

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.
January 20, 2022
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 – Attorney Bob Baldwin; Deputy Village Clerk Jody DePaulis; Treasurer Mark Baker; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Public Works Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Sgt James Cerankowski and Attorney Joe Frateschi

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #180/2021 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of January 06, 2022, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Shepard requested an executive session to discuss a police personnel matter.
Trustee Stebbins said that there will be a review of water rates that he will be sending out
Trustee Wilder also requested an executive session to discuss PBA negotiations. Trustee Wilder has really enjoyed working on the Board. He appreciated all the nice comments, and he will miss working with everyone. Please reach out with questions, if anyone has any.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke:

- Noted that free covid tests kits are available at covidtests.gov, He said that four per household are issued.
- Also noted that the Village Election will be Tuesday, March 15th, with four positions up for election.
- Mayor Clarke also spoke about an Alzheimer's support group that is a free service. The village will be putting information up on the website resource page for contact information.
- Noted that Bville Dining week is happening through February 6th. 18 different establishments are participating in the event this year.
- On Saturday, January 22, 2022, The Town of Lysander from 9-2 will be accepting food items for their Backpack program for students needing assistance.
- The mayor also noted that the Big Chill event will be on January 29th, along with a Pub crawl in the evening
- Mayor Clarke also thanked Trustee Wilder for his service. He has a lot of respect for him, and Trustee Wilder always had everyone in mind when working on issues. He wished him all the best.

Department Heads

Attorney Bob Baldwin spoke about the Zoning Board of Appeals. Along with Codes Officer, Gregg Humphrey, they will be sending legislation to the Board on new codes for the Board to review. Also, Attorney Joe Frateschi will be helping out the Village and attending meetings during the month of February while Bob is away.

Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey wanted to remind residents that sidewalks need to be cleared the entire width of the sidewalk. He noted many sidewalks have not been touched yet. He also said that they will be making recommendations to the board on regarding some changes for Zoning and Planning ideas. Also, He and Chuck McAuliffe will be presenting potential code for maintenance issues for sidewalks.

Treasurer Mark Baker, wanted to extend his thank you to outgoing Trustee Mark Wilder.

Senior Center Coordinator, Ruth Troy said that they have a handful of test kits left. They are distributed to seniors that are under their umbrella or are known to the Senior Center. There is a website and telephone number if anyone is having trouble getting any. Also, they have a TYY number for anyone that is hearing impaired.

Public Works Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe noted that there is service work being done on Doan well. All the Christmas decorations are now down, expect for the snowflakes. Those will be taken down after the Big Chill event. Superintendent McAuliffe asked residents to please keep their garbage cans off the road, or the plows will hit them when they come through for snow plowing.

Chief Mike Lefancheck talked about Covid issues that have hit the police department during the last two ½ weeks. Some more people are down this week. He also wanted to thank Trustee Wilder. He has given him a lot of guidance and wisdom on the negotiations team. He wished him all the best.

Pending Business

- **Adopting the Village Budget for 2022-2023**

Resolution #181/2021 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to adopt the Village budget for the fiscal year of March 1, 2022-February 28, 2023

Carried.

New Business

- **Retirement of Sgt Jim Cerankowski**

Resolution #182/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to accept the retirement, with regret of Police Sgt Jim Cerankowski, effective January 29, 2022

Carried.

Chief Lefancheck spoke highly on Sgt Cernakowski and his many years of public service to the community. He noted in 2007 he received the dept's first medal of Honor for rescuing residents in a fire. He was the 2007 Police Officer of the Year and in 2014 was promoted to Sergeant.

Sgt Cerankowski appreciated what everyone said and thanked the department for the training and everything it has allowed him to do.

- **Renew group life insurance**

Resolution #183/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to renew the group life insurance coverage through Renaissance Life & Health Insurance of Co. of NY at the current rate, effective 4/1/2022.

Carried.

- **Appoint Election Inspectors**

Resolution #184/2021 Moved by Trustee Cico second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to appoint Mary Crego, Joe-Anne Taylor as election inspectors for the March 15, 2022, village election at a rate of \$125.00

Carried

- **Resignation of Trustee Mark Wilder**

Resolution #185/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to accept the resignation, with regret, of Village Trustee Mark Wilder, effective January 31, 2022

Carried

- **Executive Session**

Resolution #186/2021 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the board retire into an executive session regarding a police personal matter and PBA contract negotiations with no action planned at 8:13 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #187/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the board return from executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #188/2021 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

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

Abstract #22

- General Fund Checks #47644 - #47683 \$ 93,628.86
- Water Fund Checks #25134 - #25139 \$ 6,894.30
- Sewer Fund Checks #24045 - #24050 \$ 1,743.92

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #189/2021 Moved by Trustee Wilder second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jody DePaulis

Deputy Village Clerk
Village of Baldwinsville