

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON NOVEMBER 15, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Also Present – Michael Lefancheck, Police Lieutenant; Claude Sykes, Superintendent of DPW; Village Attorney's Ron Carr and Dave Jones; Jerry Elliott, a reporter from the Public Access Channel, PAC-B, Erin Smith from the Messenger, Rick Ravas from the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company, Dan Schmidt, Jack and Sarah Baker, Karen Gates, Lee Wilder, Nicole Schlater, Maureen Butler, Chris Sykes, Linda Ross, Lynn Campbell, John Merritt, Claudette Roller, Bruce Tompkins, Maysel Markham, Peg Markham, Barbara Godfrey.

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

Motion # 250 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the minutes of the meeting held November 1, 2007, be approved, and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Presentation of service awards for 30 years of service in the Village to John C. Merritt, Claude Sykes, Rosemary Johnson, and Bruce Tompkins, and 25 years of service to Claudette Roller.

Mayor Saraceni presented 30 years service awards to John C. Merritt, Police Agent; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; Rosemary Johnson, Village Clerk; and Bruce Tompkins, Water Maintenance Worker. He also presented a 25 years of service award to Claudette Roller. He congratulated the employees and noted the great job they do for the Village.

Claude Sykes thanked the community, the Village Board, and his employees for their support over the 33 years he has been with the Village.

The Village Board took a short recess to honor the employees that received their service awards.

Presentation by EDR in regards to their updated plans for the former Harrington Fire Station Property.

Paul Fritz from EDR presented their updated plan for the former Harrington Fire Station Property based on the recommendations from the Village Board. The revised plan showed the extension of Denio Street possibly with pavers and removal posts that could be installed to block off the extension if an event was scheduled for that area. There was an area of green space in the center of the current park area that would start from just off Denio Street and extend towards Key Bank. The green space would have trees, a pavilion and a possible ice skating area during the winter time. It was noted that the project could be done in stages. There is a drawing of the proposed design on display at Village Hall.

The Village Board was very pleased with the revised plan.

Jack Baker stated that he hopes the Village will move forward with no more studies being done.

Mayor Saraceni stated that there will be a community forum meeting, which will include the business owners in the area on November 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall, for them to review EDR's proposed plan and give the Village their feedback.

Citizen's Comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor Saraceni's comments were as follows:

- Noted that this was Claude Sykes's last Village Board Meeting after a total of 33 years of service with the Village of Baldwinsville. He mentioned that Claude has been appointed yearly by a total of 6 mayors over those 33 years. Mayor Saraceni thanked Claude for his service and noted that he will be missed.
- Noted that because of a conflict, the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting will be changed to November 28, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.
- Requested 2 Executive Sessions for a personnel matter and possible property purchase.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Mott questioned when the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was going to take place.

Maysel Markham stated that the event would take place Saturday, November 24, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. in front of the Red Mill Inn. He noted that he would like to see all of the board members there.

Trustee Mott suggested that the lights on the bridge be shut off until they can be regulated not to flash on and off so quickly. He noted that the lights that shine on the dam are not working at all.

Maysel Markham stated that he could have a longer delay between the flashes.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he recommended that the lights remain on and he would contact Ray Davis to see what more could be done.

Trustee Saraceni thanked members of the Baldwinsville Economic Development Agency for their help with the kiosk located on the South Shore West Trail. Jim Schanzenbach donated his time to make the repairs to one side of the kiosk located on the South Shore West Trail. B'Ville Glass donated the glass for the kiosk.

Trustee Stebbins noted that he recently traveled to Wichita, Kansas. He would walk on along the Ark Kansas River on their trail system. He noted that they had approximately 30 bronze sculptures scattered throughout the trail system.

Trustee Augello requested executive session for a personnel issue.

Trustee Presley noted that there was a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge walking out the door with the retirement of Claude Sykes. He thanked Claude for years of serving the Village of Baldwinsville.

Department Heads.

