

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall,  
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.  
February 1, 2018**

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke  
Trustee Mark Wilder  
Trustee Ruth Cico  
Trustee Bruce Stebbins  
Trustee Megan O'Donnell  
Trustee Mike Shepard  
Trustee Andy Dryden

Others Attending – Attorney Jamie Sutphen; Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey; Deputy Clerk Linda Ross; Treasurer Anna Custer; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Members of the 2017 Baldwinsville Varsity Girls Soccer Team, their coaches and their families; Paul Russell, representing the World Carp Classic and Andrew Millard, a representative from the Public Access Channel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Clarke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #231/2017** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico  
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of January 18, 2018, be approved.

**Carried**

The Mayor spoke about the 2017 Baldwinsville Varsity Girls Soccer Team and the proclamation that the village board would be presenting.

**Resolution #232/2017** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O'Donnell  
Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to read the proclamation and that the date of February 2, 2018, be proclaimed as Baldwinsville Varsity Girls Soccer Day.

**Carried**

The proclamation was read, team pictures taken, and congratulations given!

**Citizen's Comments**

Paul Russell spoke on behalf of the World Carp Classic taking place May 10-13, 2018, and how planning is going so far with the field of fishermen that are coming. They are excited to have several big-name fishermen from the UK coming here, and he said that Baldwinsville has gotten a lot of attention for the great fishing that is offered here.

**Trustee's Comments**

Trustee Shepard mentioned that the Public Safety committee has changed their meetings to the night of the second board meeting of the month, before the 7:30 p.m. board meeting, in the Police Chief's office.

Trustee O'Donnell, as a proud former Girls Soccer player, offered congratulations to the championship team.

Trustee Stebbins asked to modify the language of 'item C' under New Business. The Motion should read: to amend \$100,000.00 in the Water Fund, line item F1990.4 (Transfer to Water Reserve) in the 2017-2018 budget as follows: \$20,000.00 to a new Reserve account in the Water Fund for development of a new water source; \$30,000.00 to a new DPW Reserve account in the General Fund for the development of storage for brush and material; and \$50,000.00 to a Miscellaneous Revenue account in the General Fund.

He also asked to add 'item E', a discussion for a resolution for the removal of illegal structures in the village.

Trustee Wilder asked to add 'item F', an Executive Session to discuss a contract negotiation update.

## **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Clarke noted:

- Kelly Hamilton contacted him that the Center for the Arts is planning to have another Canal Arts Festival this summer, with a concert also. He gave the new promoters contact information to her and said that he will be great for the center to work with for the event.
- That he received an email that fees to use the locks this summer season will be waived.

## **Department Heads**

Treasurer Anna Custer noted that the December financial reports have been given to the board. Please ask her if you have any questions.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy noted that the DPW has started work to repair a damaged interior wall. The DPW employees are being very careful to minimize the disruption to the seniors and the staff is very thankful for that. She is starting to plan the summer entertainment series which is made possible by sponsors from the community. If any businesses would like to have more information about sponsorships to support the series at the center, please give her a call.

She also noted that new Medicare ID cards are being distributed and Myrna Koldin from the Onondaga County Office for Aging will be at the center at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018. She will talk about the cards and answer any questions the seniors may have.

Engineer Steve Darcangelo mentioned that the replacement of meters will hopefully begin soon in the 'Brown Tract' of the village. He would hope that the water department would finish by the end of April. A letter will be sent in the next week giving information to the residents in that area. Then the water department will begin, and if they miss a house where no one is home, they will leave a letter and ask the resident to call for an appointment for the meter change.

## **Pending Business**

There was no pending business tonight.

## **New Business**

- **Levying the Real Property Tax for the year 2018-2019**

**Resolution #233/2017** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to approve levying the real property tax for the year 2018 - 2019 with the tax rate for the Lysander and Van Buren portions of the village to be \$7.36 per thousand which produces \$2,533,606.29 with an additional payment in lieu of taxes of \$85,749.00. Also, the levying of the water and sewer arrears in the amount of \$121,523.22, the exemptions left unpaid from prior sales in the amount of \$3,260.27, the unpaid clean-up charges in the amount of \$4,308.94, unpaid Code fees in the amount of \$800.00, and the sidewalk replacement project in the amount of \$25,144.52.

### **Carried**

- **Use of the County's eTax Software**

**Resolution #234/2017** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of intent to use the County's eTax software. The approximate savings will be \$4,200.00 per year.

### **Carried**

- **Water Fund line item amendment**

**Resolution #235/2017** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to amend \$100,000.00 in the Water Fund, line item F1990.4 (Transfer to Water Reserve) in the 2017-2018 budget as follows: \$20,000.00 to a new Reserve account in the Water Fund for development of a new water source; \$30,000.00 to a new DPW Reserve account in the General Fund for the development of land for storage of brush and material; and \$50,000.00 to a Miscellaneous Revenue account in the General Fund.

### **Carried**

- **Renew the Current Vision Plan effective March 1, 2018**

**Resolution #236/2017** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to renew the current Vision plan at a 4% increase with ShelterPoint, effective March 1, 2018.

**Carried**

- **Discussion/Action regarding removal of illegal structures in the village**

There was a discussion about the current state of 3 parcels on Wood Street, and the structures on those parcels, that have been vacant about 5 years. These properties were purchased by a company who planned to make improvements and to date no changes have been made. They are unsafe and completely dilapidated, the police are constantly dealing with break-ins, etc., and they are a blight to the rest of the neighborhood.

**Resolution #237/2017** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved that the Village Board recommend that the Mayor, as directed under article 131-11, be authorized to make application to Supreme Court for an order to repair or remove the illegal structures at 8 Wood Street-009.-04-10.0; 10-12 (14) Wood Street-009.-04-12.01; and 17 ½ Wood Street-008.-01-11.1.

**Carried**

- **Executive Session-No Anticipated Action**

**Resolution #238/2017** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the board retire into an Executive Session regarding a contract negotiation update at 8:00 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution #239/2017** Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the board returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

**Carried**

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #240/2017** Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

**Abstract #23**

- General Fund Checks #43415 - #43445 \$29,265.24
- Water Fund Checks #24280 - #24288 \$ 1,710.29
- Sewer Fund Check #23507 \$ 30.02
- Capital Fund Check #1031 \$ 875.00

**Carried**

- **Adjournment**

**Resolution #241/2017** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until the next Village Board meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 7:30 p.m.

**Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Ross*

*Deputy Village Clerk,*

*Village of Baldwinsville*