

**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.**

**November 21, 2019**

Members Present: Mayor Dick Clarke  
Trustee Ruth Cico  
Trustee Mark Wilder  
Trustee Mike Shepard  
Trustee Bruce Stebbins  
Trustee Megan O'Donnell  
Trustee Andy Dryden

Others Attending – Village Attorney Bob Baldwin; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Canton Woods Coordinator Ruth Troy; Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck; and videographer Andrew Millard of the Public Access Channel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Resolution #156/2019** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Stebbins  
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of November 7, 2019, be approved.

**Carried**

**Citizen's Comments**

There were none.

**Trustee's Comments**

Trustee Cico reminded the audience of the *annual Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights* on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Clarke noted:

- that he is receiving good feedback from businesses regarding the Main Street Grant. Contact Codes Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey for more information.
- that unfortunately the Red Mill Inn will be closing its doors. Clarke met with the potential buyer of the Red Mill who is interested in putting Independent Senior Housing there. The plan is to keep the facility open for meetings and events. There would be no change in the zoning of the property.

**Department Heads**

Clerk Maureen Butler informed the board that the draft of the handbook was received and will be reviewed by the committee before distributing it to the board. On another note, she informed them that the annual audit of the Justice Court had been done and will be reviewed by the mayor prior to the next meeting.

Treasurer Anna Custer reminded the department heads that their budgets are due to her by Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once received, Custer will distribute them to the board members.

Canton Woods Coordinator Ruth Troy reminded everyone that the Rescue Mission will be doing home delivery for Christmas meals. If interested, please contact Nancy at Canton Woods. Troy also told of the upcoming events.

Steve Darcangelo, village engineer, noted that he received positive feedback about the village's tree planting program. Some trees were taken down while other village trees were trimmed in the month of November. The DPW are currently planting 71 trees and those residents that are wanting a tree should inquire at the DPW office, 315-635-9665.

Police Chief Mike Lefancheck summarized the New Discovery Laws in Bail Reform. He attended and spoke, as a representative of the NYS Association of Chiefs of Police, at a press conference earlier regarding this new legislation. This law was enacted as part of the budget process which limited the amount of input from citizens and law enforcement. Law enforcement feels that it has many flaws and held the press conference in hopes that the Governor and Legislature would delay the enactment of this law. One flaw of this law is that now there are over 400 crimes that the individuals will have to be immediately released upon arraignment, including robberies and burglaries as well as vehicular manslaughter, which is labeled a non-violent crime. Chief Lefancheck noted that the real flaw in the law is that it does not allow judges to determine the individual's level of dangerousness to the community when they are setting bail. The biggest affect that it will have on our village taxpayers is that it is an unfunded mandate. More resources and personnel will be needed to comply with the new mandates. In closing, Chief Lefancheck voiced the opinions of those attending the press conference by noting that no where in this reform is the word victim utilized and the rights of victims have been lost. The criminal justice system is designed for victims as much as those that are accused of crimes. He believes that the legislature has lost its way. The law itself is misguided and really needs some re-interpretation. Mayor Clarke mentioned that at a Mayor's meeting that he attended mayors that had police departments are concerned about the impact that this law will have on their budgets.

### **Pending Business**

**Resolution #157/2019** Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to revise the amount of the unpaid village taxes for the tax year 2019-2020 that was turned over to Onondaga County for collection to \$61,056.02 from the approved amount of \$ 61,121.02 in Resolution #146/2019. (Town of Lysander - \$35,621.01/Town of Van Buren - \$25,435.01)

**Carried**

### **New Business**

- **Budget Work Session – December 5, 2019**

**Resolution #158/2019** Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to set a work session for the March 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021 budget for Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

**Carried**

There will be no DPW committee that evening.

- **Flexible Benefit Plan - FSA**

**Resolution #159/2019** Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Dryden

Resolved authorizing the mayor to sign the Flexible Benefit Plan for the plan year January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, at the current monthly service charge of \$4.00 per month per participant and an increase to the employee contribution from \$2,700.00 to the IRA maximum of \$2,750.00.

**Carried**

- **Warner Avenue Box Culvert Repairs Project Bids**

**Resolution #160/2019** Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved to receive the bid for the **Warner Avenue Box Culvert Repairs project** on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

**Carried**

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

**Resolution #161/2019** Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee Wilder

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

**Abstract #17**

- General Fund Checks #45475 - #45519 \$ 96,121.26
- Water Fund Checks #24697 - #24707 \$ 11,628.94 Check#24701-Voided
- Sewer Fund Checks #23733 - #23737 \$ 1,215.51

**Carried**

- **Adjournment**

**Resolution #162/2019** Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until the Budget Work Session at 5:30 p.m. and next village board meeting at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall on December 5, 2019.

**Carried**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Maureen Butler*  
Village Clerk