

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at 7:30 p.m.  
February 16, 2023**

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

Others Attending – Attorney Joe Frateschi; Village Clerk Jody DePaulis; Treasurer Mark Baker; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Public Works Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe; Canton Woods Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Lieutenant Mike Lockwood; Pac-B videographer Brian Hewitt; Residents: S. Patterson and Tony McIntyre

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #247/2022** Moved by Trustee Cico second by Trustee Collins  
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meetings of February 02, 2023 be approved.

**Carried**

**Citizen's Comments**

Volunteer Fire Fighter Tony McIntyre from the NW Fire District wanted to thank the board for considering the new tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and Ambulance workers. This is just another tool to keep volunteers long term and he wanted to say thank you for considering it.

Resident S. Patterson wanted to bring attention to the train accident that happened in Palestine, OH. Are we making sure that the rails are safe, and lines are being maintained. She has one that runs through her backyard. She also wanted to mention the great backyard bird count that will be happening the weekend of February 17, 2023.

**Trustee's Comments**

**Trustee Reinagel** wanted to mention that the library offers tax services for senior citizens and is very helpful if you need assistance.

**Trustee Stebbins** wanted to give a shout out to photographer Paul Pacelli, who has been doing an outstanding job of photographing the eagles on the river.

**Trustee O'Donnell** mentioned that Friday, February 17, 2023, is the deadline for the nominations for Volunteer of the Year for 2022 for the Baldwinsville Volunteer Center.

**Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Clarke:**

- Disclosed that the Chamber of Commerce will be having a luncheon at Sal's Pizzeria on 2/28 at 11:30 am.
- Noted that the Canal Corp, in corporation with Park Trails of NY will be having an Earth Day clean up event the week of April 21-23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The mayor also spoke about the exclusion of zoning, that the state is purposing. The Mayor will be in contact with the County Executive regarding this. He would like all members of the board to be informed of the proposed zoning and will be drafting a letter to the state and other local officials.
- Noted that the village is looking for an alternate to the Planning Board and the Codes Officer Position.
- He also asked Trustee O'Donnell where the village stood with the concert promoter for the summer. Trustee O'Donnell informed the board that there are just a few things to work out, but he will start to be booking acts for the summer.

## **Department Heads**

**Village Clerk Jody DePaulis** reminded residents that taxes will be going out on Monday, February 27, 2023. Payments can be made from March 1<sup>st</sup> -April 1<sup>st</sup> without penalty. Also, the village election will be on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 for Village Justice. Voting will be from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

**Canton Woods Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy** wanted to let residents know of a SNAP scam that is going on. Check your balances, as some have noticed their balances have gone down. Call the police to file a report if this happens to you. The Senior Center also has some events coming up in the month of March. There will be a speaker on March 13, 2023 regarding Bluebirds. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a musical event sponsored by the Public Library but will be held at Canton Woods. Also on March 17, 2023, will be a Celtic music and corned beef and cabbage luncheon.

**Public Works Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe** wanted to thank Gregg Humphrey for all his hard work in the village. He wished him all the best.

**Codes Officer Gregg Humphrey** also wanted to thank the village board and everyone that he worked with and will still be around to help and answer questions.

## **Pending Business**

There was none.

## **New Business**

- **Self Service Kayak Rentals**

### **Resolution #248/2022**

The Mayor spoke in depth regarding a zoom meeting that was held between him, Trustee Stebbins and Chuck McAuliffe. The rental would be placed at Community Park. A mesh cage that would hold 6-8 kayaks. The cost would be \$16,000 and that would cover five years. There are different fee levels that can be established for Kayakers, for example: \$15.00 hr. or \$25.00 for 2 hours or \$75.00 for a season. The fees would be up to the Village to establish. A discussion ensued regarding liability issues. Attorney Joe Frateschi stated that anytime you are increasing exposure you are increasing your risk of liability. The Mayor has a 9:30 am meeting on February 17, 2023, to discuss more questions with the company.

**Tabled.**

- **Moratorium Zoning changes**

### **Resolution #249/2022**

Discussion regarding to have a moratorium on zoning changes to allow time for a Master Plan to be formulated. Concerns about being overdeveloped. Mayor spoke about maybe EDR going to a Public Works meeting to see what they have to offer. Trustee Stebbins mentioned that the overlay districts are now 20 years old. The Village already has a plan in place. No action at this time.

**Tabled.**

- **Set Public Hearing**

### **Resolution #250/2022** Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Reinagel

To set a resolution calling for a Public Hearing for a Local Law to Offer a Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Personnel on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 7:33 PM.

A discussion ensued regarding how many members and how it would affect the taxes of other residents. Estimated between 27-35 maximum the number of volunteers. The Town of Van Buren is looking at 5 years of service as the qualifier, Town of Lysander is looking at 2-5 years of service. How would the villages qualifier affect the tax bills.

- **Reallocate 2020 Project Bond Funds**

### **Resolution #251/2022**

Discussion to reallocate remaining 2020 Project Bond funds to Village Hall Insulation Project

Put off until the next meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2023 to clean up some paperwork issues.

**Tabled**

- **Surplus**

**Resolution #252/2022** Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico  
Resolved to declare a Codes office Toshiba laptop as surplus.

**Carried**

- **Executive Session**

**Resolution #253/2022** Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Stebbins  
Resolved that the board retire into an executive session regarding a personnel issue 8:35 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution #254/2022** Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee O'Donnell  
Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 9:01 p.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution #255/2022** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O'Donnell  
Resolved to authorize the Village of Baldwinsville to enter into a consulting agreement with William Gregg Humphrey for codes services on an as-needed basis at \$40.00/hour.

**Carried**

- **Motion to pay bills as audited.**

**Resolution #256/2022** Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico  
Resolved to pay the bills from their proper accounts, after audit.

**Abstract #24**

- General Fund Checks #48731 - #48770 \$ 91,668.01
- Water Fund Checks #25384 - #25394 \$ 22,398.51
- Sewer Fund Checks #24182 - #24188 \$ 3,412.09

**Carried**

- **Adjournment**

**Resolution #256/2022** Moved by Trustee Collins second by Trustee Cico  
Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Jody DePaulis*

Village Clerk  
Village of Baldwinsville