

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.
June 3, 2021
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 Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; and Police Chief Mike Lefancheck.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #49/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of May 20, 2021, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Mayor Clarke noted that due to the Corona virus, the meeting is held via zoom. We were unable to connect to Facebook Live tonight so any comments or questions can be posted on our Facebook page. The meeting can also be viewed on our website and on Pac-B.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Wilder asked that the board have a discussion about resuming in-person board meetings. Wilder requested an executive session be held regarding an update on a contract.

Trustee Dryden recounted his conversation with Brookfield Power regarding an offer to supply power to the village. They will put together a proposal.

Trustee Shepard wished Trustee O'Donnell a happy birthday. Birthday wishes were given by all.

Trustee O'Donnell also requested that a discussion be had for the reopening of Village Hall and in-person meetings.

O'Donnell asked that Items D, E and F under new business be switched around – Item D becomes Item E, Item E becomes Item F and Item F becomes Item D.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- announced that the village signed on with an engineering firm and they have visited the facilities.
- asked the board for input on the cannabis issue. A decision will have to be made by November 2021 regarding the four options: 1. The village to allow sales and use of it. 2. Allow just sales 3. Allow just use or 4. None of the above. Attorney Bob Baldwin will send an outline to the board.
- requested an executive session regarding a personnel matter.
- Recounted a conversation with the rep of the Carp tournament, Ginny Russell about the success of the catch and release tourney. Russell shared her concerns with the mayor about out of state harvesters. They catch the large carp and take them out of state. Trustee Stebbins noted that he heard on the news this morning that a new law is in the Assembly regarding a 10 fish limit across state lines. Clarke will contact Senator Mannion and Assembly member Barclay with the village's concerns.

- reported that the Senate passed the use of sewer funds for other infrastructure uses. It is with the Governor now.
- notified the audience that the Canton Street bridge will be rebuilt thanks to the outpour from constituents.

Department Head

Attorney Bob Baldwin advised the board that the suspension of the open meetings law has been extended through June 24, 2021.

Clerk Maureen Butler reiterated that the doors to Village Hall are locked but ring the bell if you need to speak with someone. Butler asked Trustee Shepard on an update on the Paper Mill Island refunds from Creative Concerts, Chuck Chao. Shepard noted that he will reach out to him once again.

Treasurer Anna Custer commented that she distributed the 2020 analysis of Canton Woods for everyone's review. Canton Woods ended 2020 with a reserve of approximately \$3,400.00. The closure during COVID definitely played a part in the surplus. Custer noted that she is working on a report regarding Lysander Water District special escrow account for the year.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy mentioned that she will distribute the 2020 Canton Woods analysis to the Canton Woods board. Beginning June 1, more programming began. Troy hopes to open up more in the upcoming months with protocols for unvaccinated individuals. Troy reminded non-residents that the fee of \$25 is still in effect.

Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe reported that paving is taking place on Tappan and Downer Streets. The DPW installed the kayak docks in at Mercer Park and the boater's docks on Paper Mill Island. The Community Park kayak docks will be in soon. There is maintenance to be done on them. McAuliffe noted that he would like to get back changing out meters in residents' homes.

Police Chief Lefancheck spoke regarding the various scams that are out there. He wants to raise awareness especially to senior citizens to be aware of these scams and do not call them back or give them money. Ask a loved one if it could be legit. The Chief recommended that individuals do regular credit checks.

Pending Business

- **W.E.P. proposal**
Nothing new to update
- **Crosswalks Status**

Chief Lefancheck told of his findings when he spoke to a DOT representative regarding the crosswalk indicators. NYS is in the final year of a three-year project to install those specific crosswalk indicators that he described at the last board meeting. Lefancheck forwarded the requested information for the DOT's review and ultimate decision. In the meantime, Lefancheck requested that the DPW install those center notification signals/signage at the agreed upon spots. Chief Lefancheck did make it clear that he was told that not only are they expensive to get but they are also expensive to maintain. So we may want to choose to go off a state contract.

New Business

- **Resignations/Appointments – Planning Board**

Resolution #50/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to accept the resignation of Nicole Schlater as a Planning Board member for the Village of Baldwinsville, effective immediately.

Carried

Resolution #51/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved to accept the resignation of Mark Jenkins as the Planning Board alternate for the Village of Baldwinsville, effective immediately.

Carried

Resolution #52/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to appoint Nicole Schlater as the Planning Board alternate and to appoint Mark Jenkins as a Planning Board member for the Village of Baldwinsville, effective immediately.

Carried.

- **Benefits for Superintendent of Public Works, Labor Crew Leader and Water Maintenance Crew Leader**

Resolution #53/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to add the following to the Employee Handbook **Section 718 – Benefits for Superintendent of Public Works, Labor Crew Leader and Water Maintenance Crew Leader**: Statement - The Superintendent of Public Works, Labor Crew Leader and Water Maintenance Crew Leader have and will continue to receive no less than the same terms and conditions of employment related to health and life insurance contributions, holidays, stipends and longevity pay, retirement benefits, vacation, sick leave, personal leave and increases in compensation to the extent that they are provided for employees who are members of the AFSCME Local 2970.

Carried

- **Appointments – Department of Public Works**

Resolution #54/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to appoint Dan Weir as Labor Crew Leader with the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$30.53/hour, effective immediately with retro pay back to May 7, 2021.

Carried

Resolution #55/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to appoint Corey Perkins as Water Maintenance Crew Leader with the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$30.53/hour, effective immediately with retro pay back to May 7, 2021.

Carried

- **PERMA Renewal**

Resolution #56/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to approve the two-year deal for the village's Workers' Comp carrier PERMA at a discounted premium of \$71,793.00 for the 2021-2022 year and a discounted premium of either \$69,769.00 or \$75,349.00 for the 2022-2023 year, depending on the village's loss ratio.

Carried

Mayor Clarke noted that if we do not approve the two-year deal the premium for the 2021-2022 year will be \$75,188.00. Both Clerk Butler and Chief Lefancheck praised not only the service given by PERMA but the variety of grants, awards and supplies that are offered by them.

- **Executive Session**

Resolution #57/2021 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved that the board retire into two executive sessions regarding an update of the PBA contract and a personnel matter at 8:19 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #58/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 8:37 p.m.

Carried

- **Discussion – In Person meetings**

After a brief discussion, it was decided to begin having in-person board meetings, effective June 17, 2021. This will also include meetings for the Planning Board, ZBA and the ARB. Chief Lefancheck will determine the room set up and requirements for the public to enter. It was decided that Village Hall and the Police department will continue to have a triage procedure before letting someone to enter the building.

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #59/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

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

Abstract # 7

• General Fund Checks	#47010 - #47037	\$ 82,208.00
• Water Fund Checks	#25003 - #25007	\$ 3,994.09
• Sewer Fund Checks	#23968 - #23969	\$ 598.49
• Sidewalk Phase 8	#1078	\$ 69,584.10

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #60/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:51 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in person at 16 West Genesee Street.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk
Village of Baldwinsville