

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

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

Also Present – Daniel Warner, Police Administrator; Timothy Baker, Village Engineer; Village Attorney Dave Jones; Maysel Markham, Highway Foreman; a reporter from the Public Access Channel, PAC-B; Tom Leo from the Syracuse Post Standard; Jack Trexler, from Meals on Wheels; and Karen Gates.

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

Motion # 261 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the minutes of the meeting held November 15, 2007, be approved, and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen's Comments.

Jack Trexler stated that the Meals on Wheels organization is looking into purchasing a generator for the Canton Woods Senior Center. The funds would come from donations Meals on Wheels have received. They have concerns with the power going out and the amount of food stored in the freezers and refrigerator that could be lost. They are looking into different natural gas and diesel generators. He noted that if the facility has a generator in place, the Red Cross would like to consider the facility a Red Cross Shelter in case of emergency. The Red Cross would take over liability while they are using the facility.

Mayor Saraceni stated he thought the idea was a great opportunity.

The Village Board discussed this matter and stated that they endorsed this project, therefore Meals on Wheels could move forward with obtaining more information. Then the Village will have the Village Engineer review their recommendations before the Village Board gives final approval. Meals on Wheels would take care of the maintenance agreement.

Mayor Saraceni's Comments are as follows:

- Requested an Executive Session for a contractual issue.
- Requested that item D under New Business (Discussion/Possible Action in regards to re-naming the Central Business District Strategic Development Plan to The Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan), be deleted from the agenda.
- Thanked Maysel Markham and others who were involved with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Red Mill Inn that was held November 24, 2007.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Weaver noted that the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Turkey Trot were successful events.

Trustee Mott requested that a "Discussion/Possible Action item regarding 4 River Street" be added to the agenda under New Business.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he contacted Ray Davis regarding the lights on the bridge, and they are going to get together to work on the system. It will take approximately 3 to 4 hours to download the changes that need to be made to the system.

Trustee Stebbins requested an Executive Session for a personnel issue.

Trustee Augello requested an Executive Session for a personnel issue.

Department Heads.

Mayor Saraceni introduced Tim Baker as the new Village Engineer.

Maysel Markham thanked Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vermette for donating this year's Christmas tree and Stan Dombroski for taking the tree down and delivering it to the Red Mill Inn. He also thanked the Fire Department for use of their fire vehicle to raise the tree and hang the lights and also the Red Mill Inn for the use of their facility for the inside events.

Pending Business.

Discussion in regards to village owned facilities/business district study - Lock Street Property.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he had a great conversation with Mr. Lynch from D.E.C. He noted that there is another municipality that has similar issues with a piece of property they own and that we might be able to participate in the ERP Program. There is a 90% pay back for Phase 2 and also the clean up process. Mr. Lynch would like to meet with Tim Baker and they can look into this program as a possible solution for the Lock Street Property.

Discussion in regards to the updated status of the former Harrington Fire Station property.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he would like to keep the momentum going in regards to EDR's proposal for the area. He has received only positive comments. He would like the Village Board to adopt EDR's concept for the area. Trustee Mott suggested the Village Board accept their plan and then at a later date adopt the plan over time. Trustee Presley stated that the Village Board previously endorsed the concept from EDR with the idea that they adopt the pieces on their own merit as they came up. Mayor Saraceni stated that if they adopted the concept, the Village could look for grant funding or private donations to implement the concept. There was a discussion regarding a time line being prepared for the project.

Motion #262 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the Village adopt EDR's concept as set forth at the Village Board Meeting held November 15, 2007, in regards to the former Harrington Fire Station Property, with the cooperative effort of EDR and the Village Engineer working forward putting together a detailed plan.

CARRIED.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

There was nothing new to report.

Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.

There was nothing new to report, since they are still waiting for the results of the boring testing.

Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.

Mayor Saraceni stated that at the last Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting, a resident brought a publication that was printed to get the word out about a similar sidewalk plan as the Village of Baldwinsville is proposing. He noted that he would like to use the information as a model to get the word out.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving authorization to C & S Engineers to prepare bid specifications for the Route 48/Chaucer Circle Sidewalk Project and to set a bid date to receive those bids.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he received some cost estimates for the Route 48/Chaucer Circle project and one of the estimates came in at \$47,500.00, which included 6" of crushed stone and then a 4" thick and 5' wide sidewalk from Chaucer Circle to the old grocery store at the corner of Smokey Hollow and Route 48. The Village would be doing the grading work at the site. He noted that the other estimate received was \$50,200.00.

Mayor Saraceni stated that Tim Baker would like to prepare the bid specifications for the Route 48/Chaucer Circle Sidewalk Project and the bid date can be set for the next meeting.

Discussion/Possible Action concerning the state owned land on Meadow Street.

There was nothing new to report.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding the partnering of the Village with the Town of Lysander for the connection of the village/town trail system just south of Lock Street.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he had two discussions with Barry Bullis, Town of Lysander Supervisor, regarding this issue. The issue is the Town of Lysander did not include the Village of Baldwinsville portion of the trail system when they sent in their grant application. The Town of Lysander is looking at this as a cooperative effort to link their trail system to the Village trail system. The Village Board discussed this issue and has requested that Tim Baker, Village Engineer, review the engineer's report from the Town of Lysander to see what the Village is going to receive for the cost of \$6,200.00.

Trustee Stebbins noted that the Village will need to look at how it is going to fund our share of the trail to meet the Town's trail. Mayor Saraceni suggested that the DPW Committee discuss this issue.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to sign the grant application for the Marble Street Dockage. It is a \$70,000.00 matching grant.

Motion #263 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the Mayor be given authorization to sign the application for the Redevelopment of Riverfront EPF Grant for the Marble Street Dockage.

Tim Baker, Village Engineer, explained that the grant funds could be used to expand the dockage on the Marble Street side of the lock system. The docks would be used for small boats, since the water level is shallow in that area. The grant application is for \$140,000.00 and the Village's match would be \$70,000.00 which could include in-kind services.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting a Public Hearing date of December 20, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments regarding (1) a local law for the Village of Baldwinsville enacting a new Chapter 28 of the Code of the Village of Baldwinsville which provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code by and within the Village of Baldwinsville. And, (2) A local law for the Village of Baldwinsville enacting a new Chapter 28A of the Code of the Village of Baldwinsville which provides for procedures for the inspection, remediation and elimination of unsafe buildings within the Village of Baldwinsville.

Motion #264 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that a Public Hearing be set for December 20, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments regarding (1) a local law for the Village of Baldwinsville enacting a new Chapter 28 of the Code of the Village of Baldwinsville which provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code by and within the Village of Baldwinsville. And, (2) A local law for the Village of Baldwinsville enacting a new Chapter 28A of the Code of the Village of Baldwinsville which provides for procedures for the inspection, remediation and elimination of unsafe buildings within the Village of Baldwinsville.

Attorney Dave Jones stated that the first local law is legislation that should have been adopted in June that would provide for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code by and within the Village of Baldwinsville as it relates to new construction. The second local law provides for procedures for the inspection, remediation and elimination of existing unsafe buildings within the Village of Baldwinsville.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Possible action in regards to installation of a temporary ice skating rink at the former Harrington Fire Station property.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he would be excited to have the DPW install a temporary 80' X 140' ice skating rink at the former Harrington Fire Station property. He estimated the cost would be \$600 to \$800 for the plastic and sand for the rim. The Village's insurance agent stated that cost for the liability insurance rider would be approximately \$300.00.

Maysel Markham stated that the ice rink couldn't be built until Mid-January when the real cold weather usually stays at a great length of time for the ice to form.

Trustee Presley stated that the Village would have to set up a program and hours and have signs posted that the people skate at their own risk.

Mayor Saraceni explained that the rink would be blocked off by a barrier, when it wasn't in use.

The Village Board agreed, weather permitting that a skating rink would be installed in Mid-January at the former Harrington Fire Station area.

Discussion/Action in regards to adopting the Resolution Accepting Dedication of Streets and Drainage Easements and Acceptance of Assignment of Drainage Easements for the Festa Fairway/Lamp Post Court Subdivision.

Motion #265 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded Trustee Weaver that the Resolution Accepting Dedication of Streets and Drainage Easements and Acceptance of Assignment of Drainage Easements for Festa Fairway/Lamp Post Court Subdivision, be adopted, pending approval of the Village Engineer. (Copy of resolution is on file)

CARRIED.

Discussion regarding a sidewalk at 4 River Street.

Trustee Mott stated that there is a sidewalk at 4 River Street that doesn't continue on to another sidewalk. Since the Village installed the sidewalks on the other side of River Street, the property owner of 4 River Street asked if they could remove their sidewalk. Mayor Saraceni noted that the sidewalk at 4 River Street was made of concrete pavers and wasn't installed according to code. The Village Board decided to table this issue until they had a chance to look at the area.

Motion #266 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Augello that the Village Board retire into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for 3 issues regarding 2 personnel issues and a contractual agreement.

CARRIED.

Motion #267 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that the Village Board return at 9:30 p.m. from Executive Session.

CARRIED.

Motion #268 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. Abstract #291: General (Cks #30122- #30205)-\$380,331.31; Water Abstract #291 (Cks #21761-#21768)-\$3,641.19; Sewer Abstract #291(Cks #21977- #21983-\$4,641.80.

CARRIED.

Motion #269 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the meeting be adjourned at 9:32 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on December 20, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk