

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON JULY 19, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.**

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

Also Present - Tom LeRoy, Police Agent; Claude Sykes, Superintendent of DPW; Village Attorneys Ron Carr and David Jones; Jerry Elliott from the Public Access Channel; Doug Brackett, the representative from EDR, Lee and Mark Wilder, Catherine Henry, Mike Chemotti, and Mrs. Albert Anselment.

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

**Motion #153-**

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

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen's Comments.**

There were none.

**Mayor's Comments.**

The mayor reminded everyone of the next Neighborhood Advisory meeting to be held July 26, 2007, at the Canton Street well facility- all are welcome to tour, discussion to follow.

The mayor received a letter from Stephane Gonzalez, the editor of Media Carpe magazine, a French publication distributed bi-monthly in Europe. He sent the letter along with a copy of the July-August 2007 edition, which features the recent ACS carp tournament that was held in Baldwinsville in May. He read the letter from Mr. Gonzalez that mentioned they loved having the tournament here, it is still the 'talk of the town' in the world of carp fishing and they would look forward to the possibility of having another larger event in Baldwinsville in the future.

The mayor requested that 2 executive sessions be held to discuss a labor relations issue and the possible sale of village owned property.

**Trustees' Comments.**

Trustee Mott thanked AT & T and Rite Aid for their cooperation working with the Architectural Review Board.

Trustee Saraceni commented on the great pictures in Media Carpe magazine also.

**Department Heads.**

Claude Sykes mentioned the problem last week where OPTech found a leaking underground fuel tank. This additional cost was not covered in the bid for removal of the tanks. The new costs involved are unknown at this time. They have stopped excavation of materials and are awaiting further direction from the DEC, who has taken this project over due to this latest development. The costs at the dump site for the contaminated soil ultimately will determine a portion of the added cost is involved with that.

**Pending Business.**

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

**Former Harrington Fire Station.**

Claude Sykes gave an update on the removal of the floor and footers. He stated that all debris should be removed by next week. Then runner crush can be brought in.

**Lock Street Property.**

Nothing new to report.

**Cold Storage Facility.**

There was a brief discussion and reminder of the importance of having a storage facility available. It was noted that consideration needs to be given to the village equipment that is currently being stored outdoors and the various items from the police department that have to be kept in storage for 6 months. The buildings that we presently have do not have adequate space for this type of inside storage.

Mayor Saraceni mentioned the DPW committee and their recommendations. They hope to combine the need for a salt storage facility with this facility. He also stated that he has spoken with Lynn Campbell, village treasurer, and her recommendation for funding this facility is to issue a BAN (Bond Anticipation Note).

Trustee Saraceni urged the board to go forward. Trustee Stebbins mentioned making a motion to authorize Claude Sykes to get final cost figures for the facility and also to allow the engineers to draw up a design for the facility. Trustee Mott would like the design to be drawn up with the capacity for future growth in mind.

**Motion #154-**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that Claude Sykes is authorized to get final cost figures for the cold storage facility and that C & S Engineers be authorized to draw up a design for the facility.

**CARRIED.**

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

Nothing new to discuss.

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

Claude Sykes spoke with Carl Jahn at QPK. They will be at the DPW meeting next week with 3 alternatives for the trail. Claude stated they'd like to get the bridges done first and then complete the trail work.

***Discussion in regards to succession and transition of leadership among village employees.***

The mayor was given a list of people recommended to form the ad-hoc committee to look for replacement for Claude Sykes. He looks forward to their excellent guidance. Trustee Stebbins was chosen as the chair for the committee. He stated that they will look at the many jobs involved in the position as they look to replace Claude. All of the board noted that timing is critical.

The committee is: Bruce Stebbins, Richard Elander, Don Colon, Rick Presley, Claude Sykes and Tony Saraceni.

***Discussion in regards to Village sidewalks repairs and improvements.***

The mayor noted that there was not much to add to previous remarks as he is still trying to get as much feedback as possible from residents. He and Claude Sykes do feel the village DPW is capable of doing this job, as the work would be portioned out in districts. The DPW has shown their capability in the completion of many other village projects. However, the mayor would like the DPW committee to review staffing needs.

It was noted that first district areas will be formed. Sidewalk repairs within each district will need to be identified. BAN's would then be issued to cover the costs. The districts would then be charged on the village tax bills. Flyers will need to be done to inform residents of the requirements that need to be met if they decide to do the work themselves. Also, the flyer would give information on the work the village will be doing.

Any grant funding opportunities that are identified will be applied for if allowable in order to save the residents costs.

***Discussion /Possible Action in regard to EDR's offer to design a plan for the Former Harrington Fire Station in the amount of \$1,500.00.***

Doug Brackett was introduced from EDR. He explained that probably two alternative sketches would be provided by EDR for \$1,500.00. They would use the information from the student projects (and Peter Crissey's which is forthcoming) that have been submitted for the area, in addition to the previous EDR reports that the village already has.

