

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON DECEMBER 21, 2006, 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, Police Administrator; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works, Tom Leo from the Syracuse Post Standard; Erin Smith from the Messenger; Mr. Charles Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Dan Schmidt from Hills, Farnham and Hills; Karen Gates and Michael Chemotti.

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

Motion #291 –

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the minutes of the meeting held December 7, 2006, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments.

Dan Schmidt from Hills, Farnham, and Hills, noted that he came to this meeting to see if the Village Board had any questions on the information he submitted at the last meeting regarding the Village’s insurance policies.

Trustee Stebbins stated that he had one question, but he didn’t have the information with him, so he would call Mr. Schmidt at his office sometime in the future.

Michael Chemotti stated that he had some concerns with the revised contract for Paper Mill Island. He noted that he felt that as one of the promoters for Paper Mill Island Events, he should have been invited to comment on some of the proposed changes recommended. He had concerns with the time of operation being changed to 10:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 p.m. and the issue of the fireworks having to be completed by 10:30 p.m.

Mayor O’Hara stated that events on Paper Mill Island were to be the economic engine for the community. He believes the intent was to have events end at 10:00 p.m. so that the people would stroll out into the community to support the local establishments. He feels 11:00 p.m. is a little too late. Also, the village received more complaints with the noise levels with the events ending at 11:00 p.m.

Michael Chemotti stated that he had concerns with the change the Village Board made in regards to the village parking lot in front of the Red Mill Inn, which was not giving the promoter sole use of the lot when renting Paper Mill Island. He noted that he used to use that lot as handicap parking and parking for a stock truck. He noted that the two handicap parking spots behind the Red Mill Inn are not enough. He asked the Village Board to reconsider these changes they recently made. He noted that he would have to reconsider coming back next year if these changes are not reconsidered.

Trustee J. Saraceni stated that the village appreciates what Michael Chemotti has done with events on Paper Mill Island, but this discussion had been taking place over several meetings. He feels that to have the fireworks going off between 11:00 and 11:30 is too late for families with small children. He also noted that he got phone calls at home because of the fireworks going off so late. He noted that Michael Chemotti could apply for a waiver on a case by case basis and the Village Board can consider his request.

There was additional discussion with Village Board Members and Michael Chemotti regarding past and current noise levels. It was noted that the Village of Baldwinsville is unique because of the residential neighborhood in the area of the amphitheater and we have the river system that echoes the noise levels with were taken in consideration at the time of the change.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor O'Hara did not have comments.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee A. Saraceni requested that an Executive Session for labor contract negotiations be added to the agenda.

Trustees Tupper, J. Saraceni, and Mott wished everyone Happy Holidays

Trustee Stebbins stated that there has been some discussion with the DPW Committee regarding some concern in regards to a water line on Salina Street and its liability in the future. He noted that the Supt. of Public Works is having some problem with getting some cooperation resolving that problem with one of the towns. The village may have to put in a significant amount of money in the budget to replace that water line if it doesn't have their cooperation.

Claude Sykes noted that there is an old galvanized line that lays within Salina Street that the village has had two repairs on in late Fall. He notified the Town of Lysander's Supervisor to see if the village could switch six (6) water services to the Clinton Heights Water District line. He explained that the village would subtract the water usage for those 6 services from the readings off the master meter. The Town of Lysander's Supervisor was going to look into it, but has not gotten back to him. It was noted that the village could save approximately \$7,000.00 by not having to replace the water line.

Mayor O'Hara stated that he would contact the Town of Lysander's Supervisor regarding this issue.

Department Heads.

The Village Clerk noted that the IRS rate for reimbursable mileage will be increased to 48.5 cents per mile as of January 1, 2007. The previous rate was 44.5 cents per mile.

Claude Sykes stated best wishes for the holidays.

Pending Business.

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

Mayor O'Hara stated that he had had conversation with the Village Engineer, who had been in contact with the contractor who removed the initial phase of asbestos from the former Harrington Fire Station. Originally they were looking at a cost of \$14,000.00 to remove the additional asbestos, after doing further evaluation, they think they can do it for \$11,500.00. The contractor would have to hire another contractor to do the air monitoring at a cost of approximately \$400.00 per day, therefore the total cost would be approximately \$13,000.00 to have the work done. Mayor O'Hara stated that he would like to speak with the Village Treasurer in regards to finding the funds to have the work done. He would like the Village Board to consider taking action at the next Village Board Meeting regarding this issue.

Discussion in regards to updating the Village Code.

Trustee Mott noted that he e-mailed a notice to members of the ARB, Zoning Board and Planning Board stating that the Village Board would like them to attend the January 4, 2007 meeting to discuss the recommended changes to the Village Code Book. He noted that he did some clean up work that was submitted by the Police Chief.

Discussion/Action regarding the South Shore East Trail.

Mayor O'Hara stated that he had been in contact with Mike O'Shea regarding the South Shore East Trail. He believes that the DPW Committee will be discussing his recommendations and Mike O'Shea will be attending the next meeting.

Mayor O'Hara noted that when working on the trails that the village has to think long term in regards to any future enhancements.

Trustee Stebbins stated that residents along the proposed South Shore East Trail have contacted him and are very receptive to the idea of the trail.

Discussion concerning the Village's infrastructure.

Mayor O'Hara stated that through the village budget process the board will see an increase in engineering fees to prepare infrastructure studies and plans that need to be done to move forward.

Discussion concerning the proposed Local Law regulating the citing of wireless telecommunications facilities.

Claude Sykes stated that there are three or four items that the Village Board is going to have to make a decision on based on the Village Planning Board's comments to the Center of Municipal Solutions. He explained the recommended changes submitted by the Planning Board.

Mayor O'Hara suggested that the DPW Committee review the recommended changes and then come back to the Village Board with their recommendations and then the Village Board can vote on them at the next village board meeting, January 4, 2007.

New Business.

Discussion/Action in regards to accepting the letter of resignation from Dominique Simpson as a part-time clerk in the Village Clerk's Office, with the effective date of January 5, 2007.

Motion #292 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the letter of resignation from Dominique Simpson as a part-time clerk in the Village Clerk's Office be accepted with regret. The effective date of her resignation will be January 5, 2007.

Trustee Presley noted that Dominique Simpson was going to attend school full-time.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Possible Action in regards to setting the Public Hearing for January 4, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments concerning the Village Budget for the year starting March 1, 2007, and ending February 29, 2008.

Motion #293 -

Moved by Trustee Mott seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that a Public Hearing date be set for January 4, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments concerning the Village Budget for the year starting March 1, 2007, and ending February 29, 2008.

Mayor O'Hara noted that the Village Board had a good work session and he appreciated everyone's input. He also noted that he would make the discussed changes for the Village Board to look at tomorrow and he will give a final draft to the Village Clerk at noon on December 28, 2006. He asked the Police Chief and the Supt. of Public Works to once again review their overtime budgets.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor authorization to sign a contract with National Grid for municipal owned "energy only" street lights.

Motion #294 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Mayor be given authorization to sign a contract with National Grid for municipal owned “energy only” street lights.

CARRIED.

Mayor O’Hara requested a discussion of an issue in regards to payouts for any municipal employee that retires or resigns; he would like a policy set that the Village Treasurer performs an audit of the records prior to the Village Board authorizing any payout.

Motion #295 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Village Treasurer be required to perform an audit of the employee’s records prior to financial payout.

CARRIED.

Motion #296 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded Trustee J. Saraceni that the Village Board retire into Executive Session to discuss Labor Contract Negotiations at 8:16 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #297 –

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Mott that the Village Board returned to Regular Session at 9:07 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #298 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #265 (Cks #29327 -#29394) - \$99187.54; Water #265 (Cks #21520 -#21532) - \$11,041.05; Sewer #265 (Cks #20983-#20998) - \$6,386.45.

CARRIED.

Motion #299 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the meeting be adjourned at 9:08 p.m., until the Public Hearing to be held on January 4, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk