

**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.
June 18, 2020
Via ZOOM**

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

Others Attending – Village Attorney Bob Baldwin; Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey; Village Clerk Maureen Butler; Treasurer Anna Custer; Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy; Police Chief Mike Lefancheck and Videographer Linda Clarke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution #268/2019 Moved by Trustee Cico, second by Trustee O'Donnell
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of June 4, 2020, be approved.

Carried

Resolution #269/2019 Moved by Trustee Shepard, second by Trustee Dryden
Resolved that the minutes from the Village Board meeting of June 11, 2020, be approved.

Carried

Citizen's Comments

Mayor Clarke noted that due to the Corona virus, the meeting is held via zoom. Comments and questions can be posted on Facebook Live. The meeting can also be viewed on our website and on Pac-B.

Trustee's Comments

Trustee Cico congratulated the graduating seniors.
Trustee Shepard said that he asked Chief Lefancheck to address some of the issues that the department faces on a daily basis.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Clarke noted

- that we are in phase three which allows restaurants to service people inside with masks.
- that the NYS confirmed that we will still be receiving CHIPS, PAVE NY and *Severe Winter Weather* funding this year. The paving project was completed ahead of time and came in cheaper than what was expected.
- that Assemblyman Barkley dropped off hand sanitizer to Village Hall.

Department Heads

Attorney Bob Baldwin participated in a NYCOM webinar relating to issues due to restaurant offering takeout services. He gave the handouts to the Codes office to use if necessary.

Baldwin requested an executive session to discuss some confidential attorney/client matters.

Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Humphrey noted that at his request the DPW mowed some unkept lawns this week.

Village Clerk Maureen noted that the Justice Court hope to begin court appointments with the Judge on July 22nd. If the building is not open, the customers will be met at the door. The Court as well as her office are getting prepared for the building opening with signs, sanitizer and masks. There will also be dividers set up in the courtroom. Butler noted that she told door-to-door solicitors who requested an application that the village was not allowing it at this time. The mayor will check with the county to get a timeframe on it.

Senior Center Coordinator Ruth Troy stated that there is a County delay regarding the takeout lunch program, but it is moving forward. Troy mentioned that the staff at Canton Woods will be participating in Vera House's annual Elder Abuse conference virtually this year.

As mentioned earlier in the meeting, Chief Lefancheck spoke about everything that has been going on dealing with police departments across the country and his department's relationship with the community. Lefancheck stated that the department has a comprehensive Use of Force policy that requires officer intervention, meaning that if an officer observes a use of force being applied inappropriately, it is their duty to stop it and intervene. The officer would then follow procedures on reporting the incident. The officers have training regarding the Use of Force policy as well as a Hate Crime investigation policy. Other training that our officers have attended include anti-bias policing training, training on Community policing, Crisis Intervention training and De-escalation training. Lefancheck assured the residents that all training is timely, current and appropriate for law enforcement organizations. The Baldwinsville Police department is extremely proactive in their education. Chief Lefancheck said that he and Lt. Lockwood have started to compile a list of things that they think would improve the operations and the connectivity to the community. Rewriting every single house policy is an ongoing process. The Chief commented that their goal is to deliver the best service with understanding for the community.

Pending Business

There was none.

New Business

- **Payment Authorization – Stake Rack Truck**

Resolution #270/2019 Moved by Trustee Stebbins, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to authorize payment in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Sewer Fund balance to be used towards the purchase of a stake rack truck.

Carried

- **2019 – 2020 Encumbrances**

Resolution #271/2019 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Cico

Resolved to approve the 2019 – 2020 budget encumbrances as per attached sheet.

Carried

- **2019 – 2020 Budget Transfers**

Resolution #272/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved to approve the 2019 – 2020 budget transfers as per attached sheet.

Carried

- **Tax Refund – revised amount – 80 Smokey Hollow Road**

Resolution #273/2019 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, by Trustee Stebbins

Resolved to transfer \$28,038.45 from A1990.4 (contingent account) to A1930.4 (Tax Refund account) pursuant to the Sedgewick litigation revising the tax amount for the property located at 80 Smokey Hollow Road. The refund is for the tax years 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Carried

At Trustee Stebbins's request Attorney Baldwin explained that the village was not represented in the proceedings because the village, under the statute, is not an actual party to the proceeding. The amount owed is large due to the fact that the owner of the property appealed each of the years listed and it was eventually combined in the litigation.

- **Executive Session-No Anticipated Action**

Resolution #274/2019 Moved by Trustee Dryden, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the board retire into an executive session regarding an attorney/client matter at 8:21 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #275/2019 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee O'Donnell

Resolved that the board returned from executive session at 8:57 p.m.

Carried

- **Motion to pay bills as audited**

Resolution #276/2019 Moved by Trustee Wilder, second by Trustee Stebbins

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

Abstract #8

- General Fund Checks #46057 - #46097 \$111,783.09
- Water Fund Checks #24803 - #24816 \$ 11,001.31
- Sewer Fund Checks #23807 - #23813 \$ 4,688.50

Carried

- **Adjournment**

Resolution #277/2019 Moved by Trustee O'Donnell, second by Trustee Wilder

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m., until Thursday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Butler

Village Clerk
Village of Baldwinsville