

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.  
August 5, 2021**

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

Others Attending – Village Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Codes Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck and PAC-B videographer Bob Edgett.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #81/2021** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden  
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of July 15, 2021, be approved.

**Carried**

**Citizen's Comments**

**Trustee's Comments**

Trustee Dryden reported that he is going through the inventory of the decorative streetlights to find out which are owned by the village and have them converted to LED. He also will be reaching out to National Grid to ask about purchasing those decorative streetlights that we currently pay rent on.

Trustee Wilder requested an executive session be held regarding the status of a contract negotiation.

Trustee O'Donnell requested that another executive session be added for a personnel matter.

Trustee Stebbins commended most of the residents that placed their storm debris behind the curb on the grass but reminded those that did not place it correctly to please do not put your yard waste in the street!

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Clarke:

- informed the board that the DPW sealed those streets that required it due to a different kind of paving that had been to them previously. This was the most paving that has been done in a year.
- spoke about the new *Red Mill Manor*. It will have 32 apartments for independent senior living with meals offered. Tours are now being offered.
- Paper Mill Island is starting to come alive again. Zumba will be held on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., a concert on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and Seneca River Day and fireworks on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Taste of B'ville is coming up in September.
- told of the DPW's removal of at least 70 ash trees and a grant that the village has for the replacement of those trees.

**Department Head**

Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey reported that per Trustee Dryden's request he contacted Time Warner about the abandoned box near Edgewood and it will be removed.

Humphrey reiterated Trustee Stebbins's comment that the village code requires that yard waste be placed behind the curb not in the roadways.

Humphrey recounted that the County Exec announced a new facade grant program and currently we have applications from 25 village business owners for the program.

Clerk Maureen Butler reminded the residents to ring the bell if they need to enter Village Hall.

Treasurer Anna Custer noted that she had previously emailed the final figures and the adjustment transfers for the 2020-2021 budget that need to be approved tonight and hoped that the board reviewed them. She said that she had discussions with each department head regarding their line items and all have been verified.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy stated that masks are being required for all, vaccinated and unvaccinated participants/visitors and employees of the Senior Center. Troy listed upcoming events and mentioned that the County is planning on bringing the *Grab and Go* meals inside to resume the congregate program beginning August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Police Chief Lefancheck reiterated for residents to LOCK THEIR CAR DOORS. It would help greatly in eliminating crime. Trustee Stebbins asked the Chief if he would meet with Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe to discuss the crosswalk near Brown and Oswego Streets again. The sign has been hit a few times by cars turning left from Brown Street and is at the DPW being fixed. Stebbins asked that the Chief and McAuliffe figure a location where it would not be taken out. He feels that the sign has helped greatly.

### **Pending Business**

- **Post-Retirement Benefits Update**  
No Discussion

### **New Business**

- **Waivers of the Open Container Law**

**Resolution #82/2021** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico  
Resolved to approve the Waiver of the Open Container law for the Ghost Walk event, at Baldwin Canal Square, on Thursday, October 7, 2021, from 5 p.m. – 11 p.m.

### **Carried**

Baldwinsville Center of the Arts member Pam Milac enlightened the audience on the details of “Ghouls” night and answered questions from the board.

**Resolution #83/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell  
Resolved to approve the Waiver of the Open Container law for the Creative Concerts Paper Mill Island event on Friday, August 13, 2021, from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

### **Carried**

- **Carpet Quote – Village Hall**

**Resolution #84/2021** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Shepard  
Resolved to accept the rate modification of the Village Hall carpet bid that had previously been awarded to Sposato Floor Covering Companies in the amount of \$6,895.00 at the March 5, 2020, village board meeting. Due to the cost increase of material during the pandemic, the new quote is \$7,295.00.

### **Carried**

Attorney Baldwin noted that the new quote is lower than the original quotes from the other bidders.

- **Rotary – Firework Insurance reimbursement**

**Resolution #85/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the fireworks display agreement with Pyrotecnico for the Rotary Seneca River Day event on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, the village will secure the fireworks display insurance and Rotary will reimburse the cost to the village.

**Carried**

- **2020-2021 Budget Transfers**

**Resolution #86/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to approve the 2020-2021 budget transfers, per the Treasurer's attached financial reports.

**Carried**

After a few of the questions/concerns from the Trustees were answered by the Treasurer, the motion was passed.

- **Executive Session**

**Resolution #87/2021** Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the board retire into two executive sessions regarding an update of a contract and a personnel matter at 8:07 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution #88/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 9:07 p.m.

**Carried**

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #89/2021** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden

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

**Abstract # 11**

• General Fund Checks	#47147 - #47185	\$ 106,860.07
• Water Fund Checks	#25028 - #25038	\$ 3,396.08
• Sewer Fund Checks	#23982 - #23987	\$ 627.25
• Project Bond - 2020	#1080	\$ 36,567.38

**Carried**

- **Adjournment**

**Resolution #90/2021** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:08 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Maureen Butler*

Village Clerk of the Village of Baldwinsville