

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON FEBRUARY 1, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.

Present – Deputy Mayor Presley, Trustees Stebbins, Mott, A. Saraceni, Tupper and J. Saraceni.

Absent – Mayor O’Hara.

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Daniel Warner, Chief of Police; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; Tom Leo from the Syracuse Post Standard; a representative of the Public Access Channel; Karen Gates, Claire Merrick, Don Cronk, Cassandra Laventure, Carrie Weaver, Doug Shortslef and K.C. Pickard.

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

Deputy Mayor Presley explained that Mayor O’Hara was out of town and could not attend tonight’s meeting.

Motion #328 –

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the minutes of the meeting held January 18, 2007, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Presley and Police Administrator Daniel Warner presented Police Officer Christy Gleason with the Police Officer of the Year Award. Daniel Warner noted that the Police Officer of the Year Award is the only peer award given by the Department and is voted on annually by the department. He noted that during the year 2006, Christy Gleason single handedly took 40 intoxicated drivers off the highway. He also noted that there was an incident where she had restrained two individuals, who she had followed out to the Plainville area, who were in a stolen vehicle from Oswego County, that contained a handgun and a loaded magazine under the front seat of the vehicle.

The Village Board took a short recess for refreshment.

Citizen’s Comments.

Cassandra Laventure requested help cleaning out her basement, since the mess was caused by a break in the Village’s water line, which then caused a break in the sewer line causing the sewage to back up into her home. She noted that she had insurance to cover some costs, of which she had an estimate of \$5,000.00 and she wanted to know if the Village or its insurance company was going to cover the balance. She noted that the Village’s agent had come to her home and said that he would report the incident to the insurance company and that they were going to make a determination. She felt the village should take full responsibility, since it was caused by a water line owned by the village.

The village board explained that the Village is responsible for the water mains in the street and the property owner is responsible for the lines that are within the property lines. She was questioned if she had a floor drain and she stated yes, but she noted that the sewage was coming from behind her washer. Claude Sykes stated that there might have been an old service in the home that had later been replaced and when the sewage had backed up it would have gone any place there was an opening.

It was noted that the village would be notified the next day as to whether there was neglect on the village’s part in handling the situation and whether their insurance company would be helping the residence affected.

Trustees’ Comments.

Trustee J. Saraceni’s comments are as follows:

- He spoke to Peter Crissey from Crissey Architectural Group and his students will be making their presentation to him next week regarding the former Harrington Fire Station. Mr. Crissey thought it would take approximately two hours for the students to make their presentation. Trustee J. Saraceni suggested that the Village Board set up a special meeting for February 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the students to make their presentations.

- He wanted to recognize Bruce Tompkins, Brian Trowbridge, David Middlemore, Charles McAuliffe, and Adam Spencer, who worked a 15 hour shift on the water break on Virginia Street and Warner Ave in subzero temperatures. He noted that there were also members of the Highway Dept that came during the day to help.
- He noted that he had spoken to Mike Chemotti from MSK, who wanted to speak to the village concerning the revised time schedule for the use of Paper Mill Island. He noted that Mike Chemotti suggested some compromises and he wanted to discuss them with the rest of the Village Board.

Deputy Mayor Presley suggested that Trustee J. Saraceni attend the next Public Safety Committee Meeting, which will be held February 14th at 5:00 p.m., to discuss this issue.

Trustee Tupper noted that Onondaga County Planning Federation held their annual classes Tuesday, but because of the overwhelming number of attendees, the classes filled quickly and no one from the village was able to attend. He noted that NYMIR Insurance and the PACE University Website has the courses on line.

Trustee Stebbins requested an Executive Session for a personnel matter.

Deputy Mayor Presley requested the Village Clerk add to the next meeting agenda, the award of the Canton Woods Senior Center Travel Bids. He also requested an Executive Session for a personnel matter.

Trustee A. Saraceni requested an Executive Session for contract negotiation matters.

Department Heads.

J.C. Engelbrecht noted that he heard the Onondaga County Planning Federation was going to hold another set of classes in the future.

Trustee Tupper noted that he heard they were not going to be scheduled until the fall.

