

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

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

Absent- A. Saraceni.

Also Present – Dan Warner, Chief of Police; Claude Sykes, Superintendent of DPW; Village Attorney’s Ron Carr and Dave Jones; Tom Leo from the Post Standard; Jerry Elliott, a reporter from the Public Access Channel, PAC-B, Charlie Farrell, and Rick Ravas.

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

**Motion # 236 –**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the minutes of the meeting held October 18, 2007, be approved with corrections, and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen’s Comments.**

There were none.

**Mayor’s Comments.**

Mayor Saraceni would like to request that an executive session be added to the agenda regarding a personnel issue.

The Mayor noted that he recently had a meeting with some of the representatives of the trash haulers that are licensed here in the village. After their discussion, the Mayor decided to draft a letter to ask each company what days of the week they are hauling and how many pieces of equipment are in use in the village. His aim is to have the trash haulers working two days of the week in the village. He hopes that any changes, if they can occur, will happen by March 2008.

He also mentioned that the last Neighborhood Advisory meeting where they toured the Police Department was a success. The next one is November 29, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at Village Hall and all residents are welcome.

**Trustees’ Comments.**

Trustee Augello would like to request that a discussion regarding the website calendar be added to the agenda under new business.

**Department Heads.**

Police Chief Warner stated that it was a safe, successful Halloween in the village.

Superintendent of Public Works, Claude Sykes, spoke of working with Steve Rosenburger from the school district on a shared services grant for salt storage that is due December 14, 2007. It is moving forward. He also said the village has received a Community Development grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the renovation of the restrooms at Community Park.

**Pending Business.**

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

**Lock Street Property.**

The Mayor stated that there was no word from the D.E.C., so he will be in contact with them again and plan to discuss this further at the November 15, 2007, board meeting.

***Discussion in regards to the updated status of the Former Harrington Fire Station Property.***

The Mayor has spoken with Paul Fritz of EDR and they will have sketches and ideas for the November 15, 2007, board meeting. He asked the clerk's office to send letters to the business owners in the four corners area of the village to remind them of an open public discussion to be held November 20, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

***Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.***

Ron Carr mentioned that he had spoken with Rolf Beckhusen, Codes Officer for the village, about updating the code in regard to the enforcement and administration of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code by and within the Village of Baldwinsville. He sent over to Rolf, for review, an amendment for a new chapter 28 and 28A. (Chapter 28A would involve unsafe buildings) He has also drafted up a local law to create this. At the meeting on November 15, 2007, he would like to schedule for a board meeting in December, a Public Hearing for the two amendments to the two local laws and try to adopt this to the code by year end.

***Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.***

Claude Sykes stated that the test boring was done October 30, 2007. The company will get the results to QPK. JPW Riggers was there to check out the power lines for clearance to make the recommendation on whether or not a bridge can be put into place. The village needs permits and plans to be done this winter and the project will hopefully go to bid over the winter also. He will need to call National Grid again about the easement.

***Discussion in regards to Village sidewalks repairs and improvements.***

The Mayor said that the results looked better than anticipated on the 17 miles of sidewalks in the village. They have made a list, by street, of repairs that are necessary. They still hope to obtain some of the \$3.5 million in grant money that is being offered for sidewalks within a 2 mile radius of elementary schools.

Claude Sykes will talk with the committee next week at the Public Works meeting about the results. He said, at a cost of \$10.00 sq/ft, it would be approximately \$1.778 million to do all of the repairs. This is better than the original \$4 million rough estimate. He has asked Christy Knaul, from the codes office, to breakdown in several different ways, the needs of the sidewalks on the village streets. Claude said he has faxed these results to Assemblyman Magnarelli's office, to keep them aware of the results.

The Mayor appreciated the extensive work done by the Codes office and Public Works office for this project.

***Discussion/Possible Action in regards to the adoption of the proposed Local Law revising Article X, Chapter 72 of the village code relative to the establishment of planned development districts.***

Ron Carr stated that the county has given return on the referral and it is now a local matter, so the board can consider adoption. The Mayor read the negative declaration that will be on file at the village clerk's office.

**Motion # 237-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the negative declaration of no adverse environmental impact, as applies to the adoption of the proposed Local Law revising Article X, Chapter 72 of the village code relative to the establishment of planned development districts, be accepted and given to the Mayor to sign.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion # 238-**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley to adopt the Local Law revising Article X, Chapter 72 of the village code relative to the establishment of planned development districts.

**CARRIED.**

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

The Mayor stated that he and Claude Sykes have spoken with Steve Eidt regarding the proposed appraisal previously mentioned by this board. They have found out that it is to be very detailed, which it usually is, when there is state owned land involved. He said he has a conference call scheduled for November 9, 2007, with Steve and Carmella Mantello, so the village will hold off on ordering an appraisal at this time. He'll update the board at the meeting on November 15, 2007. He did want the board to expect that it usually takes about a year from the beginning of this process until the end.

**New Business.**

***Discussion by the Chamber of Commerce in regards to upcoming Chamber Events.***

Charlie Farrell, president of the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the 2 day event they have planned for January 25-26, 2008. Friday evening will start with a semi-formal ball held at Mohegan Manor and Saturday will feature all day events at Mercer Park. Events to be held include a snowman making contest, chili cook-off, and a polar plunge, with the day ending with a bonfire and fireworks. They are in the process of securing permission for the bonfire and fireworks from the fire department and canal corporation.

The Chamber is asking the village to consider being a partner with them for this event, similar to how they worked together for the carp tournament. They will also propose that the board waive the open container law at Mercer Park for January 26, 2008.

This event and its requirements will be further discussed at the Public Safety and Public Works meetings and since there is time, this will be moved on at an upcoming meeting.

***Discussion/ Action authorizing Police Officer Michael J. Lockwood to attend the F.B.I. "Officer Survival School" from November 4 through November 9, 2007, held at Camp Smith, N.Y., at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.***

**Motion #239-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott to authorize Police Officer Michael J. Lockwood to attend the F.B.I. "Officer Survival School" from November 4 through November 9, 2007, to be held at Camp Smith, N.Y., at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to a 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.***

Ron Carr explained that this issue has been in front of the planning board. There was a brief discussion about the property, its current zoning, and what the intent is for the property. Mr. Nobles would like to apply for a zone change from industrial to B-2. (The term 'industrial zone' was a classification meant for an older era in the village.) Everyone present felt that this will be a positive change for the area. Mr. Carr stated that Mr. Nobles intends to drop off the property description and the short environmental assessment form at the clerk's office tomorrow. There are more steps that need to be done, so that this can be sent to Onondaga County Planning for referral, but this is a start. It was decided that this issue would be tabled until Jim Nobles gets this information to the village.

***Discussion/Action in regards to approval of the new position duties statement for Onondaga County Department of Personnel for the position of Village Engineer.***

This form is something that is required from the county and is a formality to create a position.

**Motion # 240-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the new position duties statement for Onondaga County Department of Personnel for the position of Village Engineer, be approved and the Mayor be authorized to sign the form to create the position.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to the declaration of the short environmental assessment form relative to the South Shore West Trail Canal Wall project.***

Ron Carr reminded the board that this is an opportunity to review and analyze the environmental assessment form. The project is for the dockside electrical service and water supply for the South Shore West Trail. For example, are there any significant impacts to the environment, will the costs to the village be minimum? These environmental impacts have been considered and discussed prior to today.

**Motion # 241-**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the negative declaration of the environmental assessment form be accepted relative to the South Shore West Trail Canal Wall project and that authorization be given to the Mayor to sign the form.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action concerning the acceptance of the list of unpaid Village Taxes for the year 2007 to be turned over to the County of Onondaga for collection.***

The deputy clerk read that the tentative amount due as of November 1, 2007 is \$68,047.50.

**Motion # 242-**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the list of unpaid Village Taxes for the year 2007, in the tentative amount of \$68,047.50, be turned over to the County of Onondaga for collection.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action concerning the acceptance of the list of unpaid water/sewer bills for the residents of the Maple Road Water District for the year 2007 to be turned over to the County of Onondaga for collection.***

**Motion # 243-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the list of unpaid water/sewer bills for the residents of the Maple Road Water District for the year 2007, in the tentative amount of \$1,426.18, be turned over to the County of Onondaga for collection.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action that the water/sewer bills, within the Village of Baldwinsville, that remain unpaid as of November 30, 2007, be deemed as delinquent and they be included on the Village Tax Rolls for the year 2008.*

**Motion #244-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the water/sewer bills, within the Village of Baldwinsville, that remain unpaid as of November 30, 2007, be deemed as delinquent and they be included on the Village Tax Rolls for the year 2008.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #245-**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Weaver that an amount not to exceed \$200.00 be authorized to be spent to improve the calendar feature page on the Village of Baldwinsville website.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #246 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the board members retire into executive session at 8:28 p.m. for 1 issue regarding personnel.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion # 247-**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the board members return at 8:50 p.m. from executive session.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion # 248-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. Abstract #289: General (Cks #29991- #30042, & #21963 -#21967)-\$31,375.48; Water (Cks #21743- #21750)-\$5,222.82; Sewer (Cks #21968- #21969)-\$932.35.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion # 249-**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Weaver that the meeting be adjourned at 8:51 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on November 15, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk