

Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees at Village Hall, June 15, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. for the Purpose of Hearing Comments regarding the adoption of Local Law amending Chapter 72 of the Code of the Village of Baldwinsville entitled “Zoning” which would be amended by changing zoning classification from Residential R1 to Business B1 of those properties described as 5, 7,9,11 Mechanic Street and 8 Mechanic Street.

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

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; John Merritt, Police Agent; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; Charles Elliott, a representative of the Public Access; Richard Hovey, Joe Mastrianno, Chris Savacool, David Arthur, John Rutkowski, Connie Taft, Dean Johnson, Mr. Vann, and John Alvarez.

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 adoption of Local Law amending Chapter 72 of the Code of the Village of Baldwinsville entitled “Zoning” which would be amended by changing zoning classification from Residential R1 to Business B1 of those properties described as 5, 7,9,11 Mechanic Street and 8 Mechanic Street.

The 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 adoption of Local Laws related to amending Chapter 72 of the Code of the Village of Baldwinsville entitled “Zoning” which would be amended by changing zoning classification from Residential R1 to Business B1 of those properties described as 5, 7,9,11 Mechanic Street and 8 Mechanic Street.

Mr. Vann from 8 Mechanic stated that he was in favor of the zone change. He noted that he has lived there in that and there are commercial businesses around them.

Mayor O’Hara asked if anyone wanted to speak against the adoption of Local Laws related to amending Chapter 72 of the Code of the Village of Baldwinsville entitled “Zoning” which would be amended by changing zoning classification from Residential R1 to Business B1 of those properties described as 5, 7,9,11 Mechanic Street and 8 Mechanic Street.

No one spoke.

Motion #143 –

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Village Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON JUNE 15, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Also Present – J.C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; John Merritt, Police Agent; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; Charles Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Richard Hovey, Joe Mastrianno, Chris Savacool, David Arthur, John Rutkowski, Connie Taft, Dean Johnson, Mr. Vann, and John Alvarez.

Motion #144 –

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the minutes of the meeting held June 1, 2006, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

Jon Alvarez of 67 Brown Street stated that he was disappointed with the Mayor’s comments concerning his letter asking for the Village to reduce taxes and consider the dissolution of Village Government. He noted that he is distributing a petition to have the issue of the dissolution of the Village on the next election ballot.

Mayor’s Comments.

No comments.

Trustees’ Comments.

Trustee A. Saraceni requested an executive session for a discussion regarding negotiations with Time Warner Cable.

Trustee Mott stated that he had told the Architectural Review Board that the Village Board had approved the concept of EDR’s Plan. He noted that Evelyn Mercer had stepped down as an Architectural Review Board Member and she will need to be replaced.

Trustee Presley stated that the Police Department had received a letter stating that they had received a \$10,000.00 grant that can be used to equip a 6th police vehicle. The grant was received with help from Assemblyman Magnarelli.

Trustee Stebbins stated that he had come back from a trip to Colorado, and he noted that he makes a point to walk on the many trails that are available and how they link to the communities.

Department Heads.

The Village Clerk requested that 2 letters requesting waivers of the open container be added to the agenda. The first request is from Hills, Farnham & Hills, for Wednesday, June 21, 2006, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot in back of Dr. Raineri’s. This party is to replace the original party that was scheduled on May 18th, which was a washout, because of rain. The second request was from the Class of 76 Reunion Committee for their event on Paper Mill Island that is scheduled from July 22, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

J. C. Merritt stated that on June 8, 2006, the Accreditation Council awarded the Baldwinsville Police Department their re-accreditation and they received a plaque, of which he read the inscription.

Frank Foster submitted his Annual Report for Canton Woods. He noted some of their programs and read their mission statement.

Pending Business.

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

There was nothing to report. Trustee J. Saraceni mentioned that he would like the Village Board to review the EDR proposal regarding the former Harrington Fire Station. He would to see this issue on the agenda for the July 6, 2006, Village Board meeting.

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

Claude Sykes gave an update on the Sergei Yevich Trail. He mentioned that the fencing is complete benches were ordered, and most of the lights will be erected by the end of the month. There will be a lot of grading and landscaping to do to finish up the area. He hoped to have the trail completed by the end of July. Mayor O'Hara stated that he would like to have the lights on the trail operating for the fireworks on July 1, 2006.

Mayor O'Hara noted that the Village could ask for grant funds for the landscaping on the Sergei Yevich Trail under the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Discussion concerning the Skate Zone Facility located on Lock Street.

Trustee Tupper noted that there was nothing new to report, they were waiting for the Northern YMCA to have a meeting regarding the equipment. Mayor O'Hara suggested the Village start looking into how they want to release the equipment, since it will have to be sold at fair market value no matter who purchases it.

Discussion concerning the Cable Franchise Agreement.

Mayor O'Hara noted an executive session has been requested for this item.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

Mayor O'Hara requested that this item be moved to the end of the meeting.

Discussion/Action in regards to a 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 R1 to Business B-1.

Trustee A. Saraceni stated that he agrees with the recommendations submitted by the Village's Planning Board, and the Architectural Review Board.

Trustee Tupper stated that he does not see objections. He noted that years ago there was a Moose Club on the corner. He noted that he would support the petition for the zone change.

Trustee J. Saraceni stated that he had spoke to residents on Mechanic Street and none of them with the exception of Mr. Vann, were in favor of the zone change. He noted that he has hesitation about turning residential property into business property on the heels of EDR's Plan for the business corridor.

Trustee Mott feels that the public would be best served if this property was zoned business. He stated that after seeing what is there and seeing what Mr. Hovey could do with that property, he feels it would be to the better interest to re-zone the properties.

Trustee Presley stated that he agrees with Trustee J. Saraceni, he also has reservations about spot zoning and the Village encroaches further and further into the residential areas. He would like to see the businesses stay in the business corridor area that was just done by EDR.

Trustee Stebbins stated that he is not comfortable with where the business boundaries are in that area and then the village would keep going further down the street. He would feel different if there was a shortage of empty spaces in the business area.

Mayor O'Hara noted that the Village has to be very careful in regard to spot zoning in this community. He stated that Mr. Hovey had mentioned that he was receptive to have stipulations or restrictive covenants within the proposal of the zone change. He would like to make the suggestion to table this issue until the next meeting to allow the board to think it through, before they make a decision. He noted that there are stories out there that Walgreen's and Brooks/Eckerds are looking to purchase corner properties in that area.

Mr. Hovey stated that the reason he would obtain 8 Mechanic Street would be to use it for parking. The property currently borders commercial zone property.

The Village Board decided to table their decision until the July 6, 2006, meeting.

New Business.

Discussion concerning the Transportation Enhancement Program.

The Village Board had a lengthy discussion regarding what they would like the Village to submit for in an application. It was noted that the funds should be used for trails or a way to transport pedestrians from one area to another area to promote economic development. It calls for at least an 80/20 split, but a 70/30 split would be looked on more favorably. Mayor O'Hara asked the Village Board to contact him with what they would like to see submitted by noon on Saturday, June 17th, and he would poll the Village Board before he wrote the grant. The following are some of those suggestions that were mentioned for them to consider.

- Trail from the Sergei Yevich Trail up towards E. Genesee Street.
- Build a Pier/Bridge over the canal from the Sergei Yevich Trail to Marble Street.
- Putting several projects together and calling it trail enhancement program.
- Extending the Southwest Shore Trail through the Riverview Cemetery.
- Lights within the pavement on the crosswalks.
- Sidewalks crossing the railroad crossings on E. Oneida Street and E. Genesee Street.
- Sidewalks on Route 48 from Chaucer Circle to Smokey Hollow Road.

Mayor O'Hara stated that the Village has to finish its current trail project, because they will look at the Village's history when awarding future grants.

Trustee Presley asked if the issue regarding the lights on the bridge and dam could be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion #145 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the Mayor be given authorization to complete and submit an application for funding through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

The Mayor will poll the Village Board for their approval for the projects to be submitted.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to complete and submit Canal Real Property acquisition application for Canal Parcel 784.

Mayor O'Hara explained the process the State of New York is requiring the Village to take in order to submit a Canal Real Property acquisition application for Canal Parcel 784.

Motion # 146-

Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Mayor be given authorization to complete and submit Canal Real Property acquisition application for Canal Parcel 784.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to approve necessary expenditures relative to acquiring Canal Parcel 784.

Claude Sykes stated that a survey would have to be done and that cost would be \$3,150.00; a long environmental form that will have to be completed by the Village Engineers, and in the future the Village may have to pay the Canal Corp, to off set the cost of an appraisal.

Motion #147 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Mayor be authorization to approve necessary expenditures relative to acquiring Canal Parcel 784 in the amounts of approximately \$3,150.00 for the survey and costs associated with preparing the long environmental form.

CARRIED.

Motion #148-

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the request for the waiver of the open container law, from Hills, Farnham and Hills for their event that would be held in the parking lot behind Dr. Raineri's and their parking lot behind the Colonial Laundromat on June 21, 2006, from 5:30 pm. to 8:00 p.m., be approved.

CARRIED.

Motion #149 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Mott that the request for the waiver of the open container law from the Class of "76" for their 30th Class Reunion on Paper Mill Island to be held July 22, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

Mayor O'Hara stated that are representatives from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Architectural Review Board were present tonight to discuss the Village Code. He stated that he appreciates the work that has been done so far. He noted that he would like quality of life issues addressed in the code book.

Planning Board Chairman Chris Savacool and Zoning Board Chairman Brian Corrigan both explained the challenges their board's had going through the code book and making recommended changes. They noted that certain codes overlap with other codes, which also makes it difficult. They recommended that a small committee, with members of the Village Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Board meet to discuss and review the recommended changes that were submitted from the other departments and how they fit with the plan submitted by EDR. They noted that some of the areas that were on the list for changes were subdivisions, signs, and public parking.

There were members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board who also recommended that work sessions need to be set up with certain members of their boards.

Mayor O'Hara asked Trustee Mott if he would like to be chair of a committee that would be made up of members of the different boards. He feels the code book should be used as a tool that makes everyone's job easier.

Trustee Mott stated that he would contact members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board and try to set up a meeting before the Village Board's meeting on July 6, 2006.

Discussion/Action in regards to employing the professional services of a grant writer.

The Village Board discussed the need of employing the services of a professional grant writer. Mayor O'Hara stated that if he is given the information, he could write a narrative for a grant in 24 to 48 hours. The Village Board felt that at this time, the grant writing could be done by sources within Village government.

Mayor O'Hara suggested that the Village prepare a list of projects they would like to see done, such as what it prepared for Community Developments 5-year Plan and when grant funding becomes available, the Village could go to the list and see what project on the list would fit the grant.

Motion #150 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Board retire into Executive Session to discuss Cable Franchise Negotiation at 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #151 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the Board returned to Regular Session at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #152-

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee A. Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #253 (Cks #28502-28588) - \$125,831.31; Water #253 (Cks #21380-21392) - \$19,942.05; Sewer #253 (Cks #20884-20893) - \$4,806.99.

CARRIED.

Motion #153 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on July 6, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment, Village Clerk