

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON MAY 5, 2005, AT 7:30 P.M.

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

Absent – Trustees Baker and A. Saraceni.

Also Present – J. C. Engelbrecht, Attorney for the Village; Thomas LeRoy, Police Agent; Maysel Markham, Highway Foreman; a representative of the Public Access Channel; Thomas Leo, from Syracuse Newspaper; Cliff Drought from Baldwinsville Daily News; Fritz Diddle from the Messenger; David Arthur, Kathy Harrigan, and approximately 30 kids from the Baldwinsville Area.

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

Motion # 90 –

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the minutes of the Meeting held April 21, 2005, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen’s Comments:

No comments.

Mayor’s Comments.

No comments.

Trustees’ Comments.

Trustee Tupper stated that he wanted to congratulate Jack Baker for being named Man of the Year at this year’s “Outstanding Man and Woman Volunteer of the Year” Awards Dinner that was held April 30, 2005.

Mayor O’Hara noted that Trustees Baker and A. Saraceni had notified him that they couldn’t make tonight’s meeting because of a conflict. They apologized for not being present.

Trustee J. Saraceni noted that the Chamber of Commerce was sponsoring a fishing derby at Mercer Park on June 4, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for children between the ages of 5 and 12. They also will be giving away free fishing poles to the first 50 children. He noted that the Fire Department will be present with a robot fire truck.

Trustee Stebbins requested an Executive Session for a potential contract issue. He noted from an article in the Messenger that it looks like it is going to be a busy summer on Paper Mill Island.

Department Heads.

The Village Clerk noted that she contacted the New York State Comptroller’s Office regarding the issue of the auditing process of the Village’s bills by the Board of Trustees. The State Comptrollers stated that it is the responsibility of the Village Board to audit the bills for payment. She noted that she will be working on a procedure to help the Village Board feel confident in the auditing procedure.

Mayor O'Hara stated that the Village Clerk would have the bills available for the Village Board to audit by the Tuesday morning before the Thursday Village Board Meeting. The bills would be located in his office and the Village Board would have the opportunity to review them. At the Village meetings, the Chairmen of the Committees will still be the Trustee to sign off on the voucher.

Thomas Leroy stated the following comments:

- May 15, 2005 will be the 8th Annual DARE Day at the Alliance Stadium. The game will start at 2:00 p.m. and free tickets are available at the Police Station.
- Noted that Speedsentry, which is a speed reading device that is placed on a back of one of the patrol cars, is in operation. The equipment will make the drivers aware of their speed, and it will also give the Department further data to help them with traffic surveys. They received the funds to purchase that equipment with a grant from the Dept of State sponsored by Senator DeFrancisco's Office.

Maysel Markham noted that Earth Day Clean Up, which was held April 23, 2005, was very successful in the Village of Baldwinsville. Citizens and groups picked up over 425 pounds of garbage from both Community Park and the Finger Dike at the end of Marble Street. He thanked Brownie Troop #132 and Cub Scout Troup 71, who are sponsored by the Methodist Church and Cub Scout Pack # 289, who is sponsored by the Optimist Club, for working with the Village on the clean up. He noted that a lot of the trash were bottles, and paper debris at Community Park and on the Finger Dike there were styrofoam cups, plastic lids, bottles, and debris from fishermen.

A Presentation from Kathy Harrigan in regards to a Youth Center.

Nancy Harrigan stated that she was the adult advisor for the Shop Council Kids. She noted that the Shop Council is a group of kids getting together for a teen center. She turned the presentation over to the kids.

There were approximately 30 kids present and 6 of them made a request for the Village Board to consider the idea of opening a teen center which would be a drug and alcohol free and safe place for teens to socialize, learn, work and share in the Village of Baldwinsville while off from school. They noted that they would need a location and financial support for a proposed teen center. They suggested activities such as open mic night, pool tables, and foosball tables. It would be a place to hang out and have coffee. They noted that they would be approaching the towns of Van Buren and Lysander for support.

The Village Board thanked the kids for their well done presentation and suggested that they put together a long term business plan and a program plan. They noted that since they represent the taxpayers, they can not support a program unless it has the potential of being long term. It was noted that there was a previous teen center and it failed after a couple of years. It was suggested that the group research why it failed and learn from it. Members of the Village Board noted the work that was done for the skateboard facility, which is now in disrepair and is on the agenda for a discussion to decide what to do with it.

A Presentation from a representative from Environmental Design Research.

David B. Crandall & Jeff Anthony from EDR (Environmental Design & Research) was present and gave a presentation highlighting the history of their company, and previous and on going projects. They noted that they have the capabilities of Landscape Architecture, Environmental Services, Civil Engineering, Surveying, Planning, and Visualization. They noted and showed pictures of work that they had done in Manlius, Skaneateles, the Crouse Marshall Street Project, and other areas.

Pending Business -

Discussion in regards to Employee Handbook and Memorandums of Understanding.

Mayor O'Hara thanked Trustees Presley and A. Saraceni for their help in handling some issues in the handbook. He noted that he does not want to make a decision regarding some changes in the handbook, because they were missing two members of the Village Board. He noted that if the Village Board had any comments, to please give them to him as soon as possible. It would be his intent by the next meeting to take some action regarding the handbook.

Discussion in regards to the \$50,000.00 Grant Funding from Assemblyman Magnarelli.

The Village Clerk noted that she called Susan McSweeney from Assemblyman Magnarelli's Office for an update and she has been out of the office. She will try to make contact with Ms. McSweeney next week.

Discussion in regards to the \$50,000.00 funds from Pepsi Bottling Company.

Mayor O'Hara noted that he met with Rick Murphy, who had brought the \$50,000.00 check with him. He thanked Deputy Mayor Rick Presley, Daniel Warner, Claude Sykes and the Village Clerk for attending the meeting and their help with the matter.

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

Trustee J. Saraceni asked the Village Board for some feedback on the material he handed out at the last Village Board Meeting. It was noted that the presentation that was held tonight was the third presentation and at some point a decision has to be made. There was discussion regarding the time line for which the Village Board would like to see the business district study to move forward. Mayor O'Hara noted that grant funding usually becomes available during the fall and the proposed time line seems to work towards that direction. The Village Board decided that at the next Village Board meeting they would like to discuss the scope of work that would be included in the RFP for a consultant. It was noted that the Village has copies of information and studies that have already been done; therefore it would not make sense to have it redone by a consultant.

Discussion in regards to the Northeast Trail, Southeast Trail and the Cemetery.

Mayor O'Hara gave an update on trails. He noted that the three property owners that needed to have new easements now have them in their hands. The Village Clerk is in the process of getting the eleven copies of the original agreements signed by the property owners that are giving the Village the easements.

Trustee Tupper stated that he met with Trustee Stebbins and Ted Beck, President of the Riverview Cemetery Board regarding the agreement with the Riverview Cemetery Board for the continuation of the Southeast Trail. It was noted that they feel confident that an agreement can be reached for this project to move forward. Trustee Tupper noted that the Riverview Cemetery Board would meet again on May 10th, which is before the next Regular Village Board Meeting. Trustee Stebbins noted that Mr. Beck stated that if and when an agreement is approved by the Village and the Cemetery Association, it will take approximately three months before Albany can pass judgment on any changes made to a cemetery.

Discussion concerning the Cable Franchise Agreement.

This discussion was tabled, since Trustee A. Saraceni was not present.

Discussion concerning streetscape clean up on Oswego Street.

Trustee Tupper stated that he made an effort to contact the management of the Brascan to ask them to clean up the fencing and landscape of the area. He noted that he will make another attempt to contact them next week.

Discussion in regards to the Independent Power Plant on Paper Mill Island.

Mayor O'Hara noted that he reached out to the new owners to set up a meeting with them, but he has not heard back from them.

Discussion in regards to a Village Website.

This discussion was tabled, since Trustee A. Saraceni was not present.

Discussion/Action in regards to receiving the RFP's for SCADA (System Control and Data Acquisition System).

Motion # 91 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the RFP's for the SCADA (System Control and Data Acquisition System) be received.

J.L. Moore	\$53,400.00
SCADATEK	\$39,865.00

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to rejecting the RFP's for the SCADA and that a new bid date of May 27, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. be set to receive revised bids.

Motion #92 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the RFP's for the SCADA be rejected and that a new bid date of May 27, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. be set to receive revised bids.

Maysel Markham noted that the RFP's came in higher than what was budgeted, so the Supt. of Public Works would like to re-bid the item with more specifics in them.

J.C. Engelbrecht noted that the bids were sent out as RFP's instead of the formal bidding process, therefore they will have to be re-bid.

Trustee Stebbins noted that extra hardware was included in the RFP's which is the reason they were higher than what was budgeted.

CARRIED.

New Business -

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Village Justice Court authorization to apply for funds in the amount of \$852.31 as part of the 2005 Justice Court Assistance Program. The grant is for a new Dell computer for the Presiding Justice.

Motion #93 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Village Justice Court be given authorization to apply for funds in the amount of \$852.31 as part of the 2005 Justice Court Assistance Program. The grant is for a new Dell computer for the Presiding Justice.

CARRIED.

Discussion concerning the Skate Zone Facility located on Lock Street.

Trustee Stebbins noted that the DPW Committee has discussed the Skate Zone Facility at their meeting and the facility is in despair. He noted that there has been broken glass, and trash left at the site. He noted from the records last year, there has been few registrants that go through the process that was designed. There has been low participation in safety guidelines that the Village required. The Mayor noted that he drove by the site tonight at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that there were 13 individuals, none of which had hardware on and it appeared to be an unsafe condition. He noted that there does not seem to be currently a partnership. It was noted that the organization that assisted in raising the funds for this project is now non-existent. Mayor O'Hara suggested that a call be made to the YMCA to see if they are interested in the equipment and the Village would donate the equipment to them.

Trustee J. Saraceni requested that the Village wait until Trustee A. Saraceni could be present, before a decision is made, since he was involved in getting the Skate Zone Facility set up. He suggested that the Village get the word out and see if anyone else in the community would like to get involved with the guidelines the Village set up.

The Village Board tabled the issue until the next meeting, to see if anyone or any organization would want to get involved with keeping it open. It was decided that in the meantime, because of the potential liability, the equipment for the Skate Zone Facility be put in storage.

Discussion/Action regarding giving Authorization to Plumley Engineering to design a sanitary/storm sewer separation project at Tappan and Syracuse Streets.

Motion #94 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that authorization be given to Plumley Engineering to design a sanitary/storm sewer separation project at Tappan and Syracuse Streets.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting a Public Hearing date of May 19, 2005, at 7:25 p.m., to hear public comments and to review the Stormwater Management Plan and 2004 Annual Stormwater report.

Motion #95 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that a Public Hearing date of May 19, 2005, at 7:25 p.m., be set to hear public comments and to review the Stormwater Management Plan and 2004 Annual Stormwater report.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to declaring the 1995 Chevrolet (meter car) VIN 1GBL52P5SR188725 as surplus and to give authorization to send it to the Onondaga County Auction.

Motion #96 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Village declare the 1995 Chevrolet (meter car) VIN 1GBL52P5SR188725 as surplus and authorization be given to send it to the Onondaga County Auction.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning the appointment of Daniel Weir as permanent acting foreman in the Highway Department.

Motion #97 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the appointment of Daniel Weir as permanent acting foreman in the Highway Department be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning giving the Mayor authorization to sign NYSDOT utility work agreements for relocation of water transmission main for the 2006 NYS Rt. 370 project.

Motion #98 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Mayor be given authorization to sign NYSDOT utility work agreements for relocation of water transmission main for the 2006 NYS Rt. 370 project.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action concerning the appointment of Adam Spencer as Sewer Department Laborer with the effective date of May 9, 2005, subject to terms of a conditional offer of employment.

Motion #99 -

Moved by Trustee Tupper seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the appointment of Adam Spencer as Sewer Department Laborer with the effective date of May 9, 2005, subject to terms of a conditional offer of employment, be approved.

Maysel Markham noted that Mr. Spencer had recently taken his road test for CDL-B License and passed. Also all of the drug and alcohol testing came back negative; therefore he has met his entire requirement of employment.

CARRIED.

Motion #100 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Village Board retire into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 9:19 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #101 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the Village Board return to regular session at 9:43 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #102 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit.

Gen.#224 (Cks.26624-26681)- \$20,004.27 , Wa. #224 (Cks.21069-21076) - \$666.54,
Sr. # 224 (Cks. 20657-20663) – \$725.38.

CARRIED.

Motion #103 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m., until the Public Hearing to be held on May 19, 2005, at 7:25 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk