REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON MARCH 17, 2005, AT 7:30 P.M.

Present – Mayor Dryden, Trustees Tupper, A. Saraceni, Baker, J. Saraceni, Stebbins and Presley.

Also Present –Ronald Carr, Village Attorney; Daniel Warner, Chief of Police; Claude Sykes, Supt. of Public Works; A representative of the Public Access Channel; Thomas Leo from the Syracuse Newspaper; a representative from the Messenger; Wendy Dryden, Cindy Clarke, Maysel Markham, and Michael Chemotti.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Motion #343 – </u>

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the minutes of the meetings held February 17, 2005, and March 3, 2005, 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:

- Requested that a Discussion/Action regarding applications for the rental of Paper Mill Island be added to the Agenda under New Business.
- Requested that a Discussion/Action regarding waivers of the Open Container Law for the
 dates listed in the applications for rental of Paper Mill Island be added to the Agenda under
 New Business.
- Requested that a Discussion regarding the request for the reduction of the rent for the South Side Fire Station by the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company be added to the Agenda under New Business.
- Noted that the Village sold the last of the fire equipment to two different fire companies. Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company bought all of the remaining fire equipment except for the one pile of equipment that was previously spoken about before, which was sold to another fire company. He noted that the carpets are all that are remaining. He noted that the Village owed the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company \$1,000.00 for repairs to Engine 4 that they purchased. He explained why the Village owed the \$1,000.00 and noted that the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Co. had taken office furniture when they left with the intentions of purchasing it in the future; therefore they had agreed that between the \$1,000.00 and purchasing of the furniture that would reconcile that account. He stated that unless he hears differently they have agreed to purchase the remaining equipment for \$20,000.00.

Trustee Baker questioned the Baldwinsville Fire Department sign that is attached to the Harrington Fire Station. She noted that the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Department has requested it.

Mayor Dryden noted that the sign is a Baldwinsville Fire Department sign and he does not know what the Village Board wants to do with it. He thought it might be an issue that could be discussed when a decision is made about the former Harrington Fire Station building. He noted that he has not had time to assess a value to it and it is not part of the equipment included in the \$20,000.00.

Trustee Presley questioned if the Village Board would be given a final tabulation of the sale of fire equipment now that everything is sold.

Mayor Dryden stated that the Village Board will be receiving something. He noted that all of the information regarding the sale of the fire equipment has been burned on a CD. He has been working on a spreadsheet that will have every item purchased on it.

Trustees' Comments.

Trustee Stebbins stated that he has served eleven years on the Village Board along side with Mayor Dryden and he would like to thank him. He also stated that it had been an honor and a privilege to serve with him. The last four years have been especially interesting and he appreciated his leadership and he also appreciated that his decisions that have been made were based on integrity, and honesty and what was the best interest of the Village, never once were they in the best interest of Andy Dryden. He noted that from his history of sitting on the Village Board, which included serving under three Mayors, that Mayor Dryden has served the ugliest of the years that any of the others did, he inherited a Village with problems already staged to take place; therefore, Mayor Dryden got the credit for a fire department that was blowing up in the Village Board's faces. He noted that Mayor Dryden should not get that credit; he feels Mayor Dryden owns the credit that the issue was finally put to rest. He also noted that Mayor Dryden has been given some credit for all the for sale signs on properties in the Village, which he does not understand why. He knows that Mayor Dryden has been criticized because the Northeast Trail is not in place, but he does not know if people realized how difficult it is to get easements and all of the other paperwork in order, before the work can begin. Now that everything seems to be in place, Mayor Dryden will not be able to collect the glory. He noted that Mayor Dryden has had to repair relationships with the Congressmen Office's and once again the Village is poised and ready for smooth sailing. He stated once again that he would like to thank Mayor Dryden.

Trustee Presley stated that he wanted to congratulate himself for asking Mayor Dryden to serve on the Village Board eleven years ago. He noted that the Village is a better place because of the time he has spent on the Village Board. He noted that he and the Village appreciated it and he thanked him.

Trustee Baker stated the years Mayor Dryden served on the Village Board and noted that any person who puts themselves in that position of being a public servant takes a great deal of courage. She noted that she had given Mayor Dryden a book at Christmas time two years ago speaking about courage. She hoped he had found time to read it, which had a message for those who choose to go into public life.

Trustee Tupper stated that he found it hard to add to what had already been said about Mayor Dryden, because he also has been there through the tough times and his admirations are really there. He noted that very few people could have pulled that off with the successful ending that had taken place.

Trustee A. Saraceni thanked Mayor Dryden for appointing him to the Village Board and to the Committees that have taught him a great deal about the Village. In fact it has turned him to the point that he would like to lead the Village.

Trustee J. Saraceni thanked Mayor Dryden for his services and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Mayor Dryden noted that he has never been comfortable receiving compliments, but it has been a heck of a run for his eleven years on the Village Board. He noted that there was unfortunately an incident with the Baldwinsville Fire Department. He noted that there was one person particularly that he would like to point out. He noted that everyone on the Board suffered together through out the process, which they knew was coming for a couple of years before it happened, but the Village did it best considering the circumstances. But there was one person, who was Charles McAuliffe, who stood up and did the right thing and it cost him so much. He noted that he was a person of integrity and courage that he has never seen in anyone else. He noted that some people called him brave for standing up before the Fire Department that night, but there was that one guy in particular who gave up his life career that night to do the right thing. He noted that he does not feel that was an expense that with everyone else put together would have spent that much of their career to do the right thing. He thanked Charles McAuliffe and all of the other Village Employees and people that he has worked with over the years. He noted that his years on the Village Board have been a great education.

Department Heads.

Attorney Ron Carr complimented Mayor Dryden with a job well done and thanked him.

The Village Clerk thanked Mayor Dryden and noted that it has been a privilege to work with him.

Daniel Warner thanked Mayor Dryden for his services in the Village.

Claude Sykes noted that it had been a privilege to work with Mayor Dryden as his Public Works Committee Chairman many years ago, and as Mayor. He appreciated Mayor Dryden's services to the Village. He noted that the Village Attorney, Village Engineer, Village Codes Enforcement Officer, Planning Board Chairman and himself met yesterday for two hours to start the review of the proposed storm water ordinances. These ordinances will add two full chapters to the Village's Code Book, plus there will be other areas in the code book that will require modifications to bring them together so they don't contradict each other. He noted that this issue is a work in progress and it will take awhile longer to complete it.

Pending Business.

Discussion/Action concerning Amendment to Site Plan and Subdivision Provisions of the Village Code Regarding Accommodations for Pedestrian Traffic.

Claude Sykes stated that information has been received from the Village Attorney last week or so in regards to the Village Board's response to have him put something together that brings all of the requirements for a developer together in one area. He noted that since that time, he has e-mailed the Village Attorney a few more items that should be added to the list. He noted that the DPW Committee has not had time to review the information sent by the Village Attorney. He noted the items that they would like added to the list. He stated that he would like to wait to see if there are any more items that needed to be added before anything gets adopted.

Trustee Stebbins agreed with Claude Sykes, that the DPW Committee would like to review the information.

Attorney Ronald Carr stated that he felt the check list for the developers was another issue. He noted that what he proposed for discussion and consideration was specifically oriented to that issue of providing for or at least the consideration of pedestrian accommodations for site plan and/or subdivision development.

Mayor Dryden noted that a public hearing date would have to be set before these issues could take place.

Attorney Ronald Carr stated that these changes would be made by local law and a public hearing would be required.

Motion #344 -

Moved by Trustee Baker seconded by Trustee Presley that two Public Hearings be set for April 21, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments concerning Local Laws for the amendments to Site Plan and Subdivision Provisions of the Village Code regarding Accommodations for Pedestrian Traffic.

CARRIED.

New Business.

Discussion/Action regarding giving approval to purchase budgeted equipment:

Mini Sanders from Seneca Supply - \$2,783.00 Truck Liftgate from STS - \$2,071.00 Mower from CNY Power - \$8,240.00

Motion #345 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Supt of Public Works be given approval to purchase the following budgeted equipment:

Mini Sanders from Seneca Supply - \$2,783.00 Truck Liftgate from STS - \$2,071.00 Mower from CNY Power - \$8,240.00

CARRIED.

Permission for the Supt. of Public Works to issue an RFP for a System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for the Water Distribution System with proposals due on April 22, 2005, at 3:00 p.m.

Motion #346 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the Supt. of Public Works be given permission to issue an RFP for a System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for the Water Distribution System with proposals due on April 22, 2005, at 3:00 p.m.

Claude Sykes noted that this was a budgeted item. He noted that the Village currently uses phone lines to monitor the well levels. He explained that the current system is becoming obsolete, and this system will bring the Village up to the state of art equipment for monitoring and controlling its system. He noted that the Village will be able to cancel the phones lines once the system is in place.

CARRIED.

Permission for Supt. of Public Works and Brian Trowbridge to attend New York Rural Water Meeting in Saratoga Springs from May 1st through May 4th, 2005, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.

Motion #347 -

Moved by Trustee A. Saraceni seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that permission be given for the Supt. of Public Works and Brian Trowbridge to attend New York Rural Water Meeting in Saratoga Springs from May 1st through May 4th, 2005, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.

Claude Sykes stated that his cost is free, since he is on the Board of Directors of the New York Rural Water Assn. and the cost listed is for Brian Trowbridge.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action in regards to setting a bid date of April 15, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. to receive bids for the McHarrie Park Youth Playground Project.

Motion #348 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that a bid date of April 15, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. be set to receive bids for the McHarrie Park Youth Playground Project.

Trustee Stebbins stated that the Village has been working on its parks for a long time and this is another piece. This project will put life into McHarrie Park.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding giving the Police Administrator and Police Lieutenant permission to attend the Empire State Traffic Safety Conference in Albany, April 26 & 27, 2005, at a cost not to exceed \$300.00.

Motion #349 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Baker that permission be given to the Police Administrator and the Police Lieutenant to attend the Empire State Traffic Safety Conference in Albany, April 26 & 27, 2005, at a cost not to exceed \$300.00.

Trustee Presley noted that this is a budgeted item and it is one of the tools needed to get the job done.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding giving the Police Administrator and Police Lieutenant permission to attend the Police Executive Symposium in Blue Mountain Lake, June 27, 28 & 29, 2005, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.

Motion #350 -

Moved by Trustee J. Saraceni seconded by Trustee Presley that permission be given to the Police Administrator and Police Lieutenant to attend the Police Executive Symposium in Blue Mountain Lake, June 27, 28 & 29, 2005, at a cost not to exceed \$800.00.

Trustee Presley noted that this is also a budgeted item.

CARRIED.

Discussion/Action regarding the appointment of Douglas R. Speck as a part-time Codes Enforcement Officer at an hourly rate of \$12.00/hr.

Motion #351 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Tupper that the appointment of Douglas R. Speck as a part-time Codes Enforcement Officer at an hourly rate of \$12.00/hr be approved with the effective date March 18, 2005.

Daniel Warner stated that an advertisement had been placed in the Syracuse Post Standard for this position and they received approximately 20 applications. This applicant was the only person that was a certified Codes Enforcement Officer out of the 20 applications. He has one year of experience working in the field and he is a volunteer and paid fireman for the Town of Dewitt Fire Department. He will be available to work Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. He also noted that he would be replacing a part time Codes Enforcement Officer who had previously left the Village's services late last year.

Trustee Presley noted that this is a budgeted item.

CARRIED.

Discussion regarding the use of Paper Mill Island.

Mayor Dryden stated that he would like a motion to approve the rent application for the use of Paper Mill Island for the following dates June 4th, and the 25th, July 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and the 30th, August 6th, 13th, and the 20th, by MSK Corp, and also for a different person, Brett Butler, July 15th. There are 13 dates including Mr. Butler's and these dates may be subject to change. He would also like this motion contingent upon approval of the Village Attorney and the Police Chief for sufficient paperwork to be filed. He noted that the July 15th date will be leased to the person at the weekday rate and not the weekend rate.

Motion #352 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee J. Saraceni that the rent application for the use of Paper Mill Island for the following dates June 4th, and the 25th, July 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and the 30th, August 6th, 13th, and the 20th, by MSK Corp, and also for a different person, Brett Butler, July 15th, be approved. There are 13 dates including Mr. Butler's and these dates may be subject to change. He would also like this motion contingent upon approval of the Village Attorney and the Police Chief for sufficient paperwork to be filed. He noted that the July 15th date will be leased to the person at the weekday rate and not the weekend rate.

Mayor Dryden noted that Brett Butler has already applied for the rent of Paper Mill Island, but has not gotten the insurance paperwork filed as of yet. He noted that Mr. Butler is a new guy, who is interested in pursuing a career promoting, similar to what Mike Chemotti does.

Mayor Dryden noted that Mr. Butler was originally looking at the date of July 16th, and has a right to that date. Mike Chemotti asked Mr. Butler if he would swap the date of July 15th and Mr. Butler has agreed to lease Paper Mill Island on July 15th instead of July 16th, for some consideration, which will be handled between Mike Chemotti and Mr. Butler and contingent upon the Village giving Mr. Butler the weekday rate opposed to the weekend rate. He noted that the Village needs to looks at proposals in the future, when it is leasing the Paper Mill Island for many dates. He noted that the process is very cumbersome when a promoter is trying to book the bands, and get the insurance and paperwork together with a check, for the application process and then tries to get it to the Village in a timely matter.

While he is trying to get it all together, it makes it very easy for an independent person to come in and make a request for a single date right in the middle of what he has planned, which makes for an awkward situation. He thanked Mr. Butler for giving up his original date and working with MSK Corp. He stated that he feels the application process needs to be reviewed.

Trustee Baker questioned if Mr. Butler had agreed to make the change to July 15th.

Mayor Dryden stated that Mr. Butler had agreed.

CARRIED.

Motion #353 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Tupper that the request from MSK Corp. for the waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates of dates June 4th, and the 25th, July 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and the 30th, August 6th, 13th, and the 20th for the hours between 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., be approved contingent upon the approval of the Village Attorney and the Police Chief that sufficient paperwork and certificates are filed.

CARRIED.

Discussion regarding the reduction of the rent from the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Co. for the South Side Fire Station.

Mayor Dryden explained that it was very hard to do a comparison for fair market rent. He noted that the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Co. paid \$1,400.00 per month rent for the first year, which was two years ago. It was agreed to and there were many contingencies upon what was called a reduced rent agreement. He explained the contingencies that were involved. He noted that during the second year the rent would be increased to \$2,800.00 per month, within the context of that lease and during the negotiations of that lease was an indication that was truly an incentive to help them clear out the property and build their fire stations. He noted that the South Side Fire Station property is very dear to the Village, with the moving of the DPW Facility. The Village needs a certain amount of storage location within the Village. The DPW has small equipment that would be cumbersome to move back and forth from the new facility. He noted that the incentive is important, but not as urgent as the Village has other temporary storage, such as the former DPW Facility and the former Harrington Fire Station. He also noted that the Village has to watch out for gifted services. The Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Co. is an independent company, which is paid for with the Town taxes. He stated that after doing some research, he suggested that the Village should offer the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Co. to reduce the rent to \$2,000.00 a month, with a prepayment of an annual year's rent, which is an \$800.00 a month reduction. He feels their offer of \$1,200.00 a month's rent is too low.

Trustee Stebbins noted that the DPW Committee has discussed this issue and noted that there are needs for the structure today and he has concerns for this being a long term issue. He feels there needs to be a time limit.

Trustee J. Saraceni agreed with Trustee Stebbins that there needs to be a time limit.

Trustee A. Saraceni questioned if the Village has had any discussion in regards to the barn that the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Company had built on the former DPW Facility on Lock Street. He suggested that a discussion take place for possible use of their building for storage. He noted that he had spoken to someone from the fire department, who said that it might be possible to open that up to the Village.

Mayor Dryden stated that would only be a temporary solution.

Claude Sykes noted that there is a barn located next to the water plant that looks like it is ready to fall down and he hopes it will remain intact until they can use the South Side Fire Station building. He noted that the last he knew the Fire Department's building on Lock Street was full.

Mayor Dryden explained the lease the Village has in regards to their building on Lock Street and it might have merit if they want to discuss the issue of renting some space to the Village in the near future. He noted that the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Co made an offer for the reduced rent and he would like to make a counter offer. He noted that he would like to offer the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Co. a rent amount of \$2,000. 00 per month, payable lump sum for the period of one year unless the Village Board wants it for a shorter term.

Trustee J. Saraceni questioned the rent amount being charged for the former Harrington Fire Station.

Mayor Dryden noted that rent was not figured by square footage and it is being rented month by month. He noted that the tenant does not use the fire station every day, he is leasing for the right to use the building if it is needed. He noted that the Village also has some vehicles and equipment stored in the building.

Trustee Tupper stated that he does have a problem with the proposed rent amount for the year term.

Trustee Baker questioned how it would affect the DPW equipment if the Village were to rent to the Baldwinsville Vol. Fire Co. for one year.

Claude Sykes stated that nothing substantial would happen within a year's period.

Mayor Dryden noted that he can see how the Village could throw out the Fire Department at the end of a year's period if they need more time. He feels that it would be an issue that will have to be renegotiated at that time.

Trustee Presley asked if the Village was shortening the life expectancy of equipment by not having the space to store those things in a secure location.

Claude Sykes explained that the Village's current situation is not as efficient as it could be by not having the additional storage space within the Village.

Trustee Presley stated that the present circumstance is not as efficient to the operation, so in fact it is not cost appreciation, but it is costing the Village in-kind time, services and labor cost, so that perhaps is another backdoor cost of not getting down to \$1,200.00 rent, but \$2,000.00 rent is more reasonable, because in fact the Village is spending more money by not having an efficient operation.

Claude Sykes agreed with Trustee Presley's statement.

Trustee Tupper stated that he does not want to remove the incentive for them to look for another place either.

Trustee Stebbins stated that is why the Village should put on an end date.

Trustee Presley stated that the Village is going to need the South Side Fire Station building at some point.

Motion #354 -

Moved by Mayor Dryden seconded by Trustee Tupper that the Village of Baldwinsville make an offer to rent the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Co. the South Side Fire Station for \$2,000.00 a month for the period of one year payable up front on the first month of accepting the agreement.

CARRIED.

Motion #355 -

Moved by Trustee Presley seconded by Trustee Stebbins that the bills be paid from their proper accounts, after audit.

Gen.#219 (Cks. 26387-26428)- \$28,029.95, & Gen. #220 (Cks. 26429-26465)- \$46,200.73, Wa. #219 (Cks. 21022-21035) - \$10,629.40, & Wa. #220 (Cks. 21036-21039) - \$190.95, Sr. # 219 (Cks. 20628-20632) - \$286.11 & Sr. #220 (Cks 20633-20634) - \$115.00.

CARRIED.

Motion #356 -

Moved by Trustee Stebbins seconded by Trustee Presley that the meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m., until the Annual Meeting that is to be held on April 7, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at Village Hall.

CARRIED.

Adjournment,

Village Clerk