

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 16 West
Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY
July 7, 2022**

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke via zoom
Trustee Bruce Stebbins
Trustee Megan O'Donnell
Trustee Michael Shepard
Trustee Nate Collins
Trustee Ruth Cico

Absent: Trustee Eric Reinagel – via zoom

Others Attending – Attorney Bob Baldwin – via zoom; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Mark Baker, Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe; Police Lt. Mike Lockwood; Planning Board Chairman John Tonello, GBCC President Matt Hunt, Lions Club members Jack Osinski and Roy Schmidt, residents Joe Saraceni, Valerie Lawrence, Luwanna Monnell, Nasser MasRouri, Andrew Knowlden, Chuck Dunler, Nancy and Kevin Walker, Sally Patterson, Cindy Clarke, David Reith, Jim Fredericks, Mike Panebianco and Pac-B videographer Brian Hewitt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #82/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard; Trustee Stebbins abstained. Resolved to approve the revised Summer Concert Series agreement by authorizing the mayor to sign it.

Carried

Resolution #83/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of June 16, 2022, be approved.

Carried

Public Comments

GBCC President Matt Hunt requested a waiver for the rental fee for the Chamber's Taste of Baldwinsville event on Saturday, September 17th, 2022, on Paper Mill Island. Hunt also requested a waiver of the open container for that same event from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Resolution #84/2022 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico Resolved to waive the rental fee for the Taste of Baldwinsville event on Saturday, September 17th, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #85/2022 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico Resolved to waive the open container law for GBCC's Taste of Baldwinsville event on Saturday, September 17th, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Carried

Lions Club representative Jack Osinski spoke about the meeting he had with Chuck and DPW clerk Louise Corrigan regarding the installation of the swing set at Community Park. Corrigan comprised a written list of responsibilities for the Lions Club, the DPW and the Village Engineer and it was agreed to by all.

Resident **Joe Saraceni** voiced his disappointment in the curbing that the State put in when they redid State-owned Syracuse Street in the village. Saraceni noted that the State put in concrete curbing and the village currently has ceramic curbing, a more aesthetic and costly curbing. He wondered if a discussion occurred stressing to the State the type of

curbing wanted. Mayor Clarke recounted that he learned that the State-owned streets would be repaired 5 months ago but with no specific date. Clarke noted that four days prior to the State beginning the project he saw a sign up naming the beginning date. Mayor Clarke responded that he would contact the State and make them aware of the issue.

The following residents aired their concerns about the rezoning for the proposed Phillips Street housing project: Andrew Knowlden, Kevin Walker, Sally Patterson, Jim Fredericks, Luwanna Monnell, Nasser MasRouri, Nancy Hahn Walker and Mike Panebianco. All of their concerns revolve around the amount of traffic that it will bring to their neighborhoods. They voiced their concerns about the current amount of traffic, the speed of vehicles on their streets and the number of buses and tractor trailers that drive on Phillips Street that are prohibited. The concerned residents conveyed their passion for their neighborhood and what this proposed housing project would bring to their already busy streets. Concerns about safety at these intersections was also brought up.

Lt. Lockwood told the audience that he will look into their concerns about the speed of vehicles and the prohibited vehicles driving on Phillips Street.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Stebbins added an item under New Business – Item E. Appointment of Michael Kerniski as a Laborer in the Department of Public Works, effective July 11, 2022, at a rate of \$23.60/hour. Stebbins warned the viewing audience of the number of yellow jackets that are around this summer.

Referring to the Phillips Street discussion, **Trustee Shepard** asked who decides if a traffic light is necessary at an intersection? Shepard wondered if the village engineer should be asked to conduct a traffic study.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke addressed the many complaints about the late time that the fireworks went off on July 2nd. He informed everyone that the Promoter decides the time and it was published in the newspaper. The mayor addressed the Phillips Street rezoning proposal again noting that he spoke with Planning Board Chair John Tonello about the traffic concerns. The proposal was sent to the Planning Board and now is sent to County Planning, where a traffic study will most likely be requested.

Department Heads

Attorney Bob Baldwin told of the lengthy discussion that he had with the Attorney of the proposed Phillips Street project. Their Attorney requested that the property at 19 Phillips be zoned R2 instead of doing a PDD. Baldwin informed the audience that at this point nothing is in front of the board to vote on so he will draft a local law for the rezoning and have a Public Hearing date set at the next meeting.

Village Clerk Maureen Butler communicated that the Canton Woods Annual Car Show is August 8th, with a rain date of August 15th. Check the village's website or call the Center for more information.

Treasurer Mark Baker noted that he had distributed financial reports through the end of June to the board for their review. Baker feels that the budget management process is becoming more active as the statements are being reviewed and questions are being asked.

Superintendent of Public Works Chuck McAuliffe told the board that the DPW will be assisting with the new playground installation at Community Park.

Lt. Mike Lockwood disclosed that the NYSDOT informed the Chief that it had been determined that *Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons* will be installed at all three (3) intersections: Route 31 at Virginia Street, Route 48 at Marble Street and Route 48 at Brown Street. Lockwood, in response to the audience's concerns on Phillips Street, stated that the department has spoken to the unwanted tractor trailer companies about the speed and their existence on the street. Lockwood will look into ordering bigger signs noting that there is not truck traffic past a certain point.

Pending Business

- **Support Letter – Housing units at 19 Phillips Street**

The mayor reported that he will not be issuing a support letter at this time. Clarke feels that he needs to be more knowledgeable about the project and to investigate the concerns of the residents before he will support it.

New Business

- **Police Mutual Aid Agreement**

Resolution #86/2022 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the Police Mutual Aid Agreement.

Carried

- **Fee Assessment for Creative Concerts**

Resolution #87/2022 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved to assess a \$1000.00 fee for non-compliance against Chuck Chao's (Creative Concerts) security deposit.

Carried

The board discussed the issues which included: the tents, chairs and tables had not been picked up with some resting on State property, the building had not been moved as requested and the port-a-johns had not been cleaned and moved. The lack of cleaning the port-a-johns was a huge issue since the days following the concert were extremely hot. One trustee recalled having an issue with these promoters a few years ago and a fee was assessed.

- **Set Public Hearing**

Resolution #88/2022 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved to set a Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022, to consider a proposed Local Law amending the Village Code of the Village of Baldwinsville, Chapter 268-6, providing that all non-conforming signs in existence at the time of the adoption of the current sign Code be discontinued and removed on or before August 1, 2025, and that any major modifications or changes to existing non-conforming signs requires the signs to become conforming to the provisions of the Code.

Carried

SRO Agreement 2022-2023 School year

Resolution #89/2022 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign the SRO agreement with the Baldwinsville Central School District for the 2022-2023 school year.

Carried

- **Appointment - Laborer**

Resolution #90/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Collins
Resolved to appoint Michael Kerniski as a Laborer in the Department of Public Works (highway) at a rate of \$23.60 effective July 11, 2022.

Carried

Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe noted that he will be replacing an employee that left employment in June.

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #91/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

Abstract # 009

- General Fund Checks #48117 - #48161 \$118,480.71
- Water Fund Checks #25243 - #25251 \$ 2,431.83

- Sewer Fund Checks #24100 - #24103 \$ 965.91

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #92/2022 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Collins

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:54 p.m., until the Public Hearing and next Village Board meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2022, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler
Village Clerk