

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON AUGUST 3, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; J. C. Merritt, Police Agent; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; Erin Smith from the Messenger; Charles Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Karen Mayo, David Lane, Karen Gates, Ralph Gates, Sandra Baker, Richard Long, Ginny & David Stady, Bill Halpin, Jon Alvarez, Anna Holden, Jeannette Rogers, Catherine Henry, Josephine Pelcher, Mr. Rose, Warren Beck, Richard Hovey, Joe Mastrianno, Norma Goodman, Joe Loffredo.

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

The Mayor explained that the discussion being held tonight is to hear concerns and proposed solutions regarding the issue of making possible one-way traffic westbound on River Street and the proposed Community Development Project for River Street.

Some of the issues talked about with the residents of River Street, Charlotte Street, and North Street, were how Community Development program areas are defined and why they are done that way, and how they intend to help the community surrounding the area; the current issue of safety on River Street for all pedestrians on a daily basis; the possible rise in future property tax assessments as related to this project, and the timeframe when the project would begin and it was further noted that as far as design considerations go, these residents will be able to be involved in the planning steps as they progress.

It was agreed by residents both for and against this project that many good things have been done in the village in the past few years. It makes Baldwinsville a desirable place to live in and visit. The concern by River Street residents is for their personal privacy after this one-way change and project completion. However, it was noted that this street being discussed is a public street and placing a safe walkway along it, will give everyone in the village the opportunity to enjoy a safe walk along the river.

Motion #186 –

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the minutes of the meeting held July 20, 2006, be approved and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

Jon Alvarez, 67 Brown Street, gave his opinions on the previous discussion. He asked that at the August 10, 2006, meeting with the Town of Lysander Board, that the Village Board discuss combining Village DPW services with the Town DPW to save taxpayer dollars. He also stated some concerns with a pothole on a State road that he had recently reported to the DPW and a DPW truck that he noted was at someone’s private home. He wants to know how many officers of the Village Police Department live outside the village.

Catherine Henry, 21 Mott Road, spoke of her past sewer problems and those that happened after the recent large rainfall. She believes some or part of the problem is related to Indian Springs being developed. She noted brush in the road and grass clippings also, which have been written about in a letter from the Village DPW, that some neighbors continue to leave in the road. This is not supposed to be allowed. The Mayor noted some of the options for the future that they are looking into to handle large rainfall incidents when they happen again.

Bill Halpin, 17 Mott Road, noted he is an engineer, explained his sewer problems and that he would like to help with finding a solution. He also believes that some or part of the problem has to do with the Indian Springs area being annexed into the sewer system. He wondered about the possibility of increasing the capacity of the pump station.

Sandra Baker, 20 Sunset Terrace, encouraged the Board Members to go slowly on a decision regarding the Community Development project. She also asked to move item G. in Pending Business up in the order of the meeting due to the lateness of the hour.

Mayor's Comments.

There were no comments.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee A. Saraceni requested an Executive Session for two issues. One issue being the discussion of the Cable Franchise Agreement and the second issue being contract negotiations for various departments in the village.

Trustee Tupper noted a letter from Attorney Rick Hollembaek about the problems with kids around his business area, setting fires, vandalism, etc. It was noted that anyone having such problems should call the village police as soon as possible. He recommends this also be addressed at the next Public Safety meeting.

Trustee J. Saraceni had a great discussion with Brascan, as they were very receptive to EDR's recommendations. He noted they were very open to working with the village. He would like to talk next meeting about the Harrington Fire Station and what will be done with that area in the future.

Trustee Stebbins thanked Catherine Henry for bringing up the fact that there is a very real problem with people putting brush and grass in the street. During the large rainstorms this debris is swept into the storm sewer, which plugs up the sewer and impedes the flow of water. This is illegal, as village residents should be putting this yard debris safely out of the street on the grass at the side of the road.

Department Heads.

J. C. Engelbrecht was going to ask to hold an executive session regarding the Weichert litigation, but will hold on this and request it at the next meeting.

Claude Sykes noted that there would be milling done, in anticipation of paving, on Monica Place and upper Artillery Lane. The paving will take place next week or the following week depending on the weather.

Pending Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to changing River Street from two- way traffic to one- way traffic – westbound.

Motion #187 –

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Tupper that River Street be changed from two-way traffic to one-way traffic, from the Cottage Restaurant municipal parking lot entrance–westbound.

Roll Call Vote- 6 ayes
1-nay-Trustee Mott

CARRIED.

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

Trustee J. Saraceni stated that discussion should be held about what the village would like to see in the area of the Harrington firehouse. Mayor O'Hara agreed that at the next board meeting the board should plan to set aside 5-10 minutes for this discussion to assist in the future planning for this area.

Discussion in regards to the Sergei Yevich Trail, Southeast Trail.

Claude Sykes noted that topsoil was one-third of the way done, as they are working to be finished close to the deadline. Mayor O'Hara stated that an application was submitted for the property behind St. Mary's Church. He noted that Senator DeFrancisco is doing all he can to help this on his end.

Discussion concerning the Skate Zone Facility located on Lock Street.

Trustee Tupper reported that the YMCA that had been looking at the skate equipment stated they are not interested in it at this time. There was a brief discussion on the skate area, equipment and its history. Trustee A. Saraceni stated he will comeback with a new proposal for the board.

Discussion concerning the Cable Franchise Agreement.

This will be discussed in Executive Session. J. C. Engelbrecht has had a chance to review this and has no issues with it.

Discussion/Action in regards to updating the Village Code.

There was a brief discussion about the meeting that was held. Trustee Mott said that an electronic copy of all of the recommendations would be helpful. There will be more discussion about the best way to present changes to the board, and in what format.

Discussion/Action in regards to a revised request from C. L. Development of Baldwinsville, LLC, for a Zone Change for four parcels of land known as 5 Mechanic Street, 7 Mechanic Street, 9 Mechanic Street and 11 Mechanic Street. A new request was also submitted for 8 Mechanic Street for rezoning from Residential R-1 to Business B-1.

This discussion was opened with a modification to the above request. Richard Hovey stated that a letter was submitted to withdraw the above request. He is now only interested in a zone change for 5 Mechanic Street. Joe Mastrianno and Mr. Hovey explained to the Trustees what is proposed for the property at 5 Mechanic Street. J. C. Engelbrecht explained no action would be taken tonight; he would have to draft a local Law that would permit a zone change adding a restrictive covenant, noted by the Board, that would only allow a Retail store and/or professional office, for the property located at 5 Mechanic Street from Residential R-1 to Business B-1.

Motion #188 -

Moved by Mayor O'Hara seconded by Trustee Stebbins to authorize Attorney, J. C. Engelbrecht, to go forward and draft a local law that would permit a zone change adding a restrictive covenant, noted by the Board, that would only allow a retail store and/or professional office, for the property located at 5 Mechanic Street from Residential R-1 to Business B-1.

Roll Call Vote- 6 ayes
A. Saraceni-abstain

CARRIED.

New Business.

Discussion/Action concerning a request received from the C.W. Baker High School Class of 1976 Organizing Committee to refund their fee of \$725.00 that was paid for their intended use of Paper Mill Island on July 22, 2006. They contacted the village at 1:00 p.m. on July 22, 2006, to cancel their event because of inclement weather.

Motion #189 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that that the village refund the rental fee of \$725.00 that was paid for the intended use of Paper Mill Island on July 22, 2006, said event did not happen, due to inclement weather. They contacted the village at 1:00 p.m. to cancel the event.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request received from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company to extend their rental period for the fire station located on Seneca Street for an additional six month period ending December 31, 2006, at the current rate of \$2,000.00 per month.

Discussion was held about the future plans for this fire station.

Motion #190 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the request received from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company to extend their rental period for the fire station located on Seneca Street for an additional six-month period ending December 31, 2006, at the current rate of \$2,000.00 per month, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regard to giving the Mayor authorization to apply for a grant that has a due date of August 18, 2006.

There was discussion about whether or not to apply for one or two grants, one for electrical and water supplies at the South Shore West Trail docks and/or one for a fishing pier. It was decided to apply for the electrical and water enhancements at the docks on the South Shore West Trail at this time.

Motion #191 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that authorization be given for the Mayor to apply for a grant that has a due date of August 18, 2006, from the New York State Canal Corporation, for the electrical and water supply enhancements at the boat docks on the South Shore West Trail, with a cost not to exceed \$125,000.00. The Village of Baldwinsville supports the creation of a voluntary Erie Canal Greenway, as proposed by the Governor and recommends in the Report by the Interagency Task Force, based upon (6) principles, including: (1) waterfront public access; (2) tourism; (3) recreational development; (4) natural and cultural resource protection; (5) local and regional planning and (6) economic revitalization.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Superintendent authorization to conduct an investigation (and associated costs) of the piping system (s) at 59 East Genesee Street.

Claude Sykes spoke about the problem at this property address. The village needs to pay for an investigation into an on going sewer problem in an effort to investigate where flooding is originating from. The estimate is it will cost less than \$2,500.00.

Motion #192 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee Stebbins that authorization be given for the Superintendent to conduct an investigation (and associated costs) of the piping system (s) at 59 East Genesee Street.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding authorization for Rosemary Johnson, Village Clerk, to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School in Albany, New York, October 2nd through October 6th, 2006, at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00.

Motion #193 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee Presley that authorization be given for Rosemary Johnson, Village Clerk, to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School in Albany, New York, October 2nd through October 6th, 2006, at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding scrap "fire door".

There was discussion about this truck door which was from a fire rescue vehicle that was ruined in a crash some years ago. The fire department would like it back from where it had been stored on Canton Street.

Motion #194 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the scrap fire door be given back to the fire department.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding old fire horn system.

There was discussion about the old fire horn system. Trustee Presley noted that the system does have commercial collectible value, not to mention historical value here in Baldwinsville. He would not recommend giving that system away. The Mayor recommended that the Public Safety committee discuss some options at their next meeting and come back to the Board with them.

Motion #195-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Board retire into Executive Session to discuss the Cable Franchise Agreement and the contract negotiations with various village departments at 9:51 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #196-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the Board returns to Regular Session at 10:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #197-

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #256 (Cks #28740-28799)- \$110,091.24; Water #256 (Cks #21415-21419) - \$994.35; Sewer #256 (Cks #20910-20914) - \$901.13.

CARRIED.

Motion #198 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 10:17 p.m., until the Joint Public Hearing to be held on August 10, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town of Lysander Town Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk