

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Also Present – Dan Warner, Chief of Police; Claude Sykes, Superintendent of DPW; Village Attorney Ron Carr; Village Court Justice Elijah Huling; Sheriff Kevin Walsh; Captain Paula Pellizari, NYS Police Major Frank DeGenaro; Captain Jeff Rabb; 911 Commissioner John Balloni; Onondaga County Comptroller Don Colon; Trooper George J. Lumkin, Jr.; Deputy Daniel Beiling; Officer James S. Cerankowski; family and friends of the Police Recognition award recipients, the two fire survivors; Tom Leo from the Post Standard; Canton Woods Director Frank Foster; Messenger editor Erin Smith; Sally Dayger, Rick Ravas, Mace and Peg Markham, Cassandra Mocyk; Karen Gates; a reporter from the Public Access Channel, and news reporters from News 10 Now, Channel 3, and Channel 9.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Saraceni.

Baldwinsville Police Lieutenant Michael Lefancheck opened the meeting with a brief statement recognizing the acts of heroism and bravery on the morning of August 6, 2007, by Trooper George J. Lumkin, Jr., NYS Police; Deputy Daniel Beiling, Onondaga County Sheriff’s Office; and Officer James S. Cerankowski, Baldwinsville Police Department. The colors were presented by the Baldwinsville Police Department Honor Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Recognition awards were presented to Trooper George J. Lumkin, Jr. and Deputy Daniel Beiling for their acts of heroism during an apartment fire on August 6, 2007. The Medal of Valor was presented to Officer James S. Cerankowski for his acts of heroism and bravery during the same West Genesee Street apartment fire. Refreshments followed the presentation.

Motion #204–

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the minutes of the meetings held August 16, 2007, and September 6, 2007, be approved with corrections, and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

Mace Markham, President of the Celebrate Baldwinsville Committee, thanked the board for their help and support during the successful event.

Karen Gates asked the DPW committee to consider changing their meeting time back to 5:00 p.m. so she would be able to attend. Gates also requested final plans for the River Street walkway project. DPW Superintendent Claude Sykes told her she would be able to pick the final plans up from the village clerk’s office.

Sally Dayger voiced her concern regarding the amount of time it is taking for the cleanup of the property that was affected by the fire on West Genesee Street.

Dayger also questioned the board approval of the hiring of an engineer. She feels that this would cost the taxpayers more money due to the equipment that an engineer would need. Dayger believes that current village employees would be able to do the job in question.

The mayor noted that it takes time for the cleanup of a fire stricken property. The owner of the property has been made aware of various code issues and of available grants. The codes office is handling this issue.

Trustee Stebbins commented that he is not aware of any additional equipment that would be needed by the new position of engineer. This position will not do away with the consultants totally.

Mayor's Comments.

The mayor spoke of his meeting with Steve Eidt, from the NYS Canal Corporation, regarding the clean up that was done by them on the concrete walkway off the small bridge downtown, looking towards the Lock. The ultimate goal is to improve the stairs so that people have access to go under Syracuse Street instead of by the bridge. The clean up by the Canal Corp. was appreciated.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Weaver requested three executive sessions regarding labor relations issues. She also complimented the mayor on "movie night". It was greatly enjoyed by all that attended.

Trustee Augello requested an executive session regarding a personnel issue.

Department Heads.

Attorney Ron Carr requested that an item be added to the agenda under new business item F. It is regarding an encroachment waiver request.

Chief of Police Dan Warner thanked the board for allowing the recognition ceremony to be held during the regular board meeting.

DPW Superintendent Claude Sykes thanked Van Buren highway department for their assistance oiling and stoning Gentry Street, the Doan well and the short path down to the park. He also noted that one application has been received for the engineer position.

Canton Woods Senior Center Director Frank Foster presented the board with the center's annual report. He spoke of upcoming events to be held at the Center and of the new gazebo that was built in the back. This gazebo was donated by the Corso family and a dedication will be held in the near future.

Pending Business.

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

Lock Street Property.

The mayor spoke of his September 13th meeting with Ken Lynch, regional director of the DEC. Lynch was presented with a copy of the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for the Lock Street property for his review and suggestions. He is a great resource for the village. It was noted that Hancock & Estabrook's recommendations were vast.

Cold Storage Facility.

This will be discussed later in the agenda. This can be removed from future agendas.

Claude Sykes noted that the site survey was completed and has been sent to the engineers. The bid advertisement with the October 15, 2007, bid date has been given to the clerk's office for publication in the Messenger for next week.

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

Mayor Saraceni met with EDR on September 18th to establish a timeline for this project. There are two issues that need to be determined before the project can move forward. The first issue is the amount of parking that is

wanted. Currently, there are 165 parking spaces available. The second issue is if a building, either private or municipally owned is wanted.

After much discussion, each trustee was asked to speak of their desires for the Harrington site. Their wishes were as follows:

- Trustee Presley would like to provide waterfront access to the public, link 2 trails at each end, and provide adequate parking for the businesses in that area for their clients.
- Trustee Augello agreed with Rick. She also feels that the consensus is that a building is not needed.
- Trustee Stebbins is concerned about moving the parking farther away from the businesses. He also is concerned about making plans for property that is not village owned.
- Trustee Saraceni would like to showcase the store frontage that is currently at the property. The owners have put substantial money and effort into the facades of their stores. He would like to see pavers on Denio Street in hopes that traffic will slow down. He referenced one diagram that showed green space with a triangular pattern connecting the trails and a kayak access to the water. Trustee Saraceni would like to keep it simple.
- Trustee Mott agreed with Trustees Presley and Saraceni's ideas. He stressed that he does not want to see a building in that site and to keep it simple.
- Trustee Weaver would like to see waterfront access. She is unsure about erecting a building at that site because of the empty buildings currently in the village. Weaver has visions of the streets forming a village square.

A discussion followed regarding whether a parking study needed to be done. The mayor asked Claude Sykes to call C&S Engineers for some ideas.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

Nothing new to discuss.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Claude Sykes stated that the survey was completed and sent on to National Grid requesting them to expedite the decision on the easement.

Sykes noted that Pete Bartolotta, from the NYS Department of Transportation, suggested that the village begin submitting bills in order to keep the grant out of jeopardy.

Sykes stated that no word has been heard back from SHPO about the stone arch.

Discussion in regards to Village sidewalks repairs and improvements.

The mayor noted that a new draft of the Safe Sidewalk Repair Program was passed out to the trustees. This revised draft included recommendations from Claude Sykes, DPW Superintendent. The mayor hopes to possibly adopt the revised plan at the next board meeting. The plan requires no code revisions.

Trustee Stebbins would like to make a provision in the plan regarding turnouts. He stated that his concern was not the financial responsibility for the tree that is already a village tree, but that if the homeowner allowed a turnout to go around the village tree and that tree in some future time was to be removed, the Village would straighten that sidewalk.

A discussion ensued about whether one or more public hearings would be necessary in order to establish sidewalk districts. Attorney Ron Carr will look into the proper mechanism to use for the public hearing.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting the bid due date for tree work on October 15, 2007, at 3:10 pm at Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street.

Motion # 205-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott to set the bid due date for tree work on October 15, 2007, at 3:10 pm at Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting a public hearing date for a proposed Local Law for the establishment of the Office of Village Engineer.

Motion # 206-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that a public hearing be set for October 18, 2007, for a proposed Local Law for the establishment of the Office of Village Engineer.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting a public hearing date for a proposed Local Law revising Article X, Chapter 72 of the village code relative to the establishment of Planned Development Districts.

Motion # 207-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that a public hearing be set for October 18, 2007, for a proposed Local Law revising Article X, Chapter 72 of the village code relative to the establishment of Planned Development Districts.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the adoption of a Bond Resolution regarding financing of the construction of a cold storage building.

Motion #208-

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Stebbins to adopt a Bond Resolution financing the construction of a cold storage building.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action authorizing Mayor Saraceni to sign a matching grant award for the COPS "Secure Our Schools" grant program in the amount of \$335,500.00.

Motion #209-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni authorizing Mayor Saraceni to sign a matching grant award for the COPS "Secure Our Schools" grant program in the amount of \$335,500.00.

Chief Dan Warner stated that the village partnered with the school district for this grant. This grant funds safety equipment, surveillance equipment, and locking door mechanisms.

Mayor Saraceni congratulated the police department on securing this grant. Much time and effort went into this.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to granting an encroachment waiver to the new owners of 39 East Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, for the approximate .1 feet that is located in the Albert Palmer Drive right-of-way, for so long as the present building stands.

Motion #210-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni to grant an encroachment waiver to the new owners of 39 East Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, for the approximate .1 feet that is located in the Albert Palmer Drive right-of-way, for so long as the present building stands.

Attorney Ron Carr stated that his office received this encroachment waiver request. It appears that a portion of the one-story building located at 39 East Genesee Street, encroaches approximately .1 feet in the Albert Palmer Drive right-of-way. The new owners are requesting the waiver.

CARRIED.

Motion #211-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the board members retire into executive session at 9:20 p.m. for 3 labor relations issues and 1 issue regarding personnel.

CARRIED.

Motion # 212 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the board members return at 10:15 p.m. from executive session.

CARRIED.

Motion #213 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General # 286 (Cks #29983- #29985, & #21716 -#21794)-\$88,071.32; Water # 286 (Cks #21704- 21719)-\$7,428.13; Sewer #286 (Cks #21795 - #21804)-\$2,395.90.

CARRIED.

Motion #214-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on October 4, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk