

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:47 p.m. at Village Hall,
16 West Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY.
August 20, 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; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; 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 #306/2019 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of August 6, 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

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

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- A bill has been introduced in Albany that would authorize the County Board of Elections to utilize all Clerks, including Village Clerks, as absentee ballot collection points. Clarke is not sure about reimbursement if this is passed.
- Sales tax has decreased 8.2% which is not good news for municipalities that count on that revenue.
- Legislation is proposed that would change budget flexibility particularly the use of capital reserve funds to pay regular bills and increasing the payment of BANS from 5 years to 7 years.
- The Baldwinsville Rotary is holding a sidewalk chalk art contest. Enter the contest at BaldwinsvilleRotary.org.
- Requested that another executive session be added regarding a personnel matter.

Department Heads

Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey noted that his office has been busy issuing permits for various improvements to residences. Humphrey told that some of the businesses that are involved in the MainStreet grant have begun their improvements. Two such businesses are Atlantic Seafood and the bowling alley.

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.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy stated that the Center's annual *Walk for the Woods* will be done virtually this year due to Covid-19. It will take place during the entire month of September, National Senior Center Month.

Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo informed the audience about a community development project at Canton Woods Senior Center. The community room will be getting a new floor and a moveable wall.

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck spoke about the governor's executive order, as it relates to police reform. Cuomo issued a 140-page resource guide that Chief Lefancheck will review. Lefancheck noted that DA Fitzpatrick will be putting together a county group to address sixteen different points/initiatives. It will first be reviewed at a county wide level and then individual municipalities will review in order to tailor it to their different needs.

Pending Business

There was none.

New Business

- **Village Justice Annual Audit**

Resolution #307/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to approve the Village Justice annual audit for the year ended February 29, 2020, done by Linda Gabor, CPA – Grossman St. Amour, noting that the records have been duly examined, and that the fines therein collected have been turned over to the proper officials of the Village as required by law.

Carried

- **Executive Session-No Anticipated Action**

Resolution #308/2019 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the board retire into two executive sessions, one regarding an update on contract negotiations and the other regarding a personnel matter at 8:12 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #309/2019 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 8:34 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #310/2019 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O'Donnell

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

Abstract # 012

- General Fund Checks #46222 - #46257 \$ 48,822.03 #46220-46221 prepay; #46246 voided
- Water Fund Checks #24840 - #24847 \$ 5,766.91
- Sewer Fund Checks #23876 - #23880 \$ 2,795.07

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #311/2019 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk
Village of Baldwinsville