

Motion #119 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the bids for the River Street Pedestrian Trail Project that were opened May 15, 2007, be rejected.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the contract between the New York State Canal Corporation and the Village of Baldwinsville for the South Shore West Trail Dockside Electrical Service & Water Supply.

Motion #120 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the Mayor be given authorization to sign the contract between the New York State Canal Corporation and the Village of Baldwinsville for the South Shore West Trail Dockside Electrical Service & Water Supply.

CARRIED.

New Business.

Emmet Simpson, owner of Shamballa Café, would like to discuss with the Village Board the possibility of putting 2 small tables and 4 chairs outside his business located at 34 Oswego Street.

Emmett Simpson presented the Village Board a picture with the 2 small tables and 4 chairs that he would like in front of his business, if he was allowed to put them out. The Village Board discussed the width of the sidewalk and the distance between his business and the four corner area. After the discussion, it was decided to wait until the next meeting to make a decision, as this would give the Village time to check with the codes department to see if it would be allowable. If it is allowable, they might want to set some regulations, if there were others who might be interested in doing the same thing.

Discussion/Action in regards to the appointment of Kyle Sochia as a part-time seasonal laborer for the DPW at the rate of \$7.75/hr, with the effective date of May 21, 2007.

Motion #121 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the appointment of Kyle Sochia as a part-time seasonal laborer for the DPW at the rate of \$7.75/hr, be approved, with the effective date of May 21, 2007.

Maysel Markham noted that since the last meeting two of the part-time seasonal laborers found other employment.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the appointment of Anthony Boswell as a part-time seasonal Laborer for the DPW at the rate of \$7.75/hr, with the effective date of May 21, 2007.

Motion #122 -

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that the appointment of Anthony Boswell as a part-time seasonal Laborer for the DPW at the rate of \$7.75/hr, be approved, with the effective date of May 21, 2007.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request from Karen Gell for a block party that would be held on Knights Circle (a Cul-de-sac) on June 16, 2007, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They are also requesting a waiver of the Open Container Law. The block party would involve the families of Chaucer and Knights Circle.

Motion #123 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the request from Karen Gell for a block party that would be held on Knights Circle (a Cul-de-sac) on June 16, 2007, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., be approved. And the request for a waiver of the Open Container Law was also approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to sign a two-year rental agreement with Unifirst for the biweekly service of hallway mats for Village Hall.

Motion #124 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the Mayor be given authorization to sign a two-year rental agreement with Unifirst for the biweekly service of hallway mats for Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to sign a three (3) or four (4) year agreement with Pitney Bowes for the rental of a postage meter, which is on State Contract.

Motion #125 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the Mayor be given authorization to sign a four (4) year agreement with Pitney Bowes for the rental of a postage meter, which is on State Contract.

CARRIED.

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. They will be renting the Lions Clubhouse for a graduation party.

The Village Board questioned the hours of the waiver and the Village Clerk did not have the paperwork with her, therefore they gave a tentative approval. The Village Clerk will have the information for the next meeting and the Village Board will formally approve the waiver with the approved hours.

It was noted that they will be using the Lions Clubhouse, but since the Clubhouse is in Community Park, Board approval is needed for the waiver.

Motion #126 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #279 (Cks #21160 - #21250) - \$72,071.49; Water #279 (Cks #21636-21646) - \$85,144.16; Sewer #279 (Cks #21251 - #21259) - \$2,078.33.

CARRIED.

Motion #127-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on June 21, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

