

Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees for the Purpose of Hearing Comments concerning the 2007 proposed Community Development Projects and the 5 year plan, at Village Hall on February 15, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

Present – Mayor O’Hara, Trustees Presley, Stebbins, Mott, Tupper, A. Saraceni, and J. Saraceni.

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Daniel Warner, Chief of Police; Michael Lefancheck, Police Lieutenant; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; a representative of the Public Access Channel; Thomas Leo and a photographer, from the Post Standard, Robert Stockdale, Diane Canino, Ray & Judy Bresee, Ed Barlow, Barb & Fred Shuler, Jon Alvarez, Curtis Toepp, Barb Brown, Maysel and Peg Markham, Sarah & Jack Baker, Carrie Weaver, Karen Gates, Robin Augello, Nadine Macomber, Don Cronk, and Art Levy.

The Public Hearing was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor O’Hara stated that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to hear comments concerning the 2007 proposed Community Development Projects and the 5 year plan.

The Deputy Village Clerk read the legal notice that was published in the Messenger.

Mayor O’Hara asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the 2007 proposed Community Development Projects and the 5 year plan.

No one spoke.

Mayor O’Hara asked if anyone wanted to speak against the 2007 proposed Community Development Projects and the 5 year plan.

No one spoke.

Motion #345 –

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee Mott that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Village Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON FEBRUARY 15, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.

Present – Mayor O’Hara, Trustees Presley, Stebbins, Mott, Tupper, A. Saraceni, and J. Saraceni.

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Daniel Warner, Chief of Police; Michael Lefancheck, Police Lieutenant; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; a representative of the Public Access Channel; Thomas Leo and a photographer, from the Post Standard, Robert Stockdale, Diane Canino, Ray & Judy Bresee, Ed Barlow, Barb & Fred Shuler, Jon Alvarez, Curtis Toepp, Barb Brown, Maysel and Peg Markham, Sarah & Jack Baker, Carrie Weaver, Karen Gates, Robin Augello, Nadine Macomber, Don Cronk, and Art Levy.

Motion #346–

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the minutes of the meeting held February 1, 2007, be approved and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

No comments.

Mayor’s Comments.

No comments.

Trustees’ Comments.

Trustee Tupper congratulated Mayor O’Hara on his new appointment as the New York State Fair director. Trustee J. Saraceni echoed Trustee Tupper’s congratulations to the Mayor. He then stated that he had the intermunicipal agreement for the Canton Woods Senior Center disbursement of funds for the board members and J.C. Engelbrecht to review, that would eliminate the need for the monthly billing to each of the towns in the future. Trustee Mott also offered the Mayor his congratulations.

Department Heads.

Claude Sykes asked for the public to be patient as they work on the snow removal process around the village.

Pending Business.

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

Claude Sykes spoke regarding the status of the demolition of the firehouse. Water, gas and electric have been disconnected. They need to remove overhead doors and anything else they would like to salvage. The offer to settle out of court from QES/Churchill Environmental was too late, so the Mayor reminded the board that the court date is March 6, 2007. Trustee Presley reminded the board that the Baldwinsville Fire Department would like the interior meeting room wood panels. Trustee Tupper noted that the overhead lighting from the firehouse is being re-used out at the highway barn and it has made a big difference. Trustee Mott reminded the board of the special meeting with the SU students on February 22, 2007, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

There was nothing to report.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Claude Sykes spoke with a representative from National Grid and got pole #'s and some area information that is necessary, however, there has not been a break in the weather yet in order to do a walk through of the area with them.

Discussion concerning the Village's infrastructure.

Mayor O'Hara stated that he knows the engineers are continually reviewing and updating documents. It is a work in progress.

Discussion/Action to authorize the Village to solicit funds to begin the evaluation process in regards to the consolidation of government services amongst the Town of Lysander, Town of Van Buren and the Village of Baldwinsville.

There was a discussion about the way to begin the process of evaluating what services the two towns take care of and what our village does and where there is actually a duplication of services, which if consolidated, could result in a cost savings to the taxpayer. There needs to be some input from the village residents, who may have some comments and good ideas as to what they would like to see happen. An evaluation process would open up a chance for comments, for example, how some people like the brush pick up our DPW performs. Keep in mind there are currently 3 municipal buildings, 3 highway departments, 3 justice courts, etc. The board would like to find out what makes sense in our community.

It was noted that the board is not talking about dissolving the village. This action is about finding tax savings for the residents of the community. The process of beginning a study, or an evaluation, is the way to get started. With this approved grant money, this evaluation can begin and this board can accept or decline the final idea or scope. It was noted that the board doesn't want to limit itself to just one aspect or idea. The motion is to solicit funds to begin the evaluation process, to see what exactly would work best.

It was also noted that the main objective is that we get the 3 municipalities working together. The board needs to look at the broad spectrum of what we all do as 3 separate towns. One example is that each municipality has a part time justice court system, which costs a lot more than having one full time justice court system.

