

# **CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES**

## **MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013**

Present were Council President Buckley and Councilpersons Canale, Christian, Doeringer, Briggs, Hawley, Pacino and Cipollone. Councilperson Russell was absent.

### **Call to Order**

Council President Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilperson Christian led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comments**

Richard Richmond, 20 Washington Ave, noted that he was a lifetime resident of Batavia and thanked Council for tabling and revisiting the changes to the City park rules. He asked that they also revisit the smoking and drinking rules.

Jeanne Walton, Executive Director of the YWCA, noted that she had attended a conference regarding National Crime Victims Rights week and asked that the City of Batavia website address the issue and have a link so people know where they can go for services related to victims' rights. She, of course, would like a link to the YWCA but noted there were other agencies as well. She noted the YWCA was working on other improvements to programs such as the child and adult care food program, networking and information services.

### **Council Response to Public Comments**

Councilperson Christian asked if we could allow organizations to be on the City's website. Councilperson Pacino noted Ms. Walton's issues were real concerns and not just for a few people. Councilperson Cipollone wanted to see a final design for the website.

### **Cedar Street Reconstruction Project**

Sally Kuzon introduced Mark Kenward, project manager from Erdman Anthony, who gave an update on the Cedar Street project they had been working on for the last couple of years. He showed changes to the roads, sidewalks, intersections and bridge. He noted they planned on starting construction on July 10, 2013 and hoped to be substantially complete by December 5, 2013.

### **Tracy Avenue / Hart Street Sewer Line Replacement**

Ms. Kuzon noted they were ready to bid in the next week or so, there was a 90-120 day schedule and hoped to award the bid after Memorial Day.

## **Park and Pavilion Rules**

Mr. Molino noted that he had met with Councilpersons Russell, Doeringer and Cipollone to discuss the changes to the rules. He noted that the amended rules allow for sound systems and it would be the discretion of the Clerk's office to request an event application if they felt it was warranted. Councilperson Canale noted that the changes addressed his concerns and kept the process simple. Councilperson Pacino hoped the media would make that obvious that the people could and should use the parks. Councilperson Christian noted that she didn't like the limit to two days per month, or the age limit, and didn't like that they could only use little grills beyond the ones provided by the pavilion. Councilperson Pacino asked how people were supposed to dispose of their charcoal. Mr. Molino noted that if someone was having more than two reservations per month they were probably having an event and would need to submit an event application. He noted the age limit was set at 21 to reserve a park because alcohol can be consumed when reserving a pavilion. He noted that most people knew how to dispose of charcoal. Councilperson Doeringer noted that they didn't make too many changes to the original rules. Council agreed to move forward with the changes.

## **Various Committee / Board Appointments**

Mr. Molino noted there were vacancies for the Board of Assessment Review and Audit Advisory Committee. He noted that Councilpersons Cipollone and Canale were interested in the Audit committee and there were applicants for the BAR. Council agreed to move the items to the next business meeting.

## **VA Death Record Acquisition**

Heidi Parker explained that NYS Department of Health requested that the City of Batavia take over the records from the Batavia VA Hospital. She noted that all of the death records for people who passed away in the City of Batavia were kept at the Clerk's Office except for the records from the VA Hospital. This would allow a centralized location for people to go to when looking for records and the VA explained that with limited personnel, they were not always available when requests for records came in. The City would be taking over approximately 6,200 records which would be scanned and indexed into the current Filebound system. Council agreed to move the item forward.

## **Boundary Agreement for 59 Main Street**

Mr. Molino noted that the owner of 59 Main Street wanted to have an overhang and gutter that would extend over City property and thus they needed a boundary agreement. He noted that the issue would also go before the planning board. Council agreed to move forward.

## **Care-A-Van Application**

Care-A-Van ministries submitted an event application for community cookouts on Thursdays from May 16<sup>th</sup> through September 19<sup>th</sup>, except July 4<sup>th</sup>, at Austin Park from 5:00 – 8:00pm. They would have a band, food and would utilize tents. There was no

cost to the City and the applicant would reserve the pavilions for each date. Council approved.

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Councilperson Hawley confirmed several participants for the Memorial Day parade. Council President Buckley introduced the new assistant police chief, Rob Yaeger.

**Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Heidi J. Parker  
Clerk-Treasurer**