

**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.
August 6, 2020
Via ZOOM**

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

Others Attending – Village Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck and Videographer Linda Clarke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #297/2019 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of July 16, 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.

Presentation of the 2019 Officer of the Year – Officer Robert Thibault

Officer Thibault joined the meeting via Zoom and Chief Lefancheck told of the Officer of the Year honor that was announced prior to the pandemic. Lefancheck stated that Officer Thibault was chosen for this award by his fellow officers. Among the reasons that were listed on the nomination sheets were: department's best interviewer, interrogator and investigator. Thibault is known to have a willingness to step up and assist when needed and as a team player. He takes the initiative.

The **Baldwinsville Lions Club** proposal – Swing set for handicapped children for Community Park
The board received the proposal with photos of the swing set prior to the meeting for their review.

Resolution #298/2019 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to approve the Lions Club proposal to add a swing set designed and intended for handicapped children in addition to a possible walkway from the parking lot to the facility with an intended opening date of May 2021.

Carried

Village Engineer Darcangelo will work closely with the Lions Club on this venture. The board is very appreciative to the Lions Club for this great project.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Wilder requested that an executive session be tacked on at the end of the meeting for an update on the status of the contract negotiation.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke noted that:

- O'Reillys Auto Parts store is now open.
- The first apartment building in the Fobes Island apartments is open.
- Shacksboro is closed but give them a call and they may be able to help you out.
- Village Court resumes Wednesday, August 12th, from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. for scheduled defendants and their attorneys. There will be a screener and a bailiff when you enter Village Hall to check you in. If it doesn't work out the court will go to virtual hearings.
- The Baldwinsville Center for the Arts is having a haiku contest in Baldwin Canal Square. There are signs throughout the Square.

Regarding the Mayor's second bullet, Trustee Wilder asked which building was open and learned that it is the second building in. Wilder also asked for the status of the trail. Trustee O'Donnell noted that the trail is connected to the Yevich trail behind the apartments. Engineer Darcangelo stated that it is an asphalt surface along the waterway past the retaining wall. Eventually, it will travel to the Northwest and be connected to a sidewalk across and then to the Lock Street sidewalk. Trustee Wilder stated that he thought the planning board documents showed that the trail is supposed to connect all the way to the end of Lock Street. Darcangelo answered that it comes up to Margaret Street. Darcangelo will check out the Planning Board drawings.

Department Heads

Village Clerk Maureen Butler reminded the residents that the rescheduled village election will be held at Village Hall on Tuesday, September 15, from noon until 9:00 p.m. Contact the Clerk's office at 315-635-3521 for absentee ballot applications. Absentee ballots that were already sent in for the postponed March 18th election will still be valid for the September election.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy stated that there are a lot of activities that are being held outside when the weather cooperates. Troy announced various dates and times of scheduled activities. Troy also thanked the mayor and attorney on their help with the intermunicipal agreements.

Regarding the opening of the Fobes Island apartments, Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo commented on what a great achievement it is. The project began over 8 years ago. He gave kudos to those involved in the project. Darcangelo believes that for a village this size to take the necessary steps to transform that piece of property was not only quite a challenge but had some risks involved. That area was greatly improved.

Chief Lefancheck echoed Darcangelo's comments especially as it related to the volume of calls that were received by the Police department prior to the development compared to the volume now. The call volume is nearly nonexistent.

Pending Business

There was none.

New Business

- **Election Inspector Appointment**

Resolution #299/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to appoint Joe-Anna Taylor as an Election Inspector for the September 15, 2020, Village election.

Carried

- **Appointment – Screener – Justice Court**

Resolution #300/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to appoint Alexis Pitcher as a screener for the Baldwinsville Justice Court with an effective date of Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at a rate of \$11.80/hour.

Carried

- **Amendment – Village Sewer Infrastructure Improvements Contract**

Resolution #301/2019 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign an amendment to the Village Sewer Infrastructure Improvements contract with Onondaga County for reimbursement, extending the term through 12/31/2021.

Carried

- **Executive Session-No Anticipated Action**

Resolution #302/2019 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the board retire into two executive sessions, one regarding an update on contract negotiations and the other regarding contract issues at 8:10 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #303/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 8:52 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #304/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract #9

- General Fund Checks #46181 - #46219 \$ 87,038.54
- Water Fund Checks #24831 - #24839 \$ 6,047.48
- Sewer Fund Checks #23868 - #23875 \$ 18,108.08 (Void Cks#23829-23867)

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #305/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:53 p.m., until Thursday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk
Village of Baldwinsville