

**Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:40 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
July 16, 2020**

A Public Hearing was held by the Village Board of Trustees on July 16, 2020, to consider a resolution transferring the sum of \$15,513.00 from the Village's Water System Reserve Fund in order to pay for water main break replacements on East Genesee Street.

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

Others Attending – Village Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Police Officer Marty Knaul and Videographer Linda Clarke.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Clarke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Village Clerk read the Proof of Publication.

Comments in favor of the proposal: There were none.

Comments against the proposal: There were none.

Resolution #286/2019 Motion by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:42 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:42 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
July 16, 2020**

Resolution #287/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of July 2, 2020, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Mayor Clarke noted that due to the Corona virus, the meeting is held via zoom. Comments and questions can be posted on Facebook Live. The meeting can also be viewed on our website and on Pac-B.

Trustee's Comments

No comments

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- Spoke of a new program, the *COVID Rent Relief Program*, that Governor Cuomo announced. The program will provide eligible households with a one-time rental subsidy. To learn more go to www.hcr.ny.gov/rrp.
- Told of the latest mandate that came down from NYS prohibiting restaurants/bars from serving alcohol without a meal order.
- Learned from the supervisor of Van Buren, Claude Sykes, that the State plans on closing/removing the bridge over the NYS Thruway on Canton Street driving towards Warners, NY. Write to Assemblyman William Magnarelli if you have any comments on this closure.
- Announced that the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce event, *Taste of B'ville*, has been cancelled due to COVID.
- Noted that as of this week, Baldwinsville has a 70% response rate for the US Census. He reminded residents to complete and send in the requested forms.
- The village election will be held in-person at Village Hall on September 15, 2020. Absentee ballot applications are now available at Village Hall.

Department Heads

Village Clerk Maureen Butler reiterated the election date and also noted that the absentee ballots that have already been sent in for the March 18th election that was never held are still valid for the September 15th election. For those who decide to come in and vote, naturally only one vote will be valid/counted.

Village Treasurer Anna Custer stated that she had sent out the Lysander Water Districts annual report to the town of Lysander and the village board and attorney. Custer had also distributed the March monthly financials. She is available for questions on both reports. The AUD report is also being worked on.

Canton Woods Coordinator Ruth Troy informed the board that the "Take Away Lunch Program" has launched and has been very successful. Anyone interested in participating in the program needs to call the Center for a reservation. Troy noted that the Farmer's Market coupons are available at the Center so call Nancy at 315-638-4536 for more information. Tai Chi has started and Chair yoga is available on the village's website for those interested.

Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo enlightened the board and viewing audience on the community development projects that he is trying to get off the ground. The grant projects include street crossings at Downer Street/Canton Street, Downer Street/Frawley Drive and Canton Street/Tappan Street/McHarrie Street. Other projects include the installation of solar lights and a flooring project and an installation project at Canton Woods. Very difficult to find contractors that fit the specs right now. He will keep working on it. When asked about the sidewalk projects, Darcangelo noted that the current contractors have extended their pricing without a contract, yet it is hard for them to fit the village in.

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck asked that an executive session be added to the agenda for a contractual matter and also an item be added another new business. The new item would be the appointment of Marty Knaul as a part time police officer. The Chief recounted that a local State Farm business, **Lindsay Luu**, generously dropped off gift baskets for all of our officers which was very appreciated. Lefancheck thanked her and other members of the community for their support.

Pending Business

- **Local Law – Transfer of Funds – Water System Reserve Fund**

Resolution #288/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to adopt a resolution to transfer the sum of \$15,513.00 from the Village's Water System Reserve Fund in order to pay for water main break replacements on East Genesee Street.

Carried

New Business

- **Retirement – Officer Martin Knaul**

Resolution #289/2019 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to accept the resignation of Police Officer Martin Knaul from the Baldwinsville Police Department effective Thursday, July 30, 2020.

Carried

Mayor Clarke articulated that he was happy for Marty on his upcoming retirement but disappointed for the village that he will no longer be serving them. Clarke mentioned the respect that the board, the school community and fellow employees have for Marty. After more accolades, the board approved his retirement with regret.

Chief Mike Lefancheck said that Knaul's history of public service and service to the country and the community spans over three decades. He has worked at the village for 28 years and served the United States army prior to that. Marty was a two-time Officer of the Year, receiving that award 19 years apart, which shows his commitment to community service and to the policing profession throughout his entire career. In his role as school resource officer, he has impacted a generation of students from Baldwinsville. It is a bittersweet day for the public.

- **Retirement – Brian Trowbridge**

Resolution #290/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to accept the resignation of Brian Trowbridge from the Department of Public Works at a date no later than Friday, July 31, 2020.

Carried

Mayor Clarke stated that Trowbridge is another good person that the village is losing. He has been here for a long time (30 years) and has that great institutional knowledge. Brian knows everything that is going on with the water. He is a great guy and always has a joke to share. He is going to be missed.

Engineer Darcangelo stated that he is a very quiet effective employee.

- **Windhill Design Web Site Development agreement**

Resolution #291/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to authorize the Village Clerk to sign the *Windhill Design Web Site Development agreement* for the development of a new WordPress web site at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Carried

Clerk Butler noted that this is a budgeted item. Attorney Baldwin reviewed the agreement and noted the deadlines for submittal. Baldwin advised to have all submissions ready prior to signing the agreement.

- **Appointment – Part time Officer**

Resolution #292/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to appoint Martin Knaul as a Part-time Police Officer with an effective date of August 1, 2020, at a rate of \$26.00/hour.

Carried

- **Executive Session-No Anticipated Action**

Resolution #293/2019 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the board retire into an executive session regarding a contractual matter at 8:20 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #294/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 8:34 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #295/2019 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract #10

- General Fund Checks #46137 - #46180 \$ 73,614.44
- Water Fund Checks #24824 - #24830 \$ 6,039.11
- Sewer Fund Checks #23821 - #23828 \$ 1,495.73

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #296/2019 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m., until the next Village Board meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2020, beginning at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk