

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON OCTOBER 4, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Also Present – Michael Lefancheck, Police Lieutenant; Claude Sykes, Superintendent of DPW; Village Attorney Ron Carr and a reporter from the Public Access Channel.

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

Presentation to Arthur J. McCall for his 30 years of Service to the Village of Baldwinsville as a part time communications officer.

Police Lieutenant Lefancheck and Mayor Saraceni presented Art McCall with a plaque thanking him for his 30 years of service as a part time communications officer. Police Lieutenant Lefancheck noted that Gale McCall, his wife, who is now in Arizona for the winter, had previously received a plaque for her 30 years of service as a part time communications officer.

Art McCall stated his thanks, but noted that he feels that the Village should have communications officers available during the day time hours on the weekends for the residents to come in, if they have questions, especially the elderly. Art McCall also stated that he would like the Village to reconsider the trash pickup issue. He feels it would be a money saving issue and the Village would only have trash trucks on its streets one day a week, instead of every day like it is now.

Motion #215 –

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that the minute of the meetings held September 20, 2007, be approved with corrections, and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Trustee Stebbins stated that he would like to make a correction on page 3 the second to last paragraph. He stated that he said 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.

CARRIED.

Citizen's Comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor's Comments.

He had no comments.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Augello stated that she would like the Village Board to review the changes to the website calendar and let her know what they think. She requested that an executive session regarding a personnel matter, be added to the agenda.

Trustee Presley asked the other Board Members if they would give him a phone call rather than e-mail him his messages. He noted that he doesn't check his e-mail everyday and he doesn't want to miss a message.

Department Heads.

Michael Lefancheck noted that the signs that say “slow down” have been installed by DPW Crew on Virginia Street, Mechanic Street and North Street. They are hopeful that the signs will assist with vehicle safety and get the people’s attention.

Claude Sykes noted that at the last meeting there was a question in regards to equipment that would have to be purchased for the Village Engineer to do his duties. He has inquired and the Village would have to spend no more than \$5,000.00 for the equipment.

Pending Business.

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

Mayor Saraceni stated that he gave EDR a copy of the September 20, 2007, meeting for them to review the Village Board’s comments regarding the Former Harrington Fire House Property. He spoke to Paul Fritz and they discussed a time frame and he should have it for the next Village Board Meeting.

Lock Street Property.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he has not heard from Ken Lynch from D.E.C. and a lot hinges on what he comes back with.

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

Mayor Saraceni stated that C & S Engineering could prepare a parking study for the Former Harrington Fire Station Property area at a cost of \$5,500.00. The Village Board discussed this issue and decided that each of them could take notice of the parking lot when they are in the area, instead of spending village funds for a study.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

Trustee Mott stated that the Codes Enforcement Officer had received the New York State Building Code; therefore the changes can be incorporated into the Village Code by making reference to them.

Discussion/Possible Action in regards to a scope of services for Zoning Ordinance update recommendations.

Mayor Saraceni stated that the Planning Board is looking for some guidance to implement the ideas of the EDR Plan. He asked the Village Board if they had reviewed the proposal from EDR for a scope of services for preparing zoning ordinance update recommendations. He would like the Village Board to think about the proposal and hopefully be able to make a decision at the next meeting. He noted that there are funds in the budget for code revisions and the Village has not utilized any of those funds to date.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Claude Sykes stated that the easement paperwork is in with National Grid and the Village is waiting to hear back from them. He noted that he got an e-mail from Dave Harding that the newer installed gas main on the old trolley bed, which was directional bored when they retired the old line under the stone arch, will not be a problem and won’t interfere with a box culvert or a bridge, whichever option the Village chooses. He also noted that test pits will have to be done and that is being arranged.

Discussion in regards to Village sidewalk repairs and improvements.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he met with Claude Sykes and Ron Carr earlier in the week. They discussed some of the issues that were presented at the September 20th Village Board Meeting, one being creating a district.

They decided that before the Village could move forward with this project, an inventory of sidewalks have to be prepared. The Village needs to understand how big of a problem is out there.

Claude Sykes explained how the inventory was being prepared by a member of his crew and the Codes Enforcement Office. They have done approximately 25,000 feet of sidewalk and they feel that 63% of that number has to be replaced. He feels that the percentage will increase as they work in the old sections of the Village. His estimate is about 70% of the sidewalks will need to be replaced when they are finished with the inventory. When they have a final number, then they will decide how to proceed with forming the districts.

Mayor Saraceni stated that grant funds will become available for sidewalks within a 2 mile radius of elementary schools. He noted that he wrote letters to Assemblyman Magnarelli and Senator DeFrancisco, stating that the Village was interested in obtaining funds from this grant.

New Business.

Discussion/Action concerning security enhancements for Village facilities.

Trustee Stebbins stated that the DPW Committee has discussed over the years the security that is needed to protect the Village's parks. There are funds in the parks budget and they would look into the possibility of using some electronic surveillance systems in some areas. The DPW Committee would like to get a recommendation from the Public Safety Committee as to what could be used in the parks.

Trustee Presley, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, stated that he would add this issue to their next meeting agenda.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request the Village received from John E. Dobbertin for James N. Delia, Inc. d/b/a/ Pizza Man, to waive the 30-day notification period to the municipality for their renewal application for an Alcoholic Beverage Control Retail License for 50 Oswego Street.

Motion #216 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the request the Village received from John E. Dobbertin for James N. Delia, Inc. d/b/a/ Pizza Man, be approved, to waive the 30-day notification period to the municipality for their renewal application for an Alcoholic Beverage Control Retail License for 50 Oswego Street.

The Village Clerk explained that they had sent their notice of renewal too soon, therefore they had to file a new notice and it was past the 30-day notification period.

CARRIED.

Motion #217 -

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Augello that the board members retire into executive session at 8:05 p.m. for a personnel issue.

CARRIED.

Motion #218 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the board members return at 8:53 p.m. from executive session.

CARRIED.

Motion #219 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General # 287 (Cks #29984- #29990, & #21805-#21869& #21878-79)-\$117,504.16; Water # 287 (Cks #21720- 21731)-\$7,928.84; Sewer #287 (Cks #21870 - #21877)-\$3,259.57.

CARRIED.

Motion #220-

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 8:54 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on October 18, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk

