

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Also Present - Tom LeRoy, Police Agent; Claude Sykes, Superintendent of DPW; Village Attorneys Ron Carr and David Jones; Jerry Elliott from the Public Access Channel; Tom Leo from the Syracuse Newspaper, and Rick Ravas.

Absent – Trustee Saraceni.

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

Trustee Presley requested that the acceptance of the minutes from the August 16, 2007, meeting be tabled until the next meeting, since the Village Board had just received their copy.

Citizen's Comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor's Comments.

He had no comments at this time.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Weaver requested an executive session for a labor relations issue.

Trustee Augello stated that she had attended a Canton Woods Senior Center Board Meeting and they mentioned several maintenance issues that they would like completed.

Claude Sykes noted that several of the issues had been looked at and repairs are in the works and there are other issues mentioned that he was not aware of and this was the first he heard about them.

It was noted that maintenance issues should be reported to the Supt of Public Works through the Director of Canton Woods for them to be worked into the DPW Crew's work schedule.

Department Heads.

Attorney Ron Carr noted that he will be attempting to submit to the Village Board a proposed amendment to the Zoning Code that had to do with the completion of the Article of the code that deals with the establishment of the Planned Development Districts. He noted the way the present code is written it provides for the Planned Development District and then it stops, there is no other information stating the procedure. He hopes to have this amendment ready for the next meeting.

The Village Clerk noted that the Village received its franchise fees from Time Warner Cable for the months of April, May and June. The franchise fees for the month of June include the ½% for Pac 98. Pac 98 will receive \$732.34 for the month of June. The next franchise check should have the ½ % for all three months and probably amount to approximately \$2,100.00.

Claude Sykes stated that the Village Clerk received information from the State's Shared Services Program regarding grant funds, which could be used for the Shared Salt Shed. A meeting regarding the grant funding will be held in October and the grant has to be filed by December 14, 2007. He contacted Mike Shusda from the Baldwinsville School District, who is going to try to attend the meeting in October. Sometime after that meeting the Village Board will have to sign a joint agreement to apply for the grant.

Pending Business.

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

Former Harrington Fire Station

Mayor Saraceni noted that at the last Village Board Meeting, he stated that he was going to try for Restoring New York Grant funding. He thought it might be a way for the Village to receive some redevelopment funding for the area of the former Harrington Fire Station. He noted that he did get the application for the intent to file in on time, and then he set up a meeting with EDR, Claude Sykes, and Bonnie Palmer from the state office helping with the grant funding. Upon reviewing the site, the funds that are available are more for reconstruction and not applicable to green space unless that green space is associated with a building the Village is reconstructing. He noted that within one month's time the Village would have to have everything in place as far as having a plan for the property, which he thought would be impossible, therefore he will withdraw his application for the grant funding for this year and maybe apply for it next year.

Trustee Stebbins noted that it was suggested that the Village set up a time line for what the Village plans to do with this property.

Lock Street Property

Mayor Saraceni stated that he has a set up a meeting with Mr. Ken Lynch, Regional Director of DEC, for next Tuesday. Mr. Lynch is very excited to work with the Village on the Lock Street Property.

Cold Storage Facility

Claude Sykes stated that C & S had finalized the estimate, which came is as \$146,700.00.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he has spoken with the Village Treasurer and the Village will apply for BAN for the funding. He also stated that he has spoken to her about the funding for the sidewalk plan.

Attorney Ron Carr stated that the funding for the two issues should be separate BANs, since one will have reimbursable public funds to payoff the BANs. He noted that each BAN must be specific.

Trustee Presley suggested that if everything is in place, why not put the project out to bid.

The Village Board discussed if the Village was ready to move forward with the project. The Village Board decided to add to the agenda, the issue of allowing permission to be given for the specifications to be written and to set a bid date of October 15, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. at Village Hall. The Village Attorney will prepare the paperwork for the funding and have it ready for the next meeting.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Claude Sykes stated that the Village is still waiting word back from SHPO regarding the stone arch bridge.

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

Trustee Stebbins stated that this item can be removed from the agenda.

Discussion in regards to Village sidewalks repairs and improvements.

Mayor Saraceni presented the Board of Trustees a packet of information for them to review in regards to the Village's Safe Sidewalk Repair Program. He asked the Village Board to look it over and give him back any comments.

The packet included a copy of the Sidewalk Local Law, sidewalk inspection form, pictures of defected sidewalks, sample of a notification letter that would go out to residents that lived in a specified district that would give them a heads up on what the Village would expect with this program, an application if the resident would like to participate in the program, sample of a waiver/release form and a copy of a proposed legal notice.

Discussion/Action in regards to the village website.

Mayor Saraceni congratulated Trustee Augello on the changes that have been made on the website. Trustee Augello stated that she will be working on the website's calendar with VigCraft.

Discussion/Action in regards to receiving bids for the River Street Lighting Project.

Motion #191 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the bids for the River Street Lights Project be received.

Graybar	\$21,500.00
CED-Baldwin-Hall	\$21,270.00
Edward Joy	\$22,500.00

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to awarding the bid for the River Street Lighting Project.

Motion #192 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the bid for the River Street Lighting Project be awarded to CED-Baldwin-Hall in the amount of \$21,270.00.

CARRIED.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to authorizing \$2,000.00 engineering expenses with Ram-Tech for the South Shore West Trail marine power project.

Motion #193 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Weaver that authorization be approved for \$2,000.00 engineering expenses with Ram-Tech for the South Shore West Trail marine power project.

Claude Sykes stated that the Canal Corp reviewed the original lighting plan that was submitted by Ram-Tech and they requested that Ram-Tech reduce the amps. He noted that Ram-Tech's first quote to make the changes was \$5,700.00, but after having a discussion with Mayor Saraceni the cost was reduced to \$2,000.00.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he reminded Ram-Tech that the Village had relied on their expertise for this project and they wanted to be part of this project, therefore they reduced their cost.

Claude Sykes noted that by lowering the amp service, the cost of the total project will be less.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Village Clerk authorization to begin advertising for the Village Engineer Position.

Motion #194 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the Village Clerk be given authorization to begin advertising for the Village Engineer Position.

Trustee Stebbins stated that this position will be created in the Village of Baldwinsville according to a new Civil Service Duty Statement and it will take over the duties of the current Supt. of Public Works. He noted that he appreciated the help they received from Attorney Ron Carr and Onondaga County Civil Service.

Claude Sykes noted the places and websites where this advertisement would be placed. He noted that Civil Service recommended that they leave the Supt. of Public Works Position vacant and not abolish it. They felt that the Village might fill that position with a different job description at a later time to work under the Village Engineer Position.

Attorney Ron Carr stated that he feels a local law would have to be written to create the Village Engineer Position and the duties would be written within that law.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to declaring two (2) fuel pumps and 40 fluorescent lights as surplus and to give permission to send them to municipal auction.

Motion #195 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the Village Board declare two (2) fuel pumps and 40 fluorescent lights as surplus and to give the Supt. of Public Works permission to send them to municipal auction.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving authorization to Claude Sykes, Supt of Public Works and Maysel Markham, Highway Foreman to attend NYCOM Annual Public Works School in Lake Placid, New York, October 22-25, 2007, with the cost not to exceed \$1,250.00.

Motion #196 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins that authorization be given to Claude Sykes, Supt of Public Works and Maysel Markham, Highway Foreman to attend NYCOM Annual Public Works School in Lake Placid, New York, October 22-25, 2007, with the cost not to exceed \$1,250.00.

Trustee Stebbins noted that there is only an additional cost of \$350.00 for Claude Sykes to attend this year's school, although he will be leaving November 15, 2007. While Claude Sykes is at school, he will be getting the word out that he is retiring and will be trying to recruit someone for his replacement.

The Village Board noted that if the Village finds a replacement before the school starts, the replacement will be attending instead of Claude Sykes.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving authorization for Police Officer Martin T. Knaul to attend D.A.R.E. school through the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services being held in Owego, N.Y. from 9/16/2007 through 9/28/2007, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

Motion #197 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that authorization be given to Police Officer Martin T. Knaul to attend D.A.R.E. school through the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services being held in Owego, N.Y. from 9/16/2007 through 9/28/2007, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

Trustee Presley noted that this schooling is required to be a D.A.R.E. Officer and it is a budgeted item.

Administrator Daniel Warner noted that most of the cost of the schooling is paid by the State of New York.

CARRIED.

Motion #198 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the Village Engineer be authorized to prepare specifications for the Cold Storage Facility and to set the bid date of October 15, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. to receive them at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Motion #199 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the time for the September 20, 2007, Regular Meeting of the Village Board be set for 7:00 p.m. instead of the normal 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #200 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the board members retire into executive session at 8:31 p.m. for a labor relations issue.

CARRIED.

Motion #201-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the board members return at 9:12 p.m. from executive session.

CARRIED.

Motion #202-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General # 285 (Cks #21635 - #21715)-\$145,183.69; Water # 285 (Cks #21696- 21703)-\$3,456.15; Sewer #285 (Cks #21706 - #21714)-\$2,463.19.

CARRIED.

Motion #203-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the meeting be adjourned at 10:34 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on September 6, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk