

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.
November 5, 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 Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Water Foreman Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy and Police Chief Mike Lefancheck.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #129/2020 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of October 15, 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.

Mayor Clarke addressed a question that had come into the Clerk's office regarding the opening of the Canton Woods Senior Center. He noted that the Senior Center is not allowed to totally open per the County and State recommendations. The Senior Center did begin having some programs held inside if there is inclement weather. But an individual cannot just casually walk into the Senior Center as before Covid.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Stebbins added the items to the agenda:

- Expenditure of \$18,000.00 for the replacement of the Baldwin Hill pump station building.
- Appointment of Alex Rose as a laborer with the DPW Water/Sewer department beginning effective November 16th at the rate according to the 2021 labor agreement.
- Start the process of the redevelopment of the Doan Wells.

Stebbins noted that the discussion regarding the funding sources for these projects can be done at the next meeting.

Trustee Wilder requested that an executive session be added to the agenda regarding an update on contract negotiations. Wilder offered his condolences to the O'Leary family.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- stated that Halloween evening went well.
- offered his condolences to the family of Butch Claver. He was a past village DPW employee.

- proposed to the village residents to “spruce” up their homes this holiday season by putting Christmas lights outside – it may help get through the pandemic and winter isolation. Also, residents can drive around to look at the lights in the confines of our own village.
- thanked the Women’s Garden Club for their donation of 12 self-watering hanging baskets to the village. He offered kudos to the Club for all they do to make the village look good.

Department Heads

Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey noted once again that construction in the village is increasing and therefore the need for permits has increased.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy gave an update on the upcoming events including a puzzle exchange, a Thanksgiving dinner delivery and a Christmas dinner delivery.

Crew Leader Chuck McAuliffe informed the audience:

- that the hydrant flushing has been completed. The cost of the maintenance that is done to the hydrants in the Town of Lysander will be billed to Lysander at a rate of \$60.00/hydrant.
- that the tree work is just about completed by Timber Tree. A majority of the work was done in Mercer Park.
- that brush pick-up is happening most days. During this time of year, it takes longer due to all the leaves so please be patient as they are only trying to do their job.
- that the docks are in for the winter and the power that is utilized by the boaters has been shut off.

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck reminded the residents that the overnight parking ban begins on November 15. The ban prohibits parking on village streets from 1:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Pending Business

There was none.

New Business

- **Maple Road – Unpaid Water/Sewer bills**

Resolution #130/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved to turn over the list of the 2020 unpaid water/sewer bills for the Maple Road Water District in the amount of \$2,562.62 to Onondaga County for collection.

Carried.

- **Town of Lysander – Unpaid Water/Sewer bills**

Resolution #131/2020 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved to turn over the list of the 2020 unpaid water/sewer bills for the Town of Lysander Districts in the amount of \$7,113.35 to Onondaga County for collection.

Carried.

- **2020-2021 Unpaid Village Taxes – to Onondaga County**

Resolution #132/2020 Moved by Trustee O’Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved to turn over the list of unpaid village taxes for the tax year 2020 -2021 in the amount of \$ 63,490.24 (Town of Van Buren properties - \$26,886.54; Town of Lysander properties - \$36,603.70) to Onondaga County for collection.

Carried

- **Excellus Medical and Dental Renewals - 2021**

Resolution #133/2020 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2021 renewals of the current Excellus medical and dental plans with an effective date of January 1, 2021.

Carried

- **Resignation – Rosemary Johnson**

Resolution #134/2020 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to accept the resignation of Rosemary Johnson, a deputy clerk in the Clerk's office, with REGRET, effective Friday, December 4, 2020.

Carried

- **Appointment – Mary Augustus**

Resolution #135/2020 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to appoint Mary Augustus as an Informational Aide, at a salary of \$ 30,758.00, with an effective date of November 23, 2020. She will split her time between the Codes department and the Clerk's office.

Carried

- **Canton Woods Surplus Declaration**

Resolution #136/2020 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to declare the following Canton Woods furnishings as surplus: an upholstered rocking chair, assorted shelves/racks, a microwave oven, a tv and other miscellaneous items.

Carried

- **Canton Woods Donation**

Resolution #137/2020 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to authorize the village to accept a donation of a slightly used, 32" flat screen tv to be used at Canton Woods Senior Center.

Carried

- **Baldwin Pump Station**

Resolution #138/2020 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to approve the expenditure of \$18,000.00 for a replacement of the structure at the Baldwin Hill pump station.

Carried

- **Appointment – Alex Rose**

Resolution #139/2020 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to appoint Alex Rose as a full time Laborer, at a rate according to the contract, with an effective date of November 16, 2020. He will be filling a vacancy.

Carried

Please note that the rate will be \$22.38/hour.

- **Doan Well**

Resolution #140/2020 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved to start the process for renovating Doan Wells 1 and 2, with an expected expenditure of \$55,000.00.
Carried

The mayor noted that there is money in the water fund. The discussion would be in which account should it be taken from. A discussion will be done at the November 19th village board meeting.

- **Executive Session**

Resolution #141/2020 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the board retire into an executive session regarding contract issues at 8:16 p.m.
Carried

Resolution #142/2020 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 8:28 p.m.
Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #143/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

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- General Fund Checks #46421 - #46480 \$ 263,515.26
- Water Fund Checks #24875 - #24885 \$ 2,846.43
- Sewer Fund Checks #23900 - #23902 \$ 5,609.67

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #144/2020 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk
Village of Baldwinsville