

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

Present – Acting Mayor Rick Presley, Bruce Stebbins, Dave Mott, Anthony Saraceni, Joe Saraceni and Howard Tupper.

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Daniel Warner, Chief of Police; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; Charles Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Karen Gates, Rick Ravas, Mark and Lee Wilder, Pat McFall, Tim Farrelly, Carrie Weaver, Jon Alvarez, Claudette Roller, Mace and Peg Markham, Dick Baker, Erin Smith, editor of the Baldwinsville Messenger, Jake McKenna, and members of the Baldwinsville Police Department.

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

The meeting began with Jake McKenna, owner of The Red Mill Inn, requesting that the Board give him and his partner, Jay Burnhart, an opportunity to cultivate a plan for the proposed redevelopment of Lock Street. They will need approximately 30 days to investigate the site and develop a plan.

McKenna also wanted to update the Board on the Carp Fishing Tournament that is being held from May 16 through May 19, 2007. He noted that with the scheduled attendance of Frank Warrick, the “Tiger Woods” of carp fishing, registration has skyrocketed. The tournament should bring in an influx of tourists boosting the local economy.

Acting Mayor Presley told McKenna that the Board looks forward to their proposal for the redevelopment of Lock Street. Due to the impending election, the Board will not be making any decisions regarding this project until April.

Trustee Mott offered to captain his platoon boat during the tournament if need be. Jake McKenna stated that he will definitely take him up on his offer.

Acting Mayor Presley noted that the Carp tournament committee will need to contact the Police Department and the Public Safety Committee to firm up safety issues.

Chief of Police Dan Warner presented a plaque to Dick Baker for retiring after 35 years of service as a part-time Communications Officer for the Baldwinsville Police Department. Following the presentation, refreshments were served.

Motion #374

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

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

No Comments.

Mayor’s Comments.

Acting Mayor Presley reminded everyone that the Village election is on Tuesday, March 20th at Village Hall between noon and 9:00 p.m. He also mentioned to the Board that there will be a short meeting immediately following the election to certify the election.

Trustees’ Comments.

Trustee A. Saraceni requested that an Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations be added to the agenda.

Trustee Mott stated that on behalf of the Public Safety Committee, he would like to add to the agenda for the April 5th Village Board Meeting a discussion regarding Paper Mill Island hours of operation.

Trustee Mott also wanted to welcome a new business to the village, Connections Café.

Trustee Stebbins noted that he spoke with MacArthur Road residents about sewer issues. He will bring their concerns back to the DPW committee for review.

Department Heads.

Village Clerk Rosemary Johnson noted that the voting machines were inspected today. She also thanked a couple of DPW workers for picking up the election books needed for the election.

Superintendent of Public Works Claude Sykes noted that the Harrington Firehouse is ready for demolition.

Superintendent of Public Works Claude Sykes mentioned that on March 6th he had represented the village in small claims court against QES Churchill Environmental. The village was awarded \$3,500.00 in that asbestos claim.

Pending Business.

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

Trustee J. Saraceni stated that he presented the board with a rough draft of a letter showing appreciation to the SU students for their presentations of the Harrington site. Once reviewed by the board, Saraceni will send it out.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

Trustee Mott stated that he had met with ZBA to discuss code changes and possible action on inconsistencies in the code. On March 27th, he will meet with the Planning Board to receive their recommendations. The process to put through these changes will be put on hold until the after the election.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Trustee Stebbins noted that this will be discussed under New Business, items B and C.

Discussion concerning the Village's infrastructure.

Acting Mayor Presley noted that Plumley Engineering is going forward with the I and I study. Infiltration and Inflow is the study of undesired water going into our sewer system. This is a long process and updates will be given along the way.

Discussion/Action concerning bid specifications for Canton Woods Senior Center Travel.

Acting Mayor Presley commented that the board does have the specs and they are under review. These bid specs are for 2008, therefore, the incoming board can deal with it at a later date.

New Business.

Discussion/Action regarding the request from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company requesting a waiver of the rental fee of \$362.50, since they are a not for profit agency. They are looking to hold their annual "Summer Blast" again on Paper Mill Island on July 28, 2007.

Motion #375

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Tupper that the request from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company requesting a waiver of the rental fee of \$362.50, since they are a not for profit agency is approved. They are looking to hold their annual "Summer Blast" again on Paper Mill Island on July 28, 2007.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving authorization to Trustee Stebbins to negotiate with property owners to secure a trail easement.

Trustee Stebbins stated that this is an easement on private property that would link village property to the National Grid easement. He will talk to property owners to make sure that everyone is still on the same page.

Trustee J. Saraceni stated that the DPW committee definitely wants to get this process moving.

Motion #376

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott to give authorization to Trustee Stebbins to negotiate with property owners to secure a trail easement.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Superintendent of Public Works authorization to hire a land surveyor to perform survey work on the South Shore East Trail from Community Park north, including the village's brush disposal site.

Superintendent of Public Works Claude Sykes stated that three quotes are needed. He has the request for the proposal of the land survey with a map outlining the intended survey area, including National Grid's right-of way. This proposal will go to three surveyors, Stephen Sehnert, CNY Land Surveying, and C.T. Male Associates.

Motion # 377

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni to give the Superintendent of Public Works authorization to hire a land surveyor to perform survey work on the South Shore East Trail from Community Park north, including the village's brush disposal site.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning giving permission to the Water Foreman and Supt. of Public Works to attend the New York Rural Water Association meeting in Saratoga, May 7th through May 10th, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.

Supt. of Public Works Claude Sykes stated that they are required to have 30 re-certification credit hours every three years for water licenses. These are the annual training conferences to obtain these hours. The \$800.00 includes tuition, room, and meals.

Motion #378

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Tupper to give permission to the Water Foreman and Supt. of Public Works to attend the New York Rural Water Association meeting in Saratoga, May 7th through May 10th, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Acting Mayor permission to sign the contract with Onondaga County Community Development Division for the River Street Streetscape Improvement Project.

Motion #379 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Stebbins to give permission to sign the contract with Onondaga County Community Development Division for the River Street Streetscape Improvement Project.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Village Engineer permission to prepare bid documents for the River Street Walkway Community Development Project and to set a date of May 1, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., to open bids at Village Hall.

Motion #380 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Tupper to give the Village Engineer permission to prepare bid documents for the River Street Walkway Community Development Project and to set a date of May 1, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., to open bids at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Acting Mayor authorization to sign the agreement with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for the dental coverage for village employees.

The BlueCross BlueShield rates for dental coverage for village employees were decreased for the 2007- 2008 year. This was due to the village employees' experience rating.

Motion #381 –

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni to give the Acting Mayor authorization to sign the agreement with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for the dental coverage for village employees.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the approval of the requested corrected tax form for the following properties, contingent upon the approval by the Onondaga County Department of Finance.

- 33 E. Genesee Street – unpaid water amount was put on the property in error.
- 27 W. Genesee Street – property owner assessment was lowered by the Town of Lysander and the incorrect assessment was used for the village tax bill.
- 76 Oswego Street – property owner had their assessment lowered in small claims court and the changed assessment was not used for the village tax bill.
- 22 Endora Drive – an omitted tax was put on this property in error. The omitted tax due will be put on the correct property next year.

Motion #382-

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CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding the approval of the request for a waiver of the Open Container Law from the Baldwinsville Softball Association for a tournament to be held August 19, 2007, until 8:30 p.m., in Community Park.

Motion #383 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni to approve the request for a waiver of the Open Container Law from the Baldwinsville Softball Association for a tournament to be held August 19, 2007, until 8:30 p.m. in Community Park.

CARRIED.

Motion #384 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the village board retire into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #385 –

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the village board return to Regular Session at 8:46 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #386 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #272 (Cks #29686 - #29711, #29756 - #29762) - \$29,791.46, General #273 (Cks #29712 - #29755) - \$27,783.37; Water #272 (Cks #21575 -21576) - \$1,328.68, Water #273 (Cks #21577 - #21587) - \$10,982.60; Sewer #272 (Cks #21033 -21038) - \$3,135.16, Sewer #273 (Cks #21039 – 21048) - \$24,603.11.

CARRIED.

Motion #387 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m., until the next Regular Village Board meeting to be held on April 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk