

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held at Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.
January 18, 2024**

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

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; PAC-B Videographer Ben Weiss; Citizens: Jim Dale, Cindy Clarke, S. Patterson, Mary Anne Williams, James Miller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #202/2023 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of January 04, 2024, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments- Cindy Clarke asked for the agenda to be put on Facebook. Also, she is in support of moving elections to June.

James Miller asked if voting could be moved to Canton Woods because of parking issues at Village Hall. The lot is always full, and parking is a problem. Mayor Stebbins was not aware of the problem and will investigate either creating more parking spots for the day or the possibility of moving it to Canton Woods. Chief Lefancheck said he can work with the DPW Superintendent on clearing cars and making spaces that day at the Village Hall lot.

Jim Dale wanted to update the board that for his Bed and Breakfast, in 2023 they had twenty-three staycation customers who came to the village to relax. Also, he has had eighteen executives from Micron staying at his establishment as well. Also, he wanted to voice his concern that moving the election to June does not solve any issues. There will still be four elections in the year. He is giving his support to moving the elections to November. Jim was also asking about the Main Street Grant. Mayor Stebbins spoke a little on the Main Street Grant and the work that is continuing, and projects are ongoing from 2021 and 2023.

S. Patterson wanted to endorse the June elections or keep them in March.

Trustee's Comments-None

Mayor's Comments-The Mayor wanted to let everyone know that the 2024 Main Street Grant is now open to submit applications. Contact the Codes Office for information.

Wanted to remind residents of the upcoming village election on March 19, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm. He encourages everyone to vote. Voting is important and you should exercise your right to vote.

The mayor also spoke about how he attended a meeting on Rt 31 traffic. This was a kickoff meeting to study the impact that Micron will have on the area.

Mayor Stebbins also has met with the Town of Van Buren Supervisor and will be meeting with the Town of Lysander Supervisor and wanted to remind them that all residents of the village are residents of the Towns also.

The mayor also is looking into a grant writing company. He has been looking at various grants and sees a lot of missed opportunities.

Department Heads

Attorney Bob Baldwin- Spoke about information that is on the Governor's budget. Virtual meetings on the proposed budget are proposed to be extended until July 1, 2026. Trustee O'Donnell asked if the board ever came up with a definition for extenuating circumstances on virtual meetings. Attorney Baldwin suggested that if it passes the board should establish guidelines on that matter.

Treasurer Mark Baker- Wanted to let the board know if anyone had questions on the budget modifications to let him know. Also, for the Main Street grant last year, the village paid out \$165,000.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy- Ruth Troy wanted to thank the rotary for a grant they received for purchasing new storage for exercise equipment. On January 31st, at 10:00 there is a historical presentation about growing up in the 40's and 50's. Also, there will be a mobile mammography van for mammograms on February 6, 2024. An appt is needed. Please contact Canton Woods on information on how to set it up.

DPW Superintendent Chuck McAuliffe-wanted to inform the board that the traffic light on Downer will be taken down shortly. They are waiting for power to be terminated from National Grid. McAuliffe also wanted to remind residents that vehicles parked in municipal parking lots can be there no longer than 3 consecutive days.

Pending Business

- **Adoption of the 2024 – 2025 Village Budget**

Resolution #203/2023 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Shepard
Resolved to adopt the proposed 2024-2025 village budget.

Carried

Treasurer Baker wanted to let the village know that Conifer Village Pilot is still not executed. It has been 5 years since they sent they signed a letter of intent.

- **Village Elections Referendum**

Resolution #204/2023 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cole
Resolved to untable the Motion to move the Elections to June

Carried

Resolution #205/2023 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Reinagel
Resolved for a referendum to be added to the March ballot to move elections to June.

Carried

Before the resolution, a discussion ensued between the board members about tabling the resolution or acting on it at the current meeting. The discussion also entailed educating the village residents more on when the elections are. The mayor wanted to express to the board that they are charged with a responsibility to the village. Having a referendum does not mean that it will pass. The mayor then asked the clerk for a roll call vote to be taken from each member on whether to add the referendum to the March ballot.

Trustee Cico-Yes

Trustee Cole-Yes

Trustee Collins-Yes

Trustee O'Donnell-Yes

Trustee Reinagel-Yes

Trustee Shepard-Yes

Mayor Stebbins-Yes

Motion approved and Carried.

Attorney Baldwin read the resolution in its entirety (attached)

New Business

- **St Mary of the Assumption Church Fish Fry**

Resolution #206 /2023 Moved by Trustee Reinagel, second by Trustee Cole
Resolved to authorize St. Mary of the Assumption Church's request to sell beer and wine at their annual Lenten Fish Fry dinners on the following dates in 2024 February 16, February 23, March 01, March 08, March 15 and March 22.

Carried

- **Budget Modifications**

Resolution #207 /2023 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Collins

Resolved to approve budget modifications as proposed in the document Budget Modifications 2024-01-18.pdf.

Carried

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

Resolution #208 /2023 Moved by Trustee Collins, second by Trustee Cico

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

Abstract #021

- General Fund Checks #49617 - #49670 \$ 134,180.81
- Water Fund Checks #25587 - #25597 \$ 58,160.08
- Sewer Fund Checks #24287 - #24290 \$ 2,459.52

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #209 /2023 Moved by Trustee Cole, second by Trustee Collins

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m., until the next Village Board meeting on Thursday, February 01, 2024, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jody DePaulis

Village Clerk

Village Clerk, Village of Baldwinsville