

**Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees at Village Hall, October 5, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. for the Purpose of Hearing Comments regarding the Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement with Time Warner Cable.**

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

Absent-Trustee Tupper.

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Dan Warner, Police Administrator; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; Tom Leo from the Syracuse Post Standard; Charles Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Don and Norma Goodman, Debra Case, Karen Gates, Andy Dryden, Tony Carapella, Theresa Gross, Bev Selby, Sue McManus, Kevin Delaney, Kurri Breon, Nelson Butler, Art Levy, Jeffrey Unitas, Tom Doney from Time Warner, Sally Dayger, Sean Cleary, Jake Peters, Tom Parody, and Dave Ray.

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 Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement with Time Warner Cable.

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 Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement with Time Warner Cable.

There were several village residents who spoke in favor of the local access channel PAC-B, it’s affect on the local community and their support for the Franchise Renewal agreement as it relates to the funding of PAC-B.

Mayor O’Hara asked if anyone wanted to speak against the Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement with Time Warner Cable.

No one spoke.

**Motion #237 –**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

The Mayor asked that the board move to have item C, under pending business, moved up in the agenda to be addressed at this time.

Trustee A. Saraceni mentioned the positive experience with all parties involved in the contract negotiations. He fully supports the contract. Trustee Mott thanked Trustee A. Saraceni and noted that he supports the contract also.

**Motion #238 –**

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement with Time Warner Cable be approved.

**CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Village Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON OCTOBER 5, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.**

**Motion #239 –**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the minutes of the meeting held September 21, 2006, be approved and the Deputy Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**Citizen's Comments.**

Ed Barlow spoke on behalf of the Canton Woods Senior Center, they have a new sign being worked on for the center. He invited the board to an Open House to showcase the sign on October 28, 2006, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Mayor's Comments.**

The Mayor commended the Police Department for their quick response to a recent neighborhood issue where a village resident could have been taken advantage of by a solicitor, who was going door to door at about 8:00 p.m. on a weekend night, without a required permit from the clerk. He stated that our community police force in the village is excellent.

The Mayor thanked the Public Safety Committee and Will Barclay for his help in the recent acknowledgement of grant money to be received to offset the cost of updating some digital cameras in the Police Department.

He then brought the board up to date on the current legal situation with Robert and Susan Weichert that is costing the village taxpayers money in order for the village to continue to defend itself. This is just one of many legal situations that this couple has put the village in at no cost to themselves.

The Mayor mentioned and handed out a copy of a disturbing anonymous letter that was sent to him and board members from a resident on Elizabeth Street.

The Mayor would like to add to the agenda some discussion/action on the village's medical, dental and vision insurance.

**Trustees' Comments.**

Trustee A. Saraceni would like to add to the agenda an Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

Trustee J. Saraceni would like to add to the agenda an Executive Session to discuss a labor relations issue.

Trustee B. Stebbins would like to add to the agenda an Executive Session to discuss a contract issue.

**Department Heads.**

J.C. Engelbrecht gave the board an update on the litigation regarding the case filed by Robert and Susan Weichert against Village Justice Huling and Codes Enforcement Officer Rolf Beckhusen. As the Mayor had already mentioned, this is the third or fourth time that he has had to defend the village from Mr. Weichert. He agrees with the Mayor that something needs to be done in Albany to address this type of situation.

**Pending Business.**

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

Trustee J. Saraceni started a discussion about the area surrounding the former Harrington Firehouse. Board members mentioned their ideas and what they would like to see there. The Mayor asked that Trustee Stebbins discuss these ideas with the Department of Public Works Committee and have together, by November 16, 2006, some firm ideas to bring to this board.

***Discussion in regards to the Sergei Yevich Trail, South Shore East Trail.***

Documents are being worked on for State reimbursement for this trail. The work is finished. It was recommended that this item be removed from future agendas.

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

Trustee Mott stated that he will be working with the Village Clerk on the next step in this process to get this finished.

**New Business.**

***Discussion/Action to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with Industrial Medical Associates to provide drug and alcohol sampling for CDL drivers in the DPW.***

**Motion #240 –**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that authorization be given to the Mayor to execute the agreement with Industrial Medical Associates to provide drug and alcohol sampling for CDL drivers in the DPW.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action regarding the consideration of a zone change request from Debra Case, for property located at 27 Syracuse Street, from R-1 to B-1.***

The Mayor mentioned that typically the Village Board relies on the recommendations of the Village Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency. Debra Case stated that she would like to have an upscale deli in the downstairs of 27 Syracuse Street. There is a courtyard joining the properties at 25 and 27 Syracuse Street, and the zone change would allow her to serve sandwiches there. She said she would be open to the zone change with restrictive covenants.

**Motion #241 –**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the zone change request from R-1 to B-1, from Debra Case, for property located at 27 Syracuse Street, be referred to the Village Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action to authorize permission for Police Officer Patrick J. Holtman to attend the FBI Officer Survival School at Camp Smith, New York, from 10/15/06 to 10/19/06, at a cost not to exceed \$400.00.***

**Motion #242 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the authorization be given for Police Officer Patrick J. Holtman to attend the FBI Officer Survival School at Camp Smith, New York, from 10/15/06 to 10/19/06, at a cost not to exceed \$400.00.

**CARRIED.**

***Discussion/Action regarding the hours of operation, music, alcoholic beverages and fireworks, as they relate to Paper Mill Island.***

There was discussion about the changes to be made to the pages of the contract for future use of Paper Mill Island. Trustee Presley will be making the changes and will bring the changed contract back to the board for approval. For example, it needs to be mentioned that for the 'not for profits' in the village, the rental fee would be waived when requested. The 'hours of use' section is to be changed to show that the entertainment or activity that is scheduled will end at 10:00 p.m.

***Discussion/Action in regards to awarding a fence quote for the property located at 2 Syracuse Street, to Arrow Fence, in the amount of \$2,170.00.***

**Motion #243 -**

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the award for the fence quote for the property located at 2 Syracuse Street, be awarded to Arrow Fence, in the amount of \$2,170.00.

**CARRIED.**

There was a brief discussion about the village Christmas tree lighting and where it would take place. The Mayor noted that the Red Mill Inn would be receptive to having the tree there. It would be a great place to have the celebration, whether the Chamber of Commerce takes the lead or the Celebrate Baldwinsville Committee. All Board Members are in favor of this idea.

***Discussion/Action on village policy regarding medical, dental and vision insurance management.***

Mayor O'Hara spoke regarding the situation with the customer service the village is receiving from The Wladis Company, our current insurance agent. He introduced Kevin Delaney and Kurrie Breon from Brown and Brown Empire State, formerly the Young Agency, an insurance broker. The Mayor would like to have a motion to terminate The Wladis Company and retain Brown and Brown Empire State to manage our insurance services. Kevin Delaney noted if given the opportunity to work as a broker for the village, that they would represent our interests, not the carriers, as an agent does. Kurrie mentioned that the village is community rated and the rates will stay the same regardless of whom we use. The difference the village will see is in how Brown and Brown Empire State will work for us.

**Motion #244 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that The Wladis Company be terminated as manager of our insurance services and Brown and Brown Empire State be retained by the village to manage our insurance services.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #245 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the board members retire into Executive Session to discuss 2 contract issues and 1 labor issue at 8:40 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #246 -**

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the board members return from Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #247 -**

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #260 (Cks #28998 - 29049) - \$54,877.90; Water #260 (Cks #21462 - 21467) - \$4,962.26; Sewer #260 (Cks #20947-20952) - \$4,976.67.

**CARRIED.**

**Motion #248 -**

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 8:56 p.m., until the Public Hearing and Regular Village Board meeting to be held on October 19, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

**CARRIED.**

Adjournment,

Deputy Village Clerk