The Village Clerk thanked Claude Sykes for his help over the past 30 years and wished the best of luck on his retirement.

Mike Lefancheck noted that Officer Jim Cerankowski had been honored by the Onondaga County Sheriffs Department. He was given the Medal of Honor for his actions at the fire at 1-7 West Genesee Street. He also noted that on behalf of Daniel Warner, Police Chief and the Baldwinsville Police Department, they would like to wish Claude all the best. He noted several projects that have been completed with Claude's leadership.

Frank Foster from Canton Woods Senior Center noted that Jane Venette was celebrating her 30 years of service with Canton Woods. He noted that their attendance was up from last year. The Towns of Van Buren and Lysander had received Community Development Grant funds to make repairs to their heating system. He mentioned other activities that have taken place at Canton Woods.

Pending Business.

Discussion in regards to village owned facilities/business district study – Lock Street Property.

Mayor Saraceni stated he spoke to Ken Lynch from DEC and he felt that if the Village was planning to do anything with their property, they should do a Phase 2 Environmental Study to find out what is underground.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he is trying to find out if the Village does a Phase 2 study and finds something, can they then enter into a brownfield program. The brownfield program would be the Environmental Restoration Program. The Village would say that before they purchased that property, it was a very industrial area of the Village and if there is some contamination in the area it was caused by previous industries. He would like to hear back from Mr. Lynch before he moves any further. He mentioned that Mr. Lynch did say that the Phase 2 process takes up to 2 years to complete.

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

Mayor Saraceni noted that this item was covered by EDR's Presentation.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

There was nothing new to report.

Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.

Claude Sykes stated that he spoke with Pat Schofield from National Grid. She noted that the design for the bridge and culvert over the old trolley bed has to be completed before National Grid will issue any easements. He noted that the Army Corp of Engineers has to approve the design; therefore it could be a long process before the Village receives the easement. He mentioned the work that QPK will be preparing for the project.

Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements & Discussion of the logistics.

Mayor Saraceni noted that the survey showed that 53% of the sidewalks or 17 miles of sidewalks need to be repaired or replaced.

Claude Sykes stated that the list was sorted different ways so the Village can figure how it wants to start the replacement project. He noted that the cost could be 1.7 million dollars and the Village will to decide how much it wants to spend per year for the project.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he would be attending the next DPW Committee meeting to work towards getting this project started.

Mayor Saraceni gave an update on the Route 48 sidewalk project. He noted that the Village has received the permits back from DOT. But since it is so late in the season, he recommended that the Village work on the prep work and get as much work done before winter sets in.

Claude Sykes stated that C & S has to stake out the path of the sidewalk.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he will not start the Route 48 sidewalk project without getting a final cost.

Trustee Saraceni stated that he would like to see the sidewalk extended behind the former hardware store on the corner of Smokey Hollow Road and Route 48.

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

Mayor Saraceni stated that he had a conference call on November 9, 2007, with Carmella Mantello, Director of the Canals, Rich Harris, Deputy Director of Canal Community Development & Land Management and Ken Flood, Director, Real Property Management, who oversees the Thruway & Canal.

They discussed the process involved with the re-submission request from the Village for the purchase of canal property on Meadow Street. The following steps will be required.

- First, submit the application to the Canal Recreationway Commission, who will determine if the Village's intent for use complies with the overall plan for the canals.
- Second, the application then goes in to the Real Property Commission Committee for review.
- Third, if the application is approved, there should be a survey ordered and then 1 or 2 appraisals, depending on the price determined. (They are required to get fair Market value for the property.)
- Fourth, the application, survey, and appraisals are taken to the Canal Board with a minimum bid. The bid would be discussed in an executive session of the board and hopefully approved.

Mayor Saraceni noted that they stated the process could take up to a year. The Canal Board only meets every two months. A flowchart detailing this process is available on the Canal Corporation's website. He thanked Linda Ross for taking the notes during the phone conference.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting a Public Hearing date regarding the request from Jim Nobles for a zone change for the properties located at 74 & 76 East Genesee Street. The properties are currently zoned as industrial and the request is to change the zoning to B-2.

Motion #251 –

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that a Public Hearing be set for December 20, 2007, at 7:25 p.m. to hear comments regarding a request from Jim Nobles for a zone change for the properties located at 74 & 76 East Genesee Street.

The Village Clerk noted that the Village received the legal description of the properties, therefore the Village can move forward setting a Public Hearing date.

CARRIED.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to the approval of the appointment of Timothy Baker as Village Engineer.

Mayor Saraceni mentioned the employment history of Timothy Baker and noted that he would be a perfect fit for what the Village was looking for in the position.

Claude Sykes stated that he has had several meetings with Timothy Baker and he was very comfortable leaving the Village in Tim's hands.

Motion #252 –

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the appointment of Timothy Baker as Village Engineer, be approved, with the effective date of December 10, 2007, at the rate of \$79,000.00/year.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to sign the annual National Grid Holiday Pole Attachment document.

Motion #253A –

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the Mayor be given authorization to sign the annual National Grid Holiday Pole Attachment document.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to declaring the Village of Baldwinsville as lead agency and that the Mayor be given authorization to execute necessary documents, including an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Baldwinsville School District, to file for a Shared Municipal Service Incentive Grant for a salt storage facility.

Motion #253-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the Village of Baldwinsville be declared as the lead agency and that the Mayor be given authorization to execute necessary documents, including an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Baldwinsville School District, to file for a Shared Municipal Service Incentive Grant for a salt storage facility.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the acceptance of a letter of resignation from Susan LaQuay, as Secretary to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Architectural Review Board, with an effective date of December 1, 2007.

Motion #254 –

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Weaver that the letter of resignation from Susan LaQuay, as Secretary to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Architectural Review Board, be accepted with regrets. This will be effective as of December 1, 2007.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the setting of a bid date for dock pedestals and power modules for the marina power/water for the South Shore West Trail Canal Wall project, for December 17, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at Village Hall.

Motion #255 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that a bid date of December 17, 2007, be set at 3:00 p.m. for bids to be opened at Village Hall for dock pedestals and power modules for the marina power/water for the South Shore West Trail Canal Wall project.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the setting of a bid date for electrical materials for the marina power/water for the South Shore West Trail Canal Wall project, for December 17, 2007, at 3:10 p.m., at Village Hall.

Motion #256 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that a bid date be set for December 17, 2007, at 3:10 p.m. for electrical materials for the marina power/water for the South Shore West Trail Canal Wall project at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding the partnering of the Village with the Town of Lysander for the connection of the village/town trail system just south of Lock Street.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the Town of Lysander would like the Village to partner with them for the connection of the village/town trail system just south of Lock Street. The Town of Lysander's engineers, Barton and Loguidice stated the cost would be between \$2,500.00 to \$6,000.00. The cost of \$6,000.00 would be if a property owner objects to the easements. The Village Board discussed this issue and questioned why village residents who are also Town of Lysander residents have to pay to get these easements so their trail can connect to the Village's trails. Mayor Saraceni noted that the Town of Lysander's grant funding ends at their line and they were looking for some shared funding. There was discussion regarding other routes the town of Lysander's trail can take. Mayor Saraceni stated that he would like to table this until the next meeting and he would get more information regarding the route of their trail.

Motion #257 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Augello that the board members retire into executive session at 9:28 p.m. for 3 issues regarding 2 personnel issues and a possible property purchase.

CARRIED.

Motion # 258-

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the board members return at 10:30 p.m. from executive session.

CARRIED.

Motion # 259-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. Abstract #290: General (Cks #30043- #30120)-\$46,757.11; Water Abstract #290 (Cks #21751-#21760)-\$8,176.16; Sewer Abstract #290(Cks #21970- #21976)-\$1,482.72.

CARRIED.

Motion # 260-

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Weaver that the meeting be adjourned at 10:29 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on December 6, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