There was discussion about the \$1,500.00 payment and which fund it would be taken from. There is money available in a fire department expense account and a fund for the upkeep of the firehouse which is no longer there. For long term projects the village might consider naming a new fund 'village development fees'.

**Motion # 155-**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the board authorizes \$1,500.00 to be spent for EDR to design a plan for the Former Harrington Fire Station.

Ayes-6

Trustee Stebbins asked to abstain from voting.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to the village website.***

Trustee Augello had spoken with John Viggiano at VIGCraft. Her main concern is to make the website more user-friendly. She feels that first the village needs to work on the news and trustee pages with emails and photos to make the trustees more accessible to the residents. She hopes that by the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting she can be more specific on our options.

***Discussion/Action concerning the request from Mike Chemotti, MSK Corp, for a waiver of the Open Container Law, and for use of the parking lot on Syracuse Street in front of the Red Mill Inn, for events scheduled on August 11, 18, 25 & September 2, 2007, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.***

**Motion # 156-**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the request from Mike Chemotti, MSK Corp, for a waiver of the Open Container Law, and for use of the parking lot on Syracuse Street in front of the Red Mill Inn, for events scheduled on August 11, 18, 25 & September 2, 2007, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., be approved.

**CARRIED.**

There was a short discussion about the parking lot area. Mike mentioned that the secure areas will remain the same as they have been used in previous years.

***Discussion/Action in regards to receiving bids for the River Street Walkway, which is a Community Development Project.***

Claude Sykes noted there was 1 bid received from James Ross & Sons, in the amount of \$99,931.25.

**Motion # 157-**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the bid of \$99,931.25, from James Ross & Sons Construction, be received.

**CARRIED.**

Claude will be reviewing the bid with the DPW Committee and Steve Darcangelo at Plumley Engineering. They will also discuss the difference between the grant money and the bid amount and where the extra money will come from. Claude noted that Item "J" from the agenda was removed.

***Discussion/Action in regards to giving the mayor authorization to execute an agreement with NYSDOT for the Multi-Modal #4, Route 48 Sidewalk Project.***

**Motion # 158-**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with NYSDOT for the Multi-Modal #4, Route 48 Sidewalk Project.

**CARRIED.**

Mayor Saraceni took a minute to remind everyone what this grant was for. The \$50,000.00 grant was given to the village to connect Chaucer Circle with Smokey Hollow Road by a sidewalk along Route 48. Trustee Presley wanted to know where the difference in any costs would come from. The mayor stated he would use the fund balance from the general expenses account.

It was further discussed that the village would maintain the sidewalks as there are no homeowners along Route 48 in that area. Trustee Presley did not want to set a precedent by having the village maintain sidewalks only in this area. Ron Carr confirmed though, that the village would have to maintain this sidewalk, as regulated by local law.

**New Business.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to giving the village treasurer permission to obtain a CPA for a program audit that is a grant requirement to receive final payment, in the amount of \$10,000.00, for the North Shore East Trail.***

The mayor has spoken with the village treasurer and this is a requirement in order for the village to receive final payment.

**Motion # 159-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the village treasurer be given permission to obtain a CPA for a program audit that is a grant requirement to receive final payment, in the amount of \$10,000.00, for the North Shore East Trail.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action in regards to payment to Golden Legacy for the increased pipeline capacity.***

This is an agreement that was held over from the previous administration, based on a precedent which was set by Syracuse Homes, where the village will pay from our water budget, \$14,822.50, to the developer, for putting a larger pipeline in the area to facilitate future development. (The developer installed a 12" line not an 8" line. The added cost covers labor and materials.) This recommendation came from Plumley Engineers.

**Motion # 160-**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the payment to Golden Legacy, in the amount of \$14,822.50, is to be made from the water budget.

**CARRIED.**

*Discussion/Action in regards to a request received from Georgina Stanton to block off Seneca Street from Downer Street to Tappan Street and that the Open Container Law be waived for their Annual Seneca Street Picnic that would be held August 1, 2007, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm., with a rain date of August 2, 2007.*

**Motion # 161-**

Moved by Trustee Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the request from Georgina Stanton to block off Seneca Street from Downer Street to Tappan Street and that the Open Container Law be waived for their Annual Seneca Street Picnic that would be held August 1, 2007, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm., with a rain date of August 2, 2007, be approved.

**CARRIED.**

The mayor mentioned how great these street picnics are and this is what living in the village is about.

**Motion #162-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Augello that the board members retire into executive session at 8:38 p.m. for 1 Labor Relations issue and 1 issue regarding the possible sale of village property.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion # 163 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the board members return at 9:47 p.m. from executive session.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #164 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General # 282 (Cks #21392- #21468, & #29981)-\$64,403.71; Water # 282 (Cks #21666- 21679)-\$17,231.00; Sewer #282 (Cks #21469 - #21479)-\$6,694.85.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #165-**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 9:48 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on August 2, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk