

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON JUNE 5, 2008, AT 7:30 P.M.

Present – Mayor Saraceni, Trustees Augello, Stebbins, Salisbury, Shimer, and Weaver.

Absent – Trustee Presley.

Also Present-Ron Carr and Dave Jones, Attorneys for the Village; Michael Lefancheck, Police Administrator; Thomas LeRoy, Police Lieutenant; Michael Lockwood, Police Agent, Tim Baker, Village Engineer, Jerry Elliott, a representative of the Public Access Channel; Thomas LeRoy's Family, Michael Lockwood's Family, Daniel Warner, Michael Lefancheck's family, Claudette Roller, Tammie Hamrick,, Lisa Dell, J.C. Merritt, other members of the Police Department, Maysel Markham, Peg Markham, Linda Ross, Laura Ross, Kimberly Ross, and Chiefs of Police from Liverpool, Clay.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion #90 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the minutes of the meeting held May 15, 2008, be approved and the Village Clerk dispense with the reading of said minutes.

CARRIED.

Citizen's Comments.

No one spoke.

Mayor's Comments are as follows:

- Complimented the community for supporting the Memorial Day Parade that is held on May 30, 2008, the traditional Memorial Day Holiday.
- Requested an Executive Session for possible land acquisition.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Weaver stated that she worked the Visitor Center on Memorial Day and everything looked great on the South Shore West Trail and she complimented the DPW and the Ladies Garden Club for doing such a great job.

Trustee Shimer thanked the community for their support of the Memorial Day Parade.

Trustee Salisbury complimented the DPW for their great work they have done in Mercer Park. He noted that he made a recent visit and was very impressed with the neatness of the park area and the playground equipment.

Department Heads.

Tim Baker thanked the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Company for their help installing the docks along the South Shore West Trail. He noted that the Route 48 sidewalk project is moving forward. He also noted that they started the green power project on the South Shore West Trail.

Swearing in of Michael Lefancheck as Police Administrator.

Mayor Saraceni stated that he has worked with Michael Lefancheck over the last 14 months as Mayor and he has been impressed by his professionalism and is confident with his abilities as he has had an excellent mentor. He has been with the Baldwinsville Police Department 21 years and has gone through the ranks of the Department.

Michael Lefancheck was sworn in as Police Administrator by Mayor Saraceni with great pleasure.

Discussion/Action in regards to the appointment of Thomas LeRoy as Police Lieutenant with the effective date of June 7, 2008.

Michael Lefancheck noted that Thomas LeRoy has been with the Baldwinsville Police Department since 1990, prior to that he spent six years with Howell Township in New Jersey. He has been very active in the training area of the Police Department. He noted that Thomas LeRoy is very committed to the Department and to the Village and he highly supports the appointment of Thomas LeRoy as Police Lieutenant.

Motion #91 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Augello that the appointment of Thomas LeRoy as Police Lieutenant with the effective date of June 7, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the appointment of Michael Lockwood as Police Agent with the effective date of June 7, 2008.

Michael Lefancheck stated that Michael Lockwood has been with the Baldwinsville Police Department since 1994. Before becoming a Baldwinsville Police Officer, Michael Lockwood had been a long time member of the Explorer Post of the Police Department. Michael Lefancheck noted that he felt Michael Lockwood would be a strong addition to their supervisory team. He has been the Department's field training officer and firearms instructor and is looked on as one of their unrecognized leader. He strongly recommends this appointment.

Motion #92 -

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Augello that the appointment of Michael Lockwood as Police Agent with the effective date of June 7, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to the appointment of Dustin M. Saddock as a Police Officer with the effective date of June 7, 2008.

Michael Lefancheck stated that Dustin Saddock has gone through an intensive pre-hiring process and has passed. He noted that Dustin has put himself through the police academy at Cazenovia College, which he feels shows how committed Dustin is to becoming a Police Officer. He would like to make the recommendation for his appointment to the Police Department.

Motion #93 -

Moved by Trustee Shimer seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the appointment of Dustin M. Saddock as a Baldwinsville Police Officer with the effective date of June 7, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED.

Thomas LeRoy was sworn in as Police Lieutenant, Michael Lockwood was sworn in as Police Agent, and Dustin M. Saddock was sworn in as a Police Office by Mayor Saraceni.

The Village Board took a recess for celebration the appointments of Michael Lefancheck, Thomas LeRoy, Michael Lockwood and Dustin M. Saddock.

Pending Business.

Discussion/Action concerning year-end budget transfers submitted by the Village Treasurer.

Trustee Salisbury questioned a few budget transfers and the Village Treasurer explained why there were some overages in some of the accounts.

Motion #94 -

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Weaver that the year-end budget transfers submitted by the Village Treasurer be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion in regards to the updated status of Village Square.

Mayor Saraceni stated that in today's paper there is a legal notice for a public hearing regarding a list of proposed Community Development Projects that had been approved. He noted that the Village of Baldwinsville was not going to receive funds for their Community Development for this year, but is listed as possibly getting \$90,000.00 in funding for next year.

Discussion in regards to the South Shore East Trail.

Tim Baker noted that he was working with New York State Canals to get the permits that are needed to move forward with the project.

Discussion in regards to village sidewalks – repairs and improvements.

Tim Baker stated that Rolf Beckhusen, the Village Codes Officer, and he were doing an evaluation on the sidewalks in the area that was selected as the first district. There was a discussion regarding when the next public hearing would be held. It was noted that a proposed district was assigned and the DPW Committee would have an informal meeting with the residents involved and then set a public hearing to hear comments on the proposed project in their district.

Discussion/Action in regards to the adoption of a local law amending the Membership Structure of the Architectural Review Board.

Motion #95 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the local law amending the Membership Structure of the Architectural Review Board be adopted.

CARRIED.

New Business.

Discussion/Action concerning a request from Karen J. Empie of the Great Big FANY Ride to stay overnight in Mercer Park on Tuesday, July 22, 2008. They are a group of bicyclists riding across New York State and this is their third year that they have stayed overnight in Mercer Park for this event.

Motion #96 -

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Weaver that the request from Karen J. Empie of the Great Big FANY Ride to stay overnight in Mercer Park on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, be approved.

It was noted that they are a group of bicyclists riding across New York State and this is their third year that they have stayed overnight in Mercer Park for this event.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request from Nicole Reyna of 8 ½ Walnut Street to close down Walnut Street on June 21, 2008, from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. for a block party. They are also requesting a waiver of the open container law.

Motion #97 -

Moved by Trustee Weaver seconded Trustee Augello that the request from Nicole Reyna of 8 ½ Walnut Street to close down Walnut Street on June 21, 2008, from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. for a block party, be approved and the request for the waiver of the open container law was also approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to a request from The Results Group for the waiver of the open container law for their Smoke on the Water BBQ Cook Off event that will be held June 21 & 22, 2008.

Motion #98 -

Moved by Trustee Salisbury seconded by Trustee Augello that the request from The Results Group for the waiver of the open container law for their Smoke on the Water BBQ Cook Off event that will be held June 21 & 22, 2008, be approved.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor permission to sign the 2008 Canton Woods Senior Center Agreement between the Village of Baldwinsville, Town of Van Buren and the Town of Lysander.

The Village Board requested more time to review and make comments regarding the proposed agreement; therefore this agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to giving the Mayor permission to sign the agreement between the Village of Baldwinsville and the Baldwinsville School District for the two School Resource Officers

Motion #99 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Augello that the Mayor be given permission to sign the agreement for the two School Resource Officers between the Village of Baldwinsville and the Baldwinsville School District.

Trustee Salisbury questioned how the cost of the contract was set.

Michael Lefancheck explained that the formula for the cost was set years ago when the first contract was set. The cost is set with the salary of the two lowest paid officers and their fringe benefits and the school pays 10 months of those costs.

Trustee Salisbury questioned why retirement costs were not included.

The Village Clerk and Police Administrator said they would look into it.

CARRIED.

Motion # 100 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Weaver that the board retired into executive session at 9:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #101 –

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Augello that the board returned from executive session at 10:01 p.m.

CARRIED.

Motion #102 -

Moved by Trustee Weaver seconded by Trustee Salisbury that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit. General #307 (Cks #30903 -#30960) - \$59,141.28; Water #307 (Cks #21884 -#21890) - \$84,119.79; & Sewer #307 (Cks #22051-#22054) - \$559.06.

CARRIED.

Motion #103 -

Moved by Trustee Shimer seconded by Trustee Augello that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 p.m., until the next Regular Meeting to be held on June 19, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

The following letter was sent to the Mayor just before the meeting to read at the meeting. He did not read it at the meeting, but wanted it to be part of the minutes.

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SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO:

(315) 635-9231 June 5, 2008

Village of Baldwinsville Mayor and Trustees
Mayor Joseph Saraceni
Deputy Mayor Bruce Stebbins
Village Trustee Rick Presley
Village Trustee Anthony Saraceni
Village Trustee David Mott
Village Trustee Robin Augello
Village Trustee Carrie Weaver-McFall
16 West Genesee Street
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Re: Meigs Road Improvements

Dear Mayor Saraceni and Village Trustees:

As you know, Sorrell Hill, LLC is the property owner and developer for the Sun Meadows subdivision in the Town of Van Buren. To date, we have developed 71 building lots in two (2) phases. We have submitted our subdivision plan for Phase 3 to the Town Planning Board.

The approval of Phase 3 requires an agreement with the Village of Baldwinsville for connection to Meigs Road near the driveway to the Syracuse Home. Gary Pooler, Jason Katak, and I have met with you and Tim Baker (Village Engineer) on several occasions to discuss the issues associated with connecting to Meigs Road. Claude Sykes (Town of Van Buren Supervisor) and Jim Billings (Barton and Loguidice, Town Engineer) attended one of our meetings.

The primary issue of concern presented to us was the need for improvements to Meigs Road. Your concern was providing access to a Village Road to persons who are not residents of the Village. You asked us to consider either annexing Phase 3 into the Village or making a financial contribution to the Meigs Road improvements.

We currently have a contract with Ryan Homes of New York to purchase all of the lots in the Sun Meadows subdivision. We discussed the issue of annexation with them and together we researched the impact of taxes on anticipated home sales. Ryan Homes concluded that the monthly cost of Village taxes would greatly reduce the buying power of the market segment for this project. Hence, we informed you that we do not intend to pursue the annexation alternative.

Regarding a financial contribution to the improvements to Meigs Road, Tim Baker stated that the desired improvements include lowering the vertical profile of a section of the road to improve sight distance and to overlay the entire length of Meigs Road with asphalt top course. We have offered to pay \$65,000 toward these improvements.

We had a traffic impact analysis performed by GTS Consulting, the same traffic engineer who performed the traffic study for the Tri-County Mall improvement project.

With the connection through Sun Meadows, Meigs Road residents will go through our development to get to the signal at Downer Street. GTS Consulting also concluded the following:

- There will be a 5% decrease in the morning South bound traffic on Meigs Road
- There will be an 8% increase in the evening South bound traffic on Meigs Road.
- There will be a 6% increase in the morning North bound traffic on Meigs Road.
- There will be a 1% increase in the evening North bound traffic on Meigs Road.

These percentages take into account the Tri-County Mall improvements and general background growth for Meigs Road. It is generally accepted in the transportation engineering profession that an increase less than 10% is considered negligible. A copy of the GTS study may have already been sent to your attention; however, additional copies are readily available at your request.

We believe the offer of \$65,000 toward Meigs Road improvements is mutually beneficial based on the minimal amount of traffic that our project will add to Meigs Road and further understanding that Meigs Road residents will be allowed to use the road in Sun Meadows to access Downer Street.

We believe our negotiations have been professional and fair and that the Village Trustees will concur that residents of the Village are well served by this agreement and will mutually benefit from the use of roads in Sun Meadows.

We would appreciate the Trustees adopting a resolution to accept our contribution of \$65,000 and authorize the connection to Meigs Road at tonight's meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

William M. Price
President, Pooler Development
As agent for Sorrell Hill, LLC

Adjournment,

Village Clerk