Motion #347-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the authorization for the village to solicit funds to begin the evaluation process in regards to the consolidation of government services amongst the Town of Lysander, Town of Van Buren and the Village of Baldwinsville, be approved.

All in favor. None opposed.

CARRIED.

New Business.

Discussion/Action concerning awarding the Canton Woods Senior Center travel bids.

There was discussion between the board and the director of the center, Frank Foster. They spoke about the travel bids that were received, the related costs for the senior citizens and their special needs on trips, and Frank Foster's role in the bid process. It was determined that Frank Foster and the Canton Woods Travel Committee should have more specifically defined the special needs, requirements and reasonable costs that they were looking for for the seniors who may sign on to take the day trips. The board will reject the current bids that were received and set the date of March 1, 2007, for the new

bid specifications to be ready to be seen by the Canton Woods board and to then be brought in front of the village board. These bid documents will also have to be reviewed by J.C. Engelbrecht.

Motion #348 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the travel bids that were received for the Canton Woods Senior Center, be rejected.

All in favor. None opposed.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding the request from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company requesting permission to continue to rent the South Side Fire Station for another year.

No one was present to explain what the fire company needs. This discussion was tabled until a representative is present.

Discussion/Action in regards to the adoption of a resolution levying the Real Property Tax for the year 2007-2008 with the tax rate for the Lysander portion of the Village to be \$6.995 per thousand and the tax rate for the Van Buren portion of the Village to be \$6.995 per thousand, which produces \$1,903,727.00 with an additional in lieu of payment of \$50,000.00. Also, the levying of the additional amount of \$48,015.31 in water and sewer arrears, plus the exemptions left unpaid from prior sales amounting to \$3,438.01 and unpaid miscellaneous charges amount to \$1,707.14.

Motion #349 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that a resolution levying the Real Property Tax for the year 2007-2008 with the tax rate for the Lysander portion of the Village to be \$6.995 per thousand and the tax rate for the Van Buren portion of the Village to be \$6.995 per thousand, which produces \$1,903,727.00 with an additional in lieu of payment of \$50,000.00. Also, that the levying of the additional amount of \$48,015.31 in water and sewer arrears, plus the exemptions left unpaid from prior sales amounting to \$3,438.01 and unpaid miscellaneous charges amount to \$1,707.14, be adopted.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action authorizing the Mayor to sign the annual work permit application with the Onondaga County Department of Transportation.

Motion #350-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the Mayor be authorized to sign the annual work permit application with the Onondaga County Department of Transportation.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning the 2007 proposed Onondaga County Community Development Projects and the 5 year plan.

(See the Table on the following page)

VILLAGE OF BALDWINSVILLE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
CONSOLIDATED (FIVE-YEAR) PLAN

Project	Proposed Year of Application
Community Park Restroom Renovations	2007
Inner-Village Trail System	2007, 2008, 2009
Streetscape Improvements along Water Street (west)	2007
Construction of New Sidewalks along McHarrie and Division Streets	2008
Manual LED Crosswalk Signals	2008
Pedestrian Bridge at Warner Avenue	2009
Renovations to Tabor Street, including Sidewalks	2009
Construction of New Sidewalks on Tappan Street between Canton and Syracuse Streets	2009
Construction of New Sidewalks along Pine and Phillips Streets and Palmer Lane	2010
Toddler Playground Equipment at Community Park	2010
Extension to the Southwest Village Trail System	2010

Motion #351 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Tupper that the 2007 Funding Request for the Onondaga County Community Development Consolidated Plan and Capital Projects Applications, be approved and the Mayor be authorized to sign the application.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning the appointment of Richard Furlong to the citizen's tree committee.

Motion #352 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the appointment of Richard Furlong, to the citizen's tree committee, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to hire RAM Tech at \$5,000.00 for the South Shore West Trail marine hookup electrical engineering needs, pending receipt and execution of grant application.

Motion #353 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized to hire RAM Tech, for \$5,000.00, for the marine hookup electrical engineering needs at the South Shore West Trail, pending receipt and execution of the grant application.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action authorizing the creation of a new police officer position for the Police Department.

Motion #354 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that the creation of a new police officer position for the police department, be approved. This was a budgeted position.

Yays 6 Nays 1 -Trustee Tupper voted no.

CARRIED.

The Mayor spoke to add an item to the agenda. He would like to tender his resignation effective immediately. He wished that the board would go forward and continue the good things in government that they are doing.

Motion #355-

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the resignation of Mayor Daniel O'Hara be accepted, with regret, effective immediately.

CARRIED.

Motion #356 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #269 (Cks #29555 -#29612) - \$72,714.17; Water #269 (Cks #21555 -#21563) - \$8,764.25; Sewer #269 (Cks #21019-#21028) - \$1,590.71.

CARRIED.

Motion #357 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on March 1, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk

