

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.
October 19, 2023**

A Public Hearing was held on October 19, 2023, to consider a proposed Local Law to amend Section 345-118(B) of the Village Code relating to the Fobes Island Development District to provide that the Asphalt Recreational Trail shall not be located on any of the single-family lots.

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke
Trustee Ruth Cico
Trustee Bruce Stebbins
Trustee Nate Collins
Trustee O'Donnell
Trustee Reinagel
Trustee Shepard

Others Attending – Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Jody DePaulis; Treasurer Mark Baker; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; DPW Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe and Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; Engineer Greg Sgromo; PAC-B Videographer Jordan Hayes; Citizens: S. Patterson, Sally Fedrizzi, Jennfer Holman, John McKinley, Nancy McKinley, Kevin Hanlon, James Thrasher, and Kevin Baker

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Clarke and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Village Clerk read the Proof of Publication.

Comments in favor of the proposal: James Thrasher representing the builder is in favor of removing the asphalt recreational trail. They have come up with a solution to route the trail around the single-family lots. If the walkway is kept it is now in the Flood way which is different than the flood plain. Mr. Thrasher brought plans explaining the trail system and proposed a new sidewalk trail. He believes it is a good compromise for both parties. Mr. John McKinley also spoke in favor of having the trail removed. He will be purchasing the property that this proposed trail is on. When purchasing the lot, they were not informed about this trail. He believes that the new plan sounds like a good compromise.

Comments against the proposal: Kevin Baker, a local resident, is opposed of the proposal. He walks a lot on the trails, and it is one of the things that makes the village who they are. He believes it is a mistake if the trail is taken away. He believes that the village needs to look at the long term.

Resolution #124/023 Motion by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the Public Hearing be adjourned and closed at 7:53 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jody DePaulis, Village Clerk

Resolution #125/2023 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of October 05, 2023, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments-Sally Fedrizzi spoke on behalf of Rotary, they would like to donate a commercial grade binocular for the Sergei Yevitch Trail to the village. They would also like to put up a bird signage, near the binoculars. This will be a nice addition on the trail. It was decided that Sally will meet with DPW Superintendent, Chuck McAuliffe to discuss the

exact location and installation of the binoculars. The village will also add a resolution to accept the binoculars as a gift to the village.

BSA Troop 71 was recognized by the Village and the DPW Superintendent for recently painting the Mercer Park Gazebo. A certificate was presented to the troop.

Jordan Hayes spoke regarding no crosswalk at Oswego/Oneida Streets. All the other crosswalks in that area are painted but not that one. The DPW and Police will investigate the matter.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Shepard needed to add an Executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

Trustee O'Donnell also needed to add an Executive session to discuss a personal matter.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke

- Asked DPW Superintendent if the village had a Christmas tree yet. McAuliffe did state that they had one ready to go.
- Mayor Clarke also informed everyone that the official trick or treating hours for the village will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on October 31st.
- The Mayor wanted to let everyone know of the events in the village this weekend, window painting, trick or treating to businesses and the Ghost walk will all take place October 20th and 21st.
- The Mayor let the community know that the Veterans Parade will be on Saturday, November 4th at the fairgrounds.

Department Heads

Attorney Bob Baldwin spoke about the expansion of Locke Street, also spoke about needing to add a motion for the donation of land to the village.

Treasurer Mark Baker told the board that work on the new budget will be beginning shortly. Everyone will soon be receiving a budget worksheet. Budgets will be due by December 1st, and we will be setting up a public work session in December to go over those budgets. The mayor also thanked Mark for his work on the Cyber Security initiative.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy wanted to inform everyone of the vaccine clinic that will be held on Wednesday, October 25th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. No appt is necessary. Also, if anyone is interested in Holiday meals from the Rescue Mission, sign up is November 1st for Thanksgiving and December 4th for Christmas.

DPW Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe spoke about the fall cleanup activities that are happening. Docks are being taken out and well as the kayak launches. The water dept is still working on value replacements.

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck informed the public that as of November 15th there will be no overnight parking on village streets. Officers will start to issue warning tickets. This is a public safety issues, cars need to be off the roads so the plows can get through and clear the roads. Police Lefancheck was also concerned and spoke about the number of DWI arrests that have happened this year. So far, there have been 75 and it is very concerning. He urged the public to use ride share services and help keep the roads as safe as possible. Police Lefancheck spoke about the conference that he was recently in attendance. It was the International Association of the Chiefs of Police. He had the opportunity to speak with the FBI Director, Christopher Wray, for an hour and was very interested in speaking with him.

Pending Business

- **Fobes Island District**

Resolution #126/2023 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to amend Section 345-118(B) of the Village Code relating to the Fobes Island Development District to provide that the Asphalt Recreational Trail shall not be located on any of the single-family lots.

Carried

Trustee Stebbins asked Mr. Trasher to explain the difference between what a flood plain is and flood way.

Mr. Trasher explained, as did Engineer Greg Sgromo, that a Flood Plain you can make modifications, however a flood way, is whatever is there, cannot impede anything in any way. Mr. Trasher and the board also discussed the changing of plans to as it adjusted to the new trail.

Resolution #127/2023 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Reinagel

Resolved that The Village of Baldwinsville hereby authorizes acceptance of the proposed dedication of a ten foot strip of land adjacent to 6 Lock Street in order to increase the Village right-of-way by 6 Lock Street LLC upon terms and conditions to be determined.

Carried

New Business

- **Excellus 2024 Health care renewals**

Resolution #128/2023 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Collins

Resolved to authorize the **2024 renewals** of the current Excellus co-pay medical plan at 7.49% increase, the high deductible medical plan at a 9.63% increase and the current dental plan at a 3.5% increase with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

Carried

- **Standard Workdays Per Month-Eric Reinagel**

Resolution #129/2023 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Shepard, Trustee Reinagel abstained.

Resolved to establish 1.61 days as the "standard workdays per month" for Trustee Eric Reinagel per record of activities maintained and submitted by him at the request of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. This will be the number of days reported to the retirement system each month for him.

Carried

- **Standard Workdays Per Month-Megan O'Donnell**

Resolution #130/2023 Moved by Trustee Reinagel, second by Trustee Collins

Resolved to establish 3.25 days as the "standard workdays per month" for Trustee Megan O'Donnell per record of activities maintained and submitted by her at the request of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. This will be the number of days reported to the retirement system each month for her.

Carried

- **Standard Workdays Per Month-Mike Shepard**

Resolution #131/2023 Moved by Trustee Reinagel, second by Trustee Collins

Resolved to establish 1.16 days as the "standard workdays per month" for Trustee Mike Shepard per record of activities maintained and submitted by him at the request of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. This will be the number of days reported to the retirement system each month for him.

Carried

- **2024 CNY Stormwater Coalition**

Resolution #132/2023 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Reinagel

Resolved to supporting participation in the **CNY Stormwater Coalition** Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program from January 1 – December 31, 2024, and agree to fund its portion of the program cost in the amount of \$3,600.00.

Carried

- **Village Elections**

Resolution #133/2023 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to designate the following offices as vacant at the end of the current official year to be filled at the Village Election to be held Tuesday, March 19, 2024, for the following term: 3 Trustee positions for a term of 4 years each.

Carried

Resolution #134/2023 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to identify that the polling place of the March 19, 2024, Village Election is Village Hall, 16 West Genesee Street, and the hours the polls will be open are 12 noon until 9 p.m.

Carried

- **LaMadre Landing Project**

Resolution #135/2023 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Reinagel

Resolved to authorize the mayor to sign a letter of approval for LaMadre Landing Project (104 Smokey Hollow Rd).

Carried

- **Rotary Binoculars Donation**

Resolution #136/2023 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Cico

Resolved to accept the Rotary donation gift of binoculars for the Sergei Yevitch Trail.

Carried

- **Executive-No anticipated action**

Resolution #137/2023 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Shepard

Resolved to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter and personal matter-no anticipated action planned at 8:45 p.m.

Carried

- **Executive Session – returned.**

Resolution #138/2023 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 9:23 p.m.

Carried

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

Resolution #139/2023 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico

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

Abstract #015

- General Fund Checks #49364 - #49410 \$ 82,927.12
- Water Fund Checks #25532 - #25540 \$ 10,371.57
- Sewer Fund Checks #24262 - #24265 \$ 882.50

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #140/2023 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:24 p.m., until the next village board meeting on Thursday, November 02, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jody DePaulis

Village Clerk

Village Clerk, Village of Baldwinsville