

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON APRIL 19, 2007.**

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

Also Present – Daniel Warner, Police Administrator; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; Attorneys Ron Carr and David Jones, Rev. Randy Czyz, Joshua Czyz, Jerry Elliott from the Public Access Channel, Karen Gates, Theresa Saraceni, Robert Berry, Clare Merrick, John and Pat McFall, Jon Alvarez, Peter Crissey, Mark and Lee Wilder, Nicole Schlater, and Dawn Hickman.

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

**Presentation by John McFall regarding the Meadow Street location for a Performing Arts Center.**

John McFall explained that the committee for the Performing Arts Center has been incorporated and has filed for a 501C3 tax exempt status. He noted that they have \$100,000.00 in the bank and they are ready to start this project once the land is secure. He was present tonight to request that the Village authorize a topographical study to be done. The Committee had previously received quotes from Plumley Engineering, which were in the price range of \$1,800.00 to \$2,300.00. The State of New York will not consider selling or leasing the Meadow Street property unless a topographical study is done.

Mayor Saraceni stated that since the Village is trying to get that property on Meadow Street and the property for the South East Shore Trail, it will have to have a topographical study done before the State will consider the purchase or a rental agreement of that property.

**Motion #72 -**

Moved by A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that approval is given for a topographical map to be prepared for the State's property that is located on Meadow Street, which the Village wishes to purchase or lease from the State, with the cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Trustee Presley noted concerns with assurances the Village will have that it will receive the Meadow Street property once it pays out \$2,500.00 for a topographical map.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the Village will not have any assurances, but it is a requirement in order for the Village's application to be considered.

**CARRIED.**

**Presentation by Jake McKenna concerning redevelopment of Lock Street.**

Jake McKenna stated that his group is still interested in making a formal presentation regarding the redevelopment of Lock Street. It has taken them longer to gather the information that is needed to make a final proposed project. They are currently looking into making that a three part project, with an apartment type project, with ownership. They don't feel a mixed use project would work in that area. They feel that to have businesses in that area it would not give the current residents the incentive to make improvements to their property.

The Village Board discussed the issues involved with preparation of a Phase II Environmental Study being done and the responsibilities that would be required if the Phase II study found issues. It was noted that there is a way that the improvements can be made without any of the responsibility being passed on to the village taxpayers.

Jake McKenna requested that the Village give him and his group more time to prepare a final proposal for this project, which the Village Board granted.

**Motion # 73 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the minutes of the meeting held April 5, 2007, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen's Comments.**

Dawn Hickman questioned if there would be areas for public use of that land along the river bank, if there is private housing along the riverbank on Lock Street. She noted that there is a different type of boating in that area of the river. It is a great for kayaking, canoeing and fishing.

The Village will have an easement for trails along the riverbank.

Jon Alvarez questioned the spending habits of the Village. He felt that the \$2,500.00 should be paid from the committee for the Performing Arts Center, since they have \$100,000.00 in the bank and need for it to be done so they can move forward. He also questioned why the Village Board has not moved forward on any issues that were brought up during the campaigning.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he has only been in office 19 days and there are new board members that have to be informed on pending issues before they can make a knowledgeable decision.

A resident questioned if there would be time for public comment regarding the Village Board's recommendation for the Lock Street project. She recommended business on the first floor and living space on the second floor.

Mayor Saraceni stated yes there would be time set aside for public input.

**Mayor Saraceni's comments are as follows:**

- He announced the formation of an advisory committee. This committee would be comprised of residents that would like a more comfortable setting to meet with their elected officials. There would be a scheduled meeting that would be held periodically to bring up concerns. He would like two representatives from the Southside of the river; one representative would be from the east side of Seneca Street and the other from the area west of Seneca Street. The other neighborhood area would be the North side of the village; One representative from the east side of Albert Palmer Lane and another one from the west side of Albert Palmer Lane. Two representatives would be from the Chaucer Circle area. He would like two representatives from the Baldwin Hill area, and two representatives from the Candlewyck area. He asked that if anyone was interested in one of these positions to give him a call at home. (638-3687)
- He noted that the Village facilities will be open for tours/inspections. The DPW building located at 1963 West Genesee Road and the Canton Street Well site will be open for tours on Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Police Department will also be open, but because of sensitive issues, an appointment will have to be set up with the communicator on the desk in advance. These tours will start in June.
- He noted that the Village will have a partnership meeting on for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the office of C & S Engineering, 499 Colonel Eileen Collins Blvd., Syracuse, N.Y. The meeting will be open to the public.
- He requested a line item be added to the agenda in regards to Lock Street. He would like to retain the services of an environmental attorney. He noted that he has had recommendations for two attorneys that he would like to interview. He would like to add to tonight's agenda, an item authorizing the Mayor to hire an environmental attorney, contingent upon the Village Board's approval.

- He noted that the Village is going to have to have an appraisal done for the properties it owns on Lock Street.

**Trustees' Comments.**

Trustee Stebbins noted that the DPW Committee meeting that is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> would be held at C & S Engineering's Office at 5:00 P.M., instead of at the DPW Garage.

**Department Heads.**

Claude Sykes noted that the Spring yard waste pick up schedule was to start on Monday, but because there was snow, they didn't start until today and that schedule will run until May 15<sup>th</sup>. He met with the Electrical Engineer today on the Southwest Trail, they expect they will have their design plans back to the Village for review in about three weeks.

The Village Clerk stated that she had a request from the Seneca River Day Committee requesting the extension of time to end their fireworks. Their application for July 6th states the fireworks will be at 9:30 p.m., but depending on the weather or darkness the fireworks might not be finished until 10:30 p.m.

**Pending Business.**

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

Mayor Saraceni stated that Peter Crissey was present to hear comments in regards to what the Village Board would like to see in the area of the former Harrington Fire Station.

Each of the Village Board Members explained what they envision for that area such as;

- Green Space with canopies that could be put up for a farmers market, but they could be taken down when not in use.
- A controlled traffic pattern and parking with green space to break it up.
- Additional parking with green space and a place for public assembly.
- Possible decking going out over the river.
- A defined route that goes into Denio Street, down along the back of the buildings facing Oswego St. and then go out. Also, install a sidewalk that would run along the back of those buildings for safety, instead of having residents walk through the parking lot.
- Possible mixed use development along the retaining wall by Key Bank. Also in that area, a water feature.
- Install an oblong green space that would go from the new building to the riverbank and then in that area put the Civil War Monument, that is currently in the Riverview Cemetery, in that area.
- Install some marker in the area that would be dedicated to Morris Machine Works to compliment them for what they gave to the community during their 100 years of operation.
- Possibly some children's playscape with a canal theme mixed in with the green space.
- Organized Parking in the central business district.
- Open trails along the river banks.
- Develop mixed use buildings (Business on the first floor and condos on top) in that area to draw residents to that area and have Denio Street be a drive through street.

Robert Berry stated that the Village has so little parking and that should be a main concern of the Village Board.

Mayor Saraceni stated that people have to be educated to where the parking is available. The Village needs to maximize the parking it currently has available.

There were residents and business owners present who felt that parking was not the biggest issue in the downtown area. There is a need for organized parking. One businessmen suggested signage for the parking areas.

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

Trustee Mott stated that there was nothing new to report.

Mayor Saraceni noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals was looking for information regarding an overlay district.

Trustee Mott stated that the Planning Board was tasked with defining that area.

The Village Clerk noted she contacted Onondaga Planning and the new village tax maps will be available at the end of April.

***Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.***

Claude Sykes stated that there was nothing new to report.

Mayor Saraceni noted that he met with Mike O'Shea and Dave Harding, because the project seemed to have slowed down. There seems to be an issue regarding Crooked Brook and the Village is on top of that. He requested that the DPW Committee move forward with working on a contract with QPK.

***Discussion concerning the Village's infrastructure.***

There is nothing new to report other than the new engineering firm is being brought up to date by the former engineers.

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

Mayor Saraceni stated that he had given information regarding the modified bid specifications to the Village Attorney for his review and comments.

***Discussion/Action regarding the request from the Word of Life Assembly of God requesting to delay their security deposit payment for Paper Mill Island until August 1, 2007, for their proposed Sunday, August 26, 2007, event. They would like to reserve the island for their event with only the rental fee to be paid at this time.***

Rev. Randy Czyz noted that most not-for-profit organizations do not have that kind of money to have it tied up for months.

The Village discussed the reason for the security deposits, which are funds that are being held in case of property damage; therefore they felt that there was no reason to require it so far in advance. It was noted that the rental fees are required to be paid with the application allowing for the proposed date to be booked.

**Motion #74 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the security deposit payment be delayed until 15 days before the proposed event on August 26, 2007, by the Word of Life Assembly of God Church.

Trustee Presley stated that he felt that in order for the Village to consider this action, it would be allowed for all not-for-profit organizations. He noted that security deposits are required, in case there is property damage during the event; therefore he felt that there was no purpose to require it so far in advance. It was noted that the rental fees are required to be paid with the application in order for the proposed date to be booked. He would be in favor of delaying the security deposit.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he sees no reason not to expand the change to everyone who rents Paper Mill Island. He noted that the Village would require that the funds be in their hands a week or two before the event was to take place. He stated that only the rental fee would be required for the event to be considered booked.

The Village Board discussed this issue and agreed that there is no benefit to collecting the security deposit months in advance.

Ayes – 0  
Nays - 7

**MOTION DENIED.**

**Motion #75 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the application for Paper Mill Island be amended to state that the security deposit for the use of Paper Mill Island is not required to be paid until 15 business days in advance of an event and the rental fee be paid at the time of the filing of the application and used to secure the date of the event for all organizations.

The Village Board questioned the security deposit funds the village is currently holding.

Ron Carr, Village Attorney stated that this action would be from this day forward for any new applications filed.

**CARRIED.**

**Discussion/Action in regards to the times of operation for Paper Mill Island.**

Mayor Saraceni noted that the Public Safety Committee was assigned to review the times of operation of Paper Mill Island back in the fall. He questioned what their recommendation was at that time.

The Public Safety Committee noted that their recommendation was to keep the same hours that were stated in the current contract for Paper Mill Island, which are alcohol sales ended at 9:30 p.m. and all events end by 10:00 p.m.

**Motion #76 -**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the Village Board accept the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to leave the hours of operation as they are stated in the current contract for Paper Mill Island.

There was a discussion regarding the current hours in the contract. It was noted that the hours were accepted at the time the Board approved the 2007 contract. It was noted that anyone could appear before the Village Board and request a waiver of anything that was in the contract.

Some members of the Village Board stated that they might have made a wrong decision when the current contract was adopted so soon after the incident with the fireworks going off after 11:00 p.m. Now they have had time to speak to people and had time to think, they might like to reconsider their decision regarding the hours of operation. They feel that because of the change of the hours of operation, there are still a lot of open dates for Paper Mill Island. Some felt that they would like to put the hours of operation as they were in the 2006 Paper Mill Island Contract.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he had received a compromising solution from one of the vendors which was alcohol sales and music would end at 10:30p.m. and it had a provision that the fireworks start no later than 10:15 p.m. and end at 10:45 p.m.

The above Motion was not needed, since the recommendation from the Public Safety Committee was the same as what was adopted in the Motion to approve the 2007 Contract to Paper Mill Island.

**Motion #77 -**

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the hours of operation for Paper Mill Island be changed to what was in the 2006 Paper Mill Island Contract which were 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the use of the Island, amplified music until 11:00 p.m., the sale of alcohol ends at 10:30 p.m., fireworks will be started no later than 10:15 and end at 10:45 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote –**

Trustee Weaver – aye	Trustee Stebbins - aye
Trustee Mott – aye	Trustee Augello – aye
Trustee A. Saraceni – aye	Trustee Presley - nay
Mayor Saraceni – aye	

**CARRIED.**

**New Business.**

*Discussion/Action concerning the approval of the appointment of Dan Mack and Ed Myers as P.T. Laborers to work in the parks department.*

**Motion #78 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the appointment of Dan Mack and Ed Myers as P.T. Laborers to work in the parks department, be approved.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to extending the bid due date for the River Street Pedestrian Trail Project, per the request of the Onondaga County Community Development Office until May 15, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., which will allow for their environmental reviews.*

**Motion #79 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the bid due date for the River Street Pedestrian Trail Project be extended until May 15, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., per the request of the Onondaga County Community Development Office, which will allow for their environmental reviews.

Claude Sykes noted that the bidders were told this might happen, but they will also be notified by an amendment to the contract.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to awarding fuel tank removal work.*

**Motion #80 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the quote for the fuel tank removal work be awarded to Op-Teck in the amount of \$4,601.85.

Claude Sykes stated that this is his recommendation and it was a budgeted item.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to proclaiming April 27, 2007, as Arbor Day.***

Mayor Saraceni Proclaimed April 27, 2007, as Arbor Day and read the following proclamation.

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Baldwinsville has been repeatedly recognized as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for over twenty years, and desires to continue its tree planting ways;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph P. Saraceni, Mayor of the Village of Baldwinsville, on behalf of the Village Board, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2007, as

**Arbor Day**

in the Village of Baldwinsville, and urge all citizens to continue to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to continue to support our Village's urban forestry program, and further, we urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

FURTHER, I HEREBY direct a tree to be planted to commemorate the significant role trees play within the Village of Baldwinsville and how they add to the quality of our life.

It was noted that the Arbor Day tree will be planted in front of 26 Grove Street at 11:00 a.m. on April 27, 2007.

***Discussion/Action regarding the approval of the appointment of Robert A. Thibault Jr. as a police officer with the Baldwinsville Police Department, with the effective date of May 5, 2007. He will be coming in at Step 1 of the PBA Contract with the rate of \$38,959/yr.***

**Motion #81 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the appointment of Robert A. Thibault Jr. as a police officer with the Baldwinsville Police Department, be approved with the effective date of May 5, 2007. He will be coming in at Step 1 of the PBA Contract with the rate of \$38,959/yr.

Trustee Presley noted that this is a budgeted item and a newly created position.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Possible Action in regards to a donation of the fire escape from the former Harrington Fire Station.***

**Motion #82 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the fire escape from the former Harrington Fire Station be donated to the First Baptist Church.

There was a discussion regarding the value of the fire escape and it was decided that it had no value and if it was not being donated, it would be demolished with the building structure.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to hiring Plumley Engineering to finish specific engineering projects.***

**Motion #83 -**

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that Plumley Engineering be hired to finish specific engineering projects listed in a memo that has been agreed upon by Plumley Engineering and the Village Board.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion regarding the lights on the bridge.***

There was a discussion in regards to who has control of the lights on the bridge. Claude Sykes explained that the controls for the lights were in the amphitheater and the Village has control to change them. Members of the Village Board recommended taking out the red and green lights as it is confusing for some motorists and possibly change the timing of the changes of color.

***Discussion/Action regarding management for the South West Trail Wall.***

The Village Board had a discussion as to whether the village wanted to get into managing the water and electric hookup for the South West Trail Wall and who should be doing the research. The Public Safety Committee felt that it did not feel it would be a Public Safety issue and they should not be assigned the issue. It was suggested that it would fall under the DPW Committee which includes the parks department. Village Board members brought up issues that would surface if the Village chooses to manage the facilities along the trail.

Trustee A.Saraceni stated that he would take the lead and do the research to see what other municipalities along the canal are doing.

***Discussion/Action in regards to hiring an Environment Attorney.***

**Motion #84 -**

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that Mayor Saraceni be given authorization to retain the services an Environment Attorney for work to be done along Lock Street, contingent upon approval of the Village Board.

**CARRIED.**

It was noted that since the Village Board had extended the hour for fireworks, then there was no need to act upon the request from the Seneca River Day Committee.

**Motion #85 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #276 (Cks 29842-29909) \$63,289.75, Water #276 (Cks 21600-21614) \$9,654.32, Sewer #276 (Cks 21058-21070) \$5,922.57.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #86 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m., on May 3 2007, at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Rosemary L. Johnson  
Village Clerk

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