The Village Clerk noted that she received a letter from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company requesting permission to continue to rent the South Side Fire Station for another year and she wanted permission to add this to the next meeting's agenda.

The Village Board gave her permission.

Claude Sykes noted that in regards to the water break on Virginia Street, they will be making the sewer repairs tomorrow and make the road repairs shortly thereafter.

Trustee Stebbins questioned whether the village should allow heavy vehicles to use the road.

Claude Sykes stated that a similar thing could happen to any of the streets in that area, the pipes in that area are all the same age. He noted that the village will be making the road repairs themselves. He also stated that Paragon Environmental will be at the former Harrington Fire Station to remove the remaining asbestos on February 12th and they expect it will take three or four days.

Pending Business.

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

It was previously mentioned above under Trustee J. Saraceni's comments.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

Trustee Mott stated that Trustee Tupper, Trustee J. Saraceni and himself attended the Planning Board Meeting, and they discussed the phase 2 portion of the codes update process, which involved creating an overlay district for special circumstances or deviations to General Code. They will continue to work with them and make a recommendation.

He also noted that the Planning Board will also be working on the sign issues within the Village Code and amongst the Planning Board, ARB Board, Zoning Board and the Village Board.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Claude Sykes stated that he had been in contact with National Grid, their real estate division, and they got the pole numbers they had requested. He noted that National Grid will probably want to walk the site next week.

Discussion concerning the Village's infrastructure.

Mayor O'Hara was not present to make a report.

Discussion/Action concerning the adoption of the proposed Local Law regulating the citing of wireless telecommunications facilities.

Motion #329 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the Local Law regulating the citing of wireless telecommunications facilities be adopted.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action passing a resolution supporting the undertaking of a study to merge all three municipalities.

Mayor O'Hara was not present to make a report.

New Business.

Discussion/Action concerning giving the Mayor authorization to sign a lease with Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions for a new copier in the Village Clerk's Office, which would be delivered in the 2006-2007 budget year and a new copier for the Police Department that would be delivered in the 2007-2008 budget year.

Motion #330 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Mayor be authorized to sign 2 leases with Maintenance Agreements with Toshiba Business Solutions for a new copier in the Village Clerk's Office, which would be delivered in the 2006-2007 budget year and a new copier for the Police Department that would be delivered in the 2007-2008 budget year.

The Village Clerk explained that her copier was going to be delivered in this year's budget, since leasing cost was cheaper than what she was currently paying. The Police Department's copier was not in this year's budget; therefore it will be delivered after March 1, 2007. It was noted that the Police Department doesn't feel it sends or receives enough faxes to need the added costs to have that fax feature installed on their copier.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning giving the Mayor authorization to sign an amendment between Onondaga County Community Development and the Village of Baldwinsville. The amendment extends the term of the contract to 12/31/07 for the McHarrie Park South Playground.

Motion #331 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the Mayor be given authorization to sign an amendment between Onondaga County Community Development and the Village of Baldwinsville. The amendment extends the term of the contract to 12/31/07 for the McHarrie Park South Playground.

Claude Sykes noted that the village still had \$600.00 left to spend on the project, which is the reason for the extension of the contract.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding giving the Police Administrator authorization to order a new marked police vehicle for the budget year 2007-2008.

Motion #332 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Police Administrator be given authorization to order a new marked police vehicle for the budget year 2007-2008.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding giving authorization for Lieutenant Michael Lefancheck to attend Chief Executive Officers Training dealing with Missing and Exploited Children being held February 10 through February 12, 2007, in Alexandria, VA, at a cost not to exceed \$200.00.

Motion #333 -

Moved by Deputy Mayor Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that authorization be given for Lieutenant Michael Lefancheck to attend Chief Executive Officers Training dealing with Missing and Exploited Children, being held February 10 through February 12, 2007, in Alexandria, VA, at a cost not to exceed \$200.00.

Daniel Warner noted that the village only has to provide funds for the meals, since the balance of the costs are paid for by the Department of Missing and Exploited Children.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request to waive penalty fees accrued from back unpaid taxes for the years 1956, 1957, 1964, 1965, and 1967, for the property known as 384 Meadow Street, formerly known as 60 Meadow Street. The total taxes due for those years' amounts to \$89.13 and the total penalties amount to \$652.89.

Motion #334 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Deputy Mayor Presley that the request to waive penalty fees in the amount of \$652.89 that accrued from back unpaid taxes for the years 1956, 1957, 1964, 1965, and 1967, for the property known as 384 Meadow Street, formerly known as 60 Meadow Street, be approved. The total taxes due for those years amounts to \$89.13 and the total penalties amount to \$652.89.

The Village Clerk noted that the property has changed owners several times since these back taxes became delinquent and that none of the new owners paid the back taxes, until the current owner, and he wants to clear them up.

CARRIED.

Adoption of a resolution establishing that the official election inspectors of the General Election to be held March 20, 2007, will be Janet St. John, Chairperson, Colleen Currie, Norma Graham, Susan LaQuay, Linda Ross, Louise Corrigan, Christina Knaul, Maureen Butler, Laura Ross and Layne Butler. The compensation for each inspector of the Election will be \$6.50 per hour, plus an additional amount of \$15.00 for the Chairperson.

Motion #335 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Tupper that the resolution establishing that the official election inspectors of the General Election to be held March 20, 2007, will be Janet St. John, Chairperson, Colleen Currie, Norma Graham, Susan LaQuay, Linda Ross, Louise Corrigan, Christina Knaul, Maureen Butler, Laura Ross and Layne Butler and that it be adopted. The compensation for each inspector of the election will be \$7.15 per hour, plus an additional amount of \$15.00 for the Chairperson.

It was noted that the minimum was \$7.15/per hour.

Motion #336

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the amount of payment for the inspectors be amended to \$7.15 per hour.

CARRIED.

CARRIED (Motion #335).

Discussion/Action in regards to establishing 2 non-holidays (Tuesday and Wednesday) as community days for the use of Paper Mill Island whereby the rental fee only will be waived for the following organizations; Community Band, Town of Lysander, Town of Van Buren, and any official or associated Baldwinsville School Organization including a booster organization.

Motion #337

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the village establish non-holidays (Tuesday and Wednesday) as community days for the use of Paper Mill Island, whereby the rental fee only will be waived for the following organizations; Community Band, Town of Lysander, Town of Van Buren, and any official or associated Baldwinsville School Organization including a booster organization.

Trustee Mott questioned the waiving of the security fees.

Deputy Mayor Presley noted that only the rental fees are waived, not security fees. This will insure that the renter has a vested interest in keeping the site clean.

It was noted that July 4th will be Wednesday this year, therefore they added the wording non-holiday Tuesday and Wednesday to the motion.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting the date of February 15, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing to hear comments concerning the 2007 proposed Community Development Projects and the 5 year plan.

Motion #338 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Mott that the date of February 15, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. be set for a Public Hearing to hear comments concerning the 2007 proposed Community Development Projects and the 5 year plan.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning a request for a refund of an excess sewer bill for 62 Salina Street.

Claude Sykes stated that the property owner had made a request, since he lost water through his garden hose and the water did not go into the sewer system, therefore the DPW Committee recommended that relief be given for the sewer overage above his average bill, which amounted to \$80.72.

Motion #339 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the request for the refund of an excess sewer bill which amounted to \$80.72 for 62 Salina Street, be approved.

CARRIED.

Motion #340 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that a Special Meeting be scheduled for February 22, 2007 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The Special Meeting is being held to give a class of Syracuse University students' time to present their plans for the Former Harrington Fire Station site, which they did as a class project.

CARRIED.

Motion # 341 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Village Board retire into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and two personnel issues at 8:33 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #342 –

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Village Board returned to Regular Session at 8:46 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #343 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Tupper that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #268 (Cks #29499 - #29554) - \$163,256.39; Water #268 (Cks #21549 - #21554) - \$1,607.32; Sewer #268 (Cks #21016 - #21018) - \$2,204.68.

CARRIED.

Motion #344 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m., until the Public Hearing to be held on February 15, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk